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2022 Community Affairs Issues
THIRD Quarter

1. **Public Safety & Crime including crime prevention, alcohol and drug abuse, fire safety, and police conduct, Coronavirus**
2. **Education including education standards, school safety, and alternative schools, Coronavirus**
3. **Minority Issues including affirmative action, NAACP activities, and Gay Rights,**
4. **Economic Development including business development, employment opportunities, community infrastructure, small business development, and visitor attractions., Coronavirus Pandemic**
5. **Terrorism/National Security, conflict in Iraq, Afghanistan, Egypt and Syria. Also, military matters, budget and honoring veteran's. Also, US National Security**
7. **Government-including local, state and federal government actions**
6. **PSA's-A list and brief descriptions of Public Service Announcements that ran on WTOC**
7. **Special Programs-A list and description of locally produced programs that aired on WTOC.**

**DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS PROVIDING MOST
SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES**

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
DAYBREAK	MONDAY-FRIDAY	4:30AM-7:00AM
MORNING BREAK	MONDAY – FRIDAY	9AM-10AM
THE NEWS AT NOON 12:30	MONDAY – FRIDAY	NOON –
AFTERNOON BREAK (STARTED 9/12)	MONDAY-FRIDAY	3PM-4PM
THE NEWS AT 4	MONDAY- FRIDAY	4:00PM-4:30PM
THE NEWS AT 5 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	5:00 – 6:00
THE NEWS AT 6 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	6:00 – 6:30
THE NEWS AT 7	MONDAY-FRIDAY	7:00-7:30PM
THE NEWS AT 11 11:30 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	11:00 –
DAYBREAK SATURDAY	SATURDAY	6:00AM-8:00AM
THE NEWS AT 6	SATURDAY	6:00 – 6:30 PM
THE NEWS AT 7	SATURDAY	7:00 – 7:30 PM
THE NEWS AT 11	SATURDAY	11:00 – 11:30 PM
DAYBREAK SUNDAY	SUNDAY	7:00AM-9:00AM
THE NEWS AT 6:30 PM	SUNDAY	6:00-6:30
THE NEWS AT 11	SUNDAY	11:00 – 11:30 PM

ALL OF THE ABOVE PROGRAMS ARE LOCALLY-PRODUCED NEWS PROGRAMS PRESENTING A MIX OF NEWS, WEATHER, SPORTS, AND ISSUE-RELATED FEATURE STORIES AND SEGMENTS. ISSUE-RESPONSIVE PROGRAM SEGMENTS ARE USUALLY ONE TO TWO MINUTES IN DIRATION, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

60 MINUTES SUNDAY 7:00 – 8:00 PM

THIS IS A CBS PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM FEATURING INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING ON CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES FACING THE AMERICAN PUBLIC. THE PROGRAM USUALLY HAS THREE SEGMENTS, EACH APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN MINUTES IN DURATION.

48 HOURS SATURDAY 10:00 – 11:00PM

THIS IS A CBS NETWORK PROGRAM OFTEN FEATURING INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING ON CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES FACING THE AMERICAN

PUBLIC. THE PROGRAM USUALLY HAS MULTIPLE SEGMENTS, 8-12 MINUTES IN DURATION.

FACE THE NATION **SUNDAY** **10:30 –**
11:30 AM

THIS CBS NEWS INTERVIEW PROGRAM, HOSTED BY BOB SHEAFER TAKES A LOOK AT POLITICAL ISSUES TIMELY TO EACH WEEK. GUESTS ARE USUALLY POLITICIANS, REPORTERS, AND POLITICAL ANALYSTS.

JUST THE FACTS SUNDAYS 11:30AM

A POP-UP POLITICAL SHOW COVERING THE LATEST HEADLINES AND ANALYSIS ON THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS. THE SHOW WILL FEATURE TOP NEWSMAKERS AND FACT-CHECKING SEGMENTS. THE SHOW WILL ALSO INCLUDE GRAY TV REPORTERS ON THE GROUND IN VARIOUS BATTLEGROUND STATES AS WELL AS WASHINGTON, DC.

INVESTIGATETV SATURDAYS 11:35PM, SUNDAYS 11:30AM

INVESTIGATETV IS GRAY TELEVISION'S NATIONAL INVESTIGATIVE TEAM AND PROVIDES INNOVATIVE, ORIGINAL JOURNALISM FROM A DEDICATED INVESTIGATIVE TEAM AND PARTNERS. INVESTIGATETV IS AVAILABLE ON APPLETV, ROKU, AMAZON FIRE, AT INVESTIGATETV.COM AND ACROSS GRAY BROADCAST AND DIGITAL MEDIA PROPERTIES

GA FARM MONITOR SATURDAY 5:30AM-6AM

SHOW FOCUSES ON FARMERS IN GEORGIA

HOMETOWN HERE MONDAYS AT 7

THIS WEEKLY SEGMENT FOCUSES ON PEOPLE DOING EXTRAORDINARY THINGS IN THE COMMUNITY.

NEWS SERIES **ANY DAY** **WITHIN LOCAL NEWS**

MULTI-PART MINI-DOCUMENTARY NEWS SERIES, USUALLY DEALING WITH ONE ISSUE OR A SERIES OF RELATED ISSUES, GENERALLY AIRED DURING THE EVENING NEWS BROADCASTS AND OCCASIONALLY REPEATED ON OTHER NEWS PROGRAMS. THE DURATION OF EACH PROGRAM IS USUALLY TWO TO THREE MINUTES, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

TOP TEACHER

THIS ONCE WEEKLY SEGMENT RECOGNIZES TEACHERS WHO HAVE GONE OVER AND BEYOND IN THEIR SCHOOL OR THEIR COMMUNITY.

THE RECOGNITION IS BASED ON NOMINATIONS FROM PARENTS, TEACHERS OR SCHOOLS.

SKILLED TO WORK TUESDAYS AT 5

THIS TUESDAY 5PM SEGMENT INCLUDES WORK TRAINING PROGRAMS IN THE AREA THROUGH AREA SCHOOLS.

WTOC INVESTIGATES

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE STORIES CREATED BY WTOC'S INVESTIGATIVE TEAM

CBS THIS MORNING MONDAY-FRIDAY 7AM-9AM

THESE CBS NETWORK NEWS PROGRAMS OFFER A MIX OF NEWS, WEATHER, AND FEATURES, INCLUDING INTERVIEWS AND IN-DEPTH REPORTS ON ISSUES OF CURRENT CONCERN.

CBS THIS MORNING SATURDAY SATURDAY-8-10AM

THESE CBS NETWORK NEWS PROGRAMS OFFER A MIX OF NEWS, WEATHER, AND FEATURES, INCLUDING INTERVIEWS AND IN-DEPTH REPORTS ON ISSUES OF CURRENT CONCERN.

CBS SUNDAY MORNING SUNDAY-9AM-10:30AM

THIS CBS NETWORK NEWS PROGRAM OFFER A MIX OF NEWS, WEATHER, AND PERSONAL INTEREST FEATURES, INCLUDING INTERVIEWS AND IN-DEPTH REPORTS ON ISSUES OF CURRENT CONCERN.

CBS NEWS MONDAY – FRIDAY 6:00 – 6:30 PM

THESE CBS NETWORK NEWS PROGRAMS OFFER A MIX OF NEWS, WEATHER, AND FEATURES, INCLUDING INTERVIEWS AND IN-DEPTH REPORTS ON ISSUES OF CURRENT CONCERN.

SPECIALS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

WTOC IS COMMITTED TO PRODUCING LOCAL PROGRAMMING RELEVANT TO ISSUES AND EVENTS IN AND AROUND OUR COMMUNITIES. THE LENGTH OF THESE PROGRAMS RANGE FROM THIRTY MINUTES TO TWO HOURS.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

AS THE SOUTHEAST NEWS LEADER, WTOC GIVES TO THE COMMUNITY BY PRODUCING PSA'S THROUGHOUT THE YEAR - INCREASING AWARENESS OF HEALTH REPORTS, FUNDRAISERS, AND EDUCATIONAL ISSUES.

**DESCRIPTION OF WTOC (TV) PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST
SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES.**

**PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIME
JULY 1, 2022– SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

CBS NETWORK PROGRAMMING

FACE THE NATION

- 07/03/22 **Guests:** Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Biden administration (1); Representative Adam Schiff (D-CA), chair, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, member, Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol (2); Jan Crawford, CBS News chief legal correspondent (3); Olaf Scholz, chancellor, Germany (4); Debora Patta, CBS News foreign correspondent (5); Dr. Henning Tiemeier, director, Maternal Health Task Force, Harvard University (6)
6) Topics include: reasons behind America's high maternal mortality
- 07/17/22 **Guests:** Representative Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) (1); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner, Pfizer board member (2); Lilia Luciano, CBS News correspondent (3); Amos Hochstein, special envoy and coordinator, International Energy Affairs (4); Jason Furman, former chairman, Council of Economic Advisers, Obama administration, professor of economic policy, Harvard University (5); Mayor Muriel Bowser, (D-Washington, D.C.) (6)
2) Topics include: failure to contain the monkeypox outbreak in the U.S. / monkeypox symptoms / vaccine distribution and access problems; different COVID variants / mask wearing / booster shots
- 07/24/22 **Guests:** Dr. Ashish Jha, White House COVID-19 coordinator (1); Representative Adam Schiff (D-CA), chair, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, member, Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol (2); John Dickerson, CBS News chief political analyst, CBS News senior national correspondent (3); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (4); Mayor Francis Suarez (R-Miami, FL), chairman, U.S. Conference of Mayors (5); Oksana Markarova, Ukraine's ambassador to the United States (6); Gina Raimondo, Secretary of Commerce, Biden administration (7)
1) Topics include: / wearing masks indoors; rapid spread of

monkeypox / first case of polio in a decade confirmed in New York
4) a report from Tampa Bay, FL, on the blistering heat enveloping much of the United States this weekend

(5); Representative Peter Meijer (R-MI) (6)

Correspondent: Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (5)

2) Topics include: rapidly spreading monkeypox cases in the U.S. / risks for children / national shortage of monkeypox vaccines / dose-sparing approval; rebound cases of COVID after taking Paxlovid /

08/14/22

Guests: Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (1); Jeff Pegues, CBS News chief national affairs and justice correspondent (1); Scott MacFarlane, CBS News congressional correspondent (1); Representative Adam Schiff (D-CA), chairman, House Intelligence Committee, author, “Midnight in Washington” (2); Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), former FBI agent (3); Representative Michael McCaul (R-TX), former federal prosecutor (4); Imtiaz Tyab, CBS News foreign correspondent (5); Charlie D’Agata, CBS News foreign correspondent (6); Alberto Carvalho, superintendent, Los Angeles Unified School District (7)

08/21/22

Guests: Miguel Cardona, U.S. secretary of education (1); Dr. Deborah Birx, former White House coronavirus response coordinator, Trump administration (2); Charlie D’Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (3); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH), ranking member, House Intelligence Committee (4); Rikki Klieman, criminal defense lawyer, CBS News legal analyst (5); David Laufman, former chief, Counterintelligence and Export Control Section, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice (5); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (6); Amy Walter, editor-in-chief, *The Cook Political Report* (6)

Correspondent: Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (1) (2)

Guest Moderator: Ed O’Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent

1) Topics include: / COVID health guidance and the spread of monkeypox

2)

09/04/22

“Crisis” – a report on the rising rates of mental health issues in youth. As instances of suicide, self-harm and depression continue to increase, the CDC fears a lack of resources may be to blame. Includes interviews with Dr. Michelle Pickett, emergency room doctor at Children’s Hospital in Milwaukee; Sophia Jimenez, Neenah Hughes

and Austin Bruenger, who dealt with mental health during the pandemic; Melissa Bruenger, Austin's mother; Tammy Makhoul, child therapist; and Dr. Brilliant Nimmer, the first pediatrician in Milwaukee to create a therapist's office inside her office. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Ashley Velie) (OAD: 05/08/22)

60 MINUTES

07/24/22

“Array Of Hope” – a report on Category 5 hurricanes in the Bahamas. Scientists say the increase in the devastating storms is due to climate change. Though costly to install, solar power energy can help slow the changing weather patterns. Includes interviews with Vernon Malone, a resident of Hope Town; Brian Malone, Vernon's son; Matt Winslow, a seasonal resident; Hubert Minnis, Bahamian Prime Minister; Chris Burgess and Justin Locke, who run the Islands Energy Program; Burlington Strachan, engineer; and Whitney Heastie, CEO of Bahamas Power and Light. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Rome Hartman) (This rebroadcast includes an update.) (OAD: 03/01/20)

08/21/22

“Justice Defenders” – a report on the Justice Defenders, an organization aiming to educate prisoners about the legal system and equip them to represent themselves or others who are detained without proper legal counsel. The organization has greatly impacted Kenya, challenging the constitutionality of Kenya's mandatory death sentence, which was changed due to their efforts. Includes interviews with Alexander McLean, founder of Justice Defenders; Morris Kaberia, George Karaba, Pauline Njeri and Jane Manyonge, who were all helped by the Justice Defenders; and Willie Ojulu, chief inspector at Langata Women's Prison. (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Michael H. Gavshon, Kate Morris) (OAD: 12/20/20; 1st Rebroadcast: 08/15/21)

48 HOURS

07/02/22

48 HOURS: “Peter Chadwick: Caught” - a reedited, updated rebroadcast of “#FindPeterChadwick” (OAD: 05/11/19): the investigation into the search for – and eventual capture of– a multimillionaire real estate investor accused of killing his wife and staging a kidnapping plot. 48 HOURS gained exclusive insight into

the U.S. Marshals' search for Peter Chadwick, who was charged with killing his wife and then jumped bail. Chadwick and his wife, Q.C. Chadwick, were college sweethearts, married for 21 years and had three sons. They lived in a gated community in Newport Beach, California. That dream life collapsed one day in 2012 when neither of the Chadwicks turned up to pick up their sons from the bus stop. Investigators had little idea that day the search for the couple would lead them on an international manhunt. The next morning, San Diego authorities got a 911 call from Chadwick, claiming a house painter named Juan murdered Q.C. and forced Peter Chadwick to get her body out of the house. He said a man helped Juan and they were planning to cut up his wife's body and dispose it south of the border. Law enforcement didn't believe Chadwick, and he was arrested and charged with Q.C.'s murder. He was released on \$1 million in bail. Then he vanished. That was 2015. Chadwick was one of the U.S. Marshals' 15 most-wanted fugitives. U.S. Marshal Craig McCluskey tells 48 HOURS that a previous edition of the broadcast that focused on the case caused Chadwick to alter his life on the run and ultimately helped lead to his capture. Updated on-screen text graphic for 08/10/19 rebroadcast: Peter Chadwick has been denied bail. No date has been set for his trial. **On-screen text graphic for the 07/02/22 rebroadcast:** In February 2022, Peter Chadwick pleaded guilty to killing his wife in exchange for a 15-year-to-life prison sentence. (See also: 48 HOURS: "#FindPeterChadwick", OAD: 05/11/19) (C: Tracy Smith – P: Chuck Stevenson, Gayane Keshishyan Mendez) (OAD: 08/10/19)

07/09/22

48 HOURS: "The Ring: The Murder of Patrick De La Cerda" – a report on the February 27th, 2018 murder of Patrick De La Cerda, who was expecting a delivery of an engagement ring for his fiancée, Jessica Devnani. De La Cerda was shot four times in the doorway of the home he shared with his father on the outskirts of Deltona, FL. The investigation exposed a meticulous murder plan crafted by a man jealous of the couple's relationship: Devnani's ex-boyfriend, Gregory Bender, who had been harassing the couple. Since Bender violated the restraining order the couple had against him by telephoning Devnani the morning of De La Cerda's murder, he was arrested. A February 28th, 2018 search of Bender's home led to the discovery in a trash can of several handwritten pages with a map of the murder scene and details of how to conceal the crime. Less than 48 hours after De La Cerda's death, Gregory Bender was arrested for murder in his front yard, after being released from the Orange County Jail. The trial included testimony from Bender's ex-wife, Daymara Sanchez, about the murder plan; Bender's defense insisted that the murder plan did not equate to

guilt. The jury found Bender guilty of the charge of first-degree murder. In Florida, a conviction of first-degree murder carries an automatic life sentence without parole. Original on-screen text graphic: Gregory Bender's attorneys say they plan to appeal his conviction. They contend the search of his house that produced the murder plan was illegal. **On-screen text graphic for the 07/09/22 rebroadcast:** Gregory Bender's attorneys are appealing his conviction. They contend the search of his house that produced the murder plan was illegal. Interviewed: Jessica Devnani, Patrick De La Cerda's fiancée; Ashley Terwilleger, prosecutor, Volusia County, FL; Patricia Ronze, Patrick De La Cerda's mother; Detective Chad Weaver, Volusia County, FL Sheriff; Andrew Urbanak, trial prosecutor; Max De La Cerda, Patrick De La Cerda's father. (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Chris O'Connell) (OAD: 11/13/21)

07/16/22

48 HOURS: "The Murdaugh Mysteries" (10:02 – 11:02p) - a report on the investigation into Alex Murdaugh, a wealthy, once prominent attorney in the South Carolina Lowcountry, and the incidents connected to his family. On June 7th, 2021, Alex Murdaugh called 911 to report he found his wife Maggie and son Paul shot to death at the family's hunting lodge in Colleton County. About two-and-a-half years earlier, Paul was charged in the February 2019 boat crash that killed 19-year-old Mallory Beach. Mallory was one of six friends onboard the Murdaugh family boat when it crashed into a bridge on Archer's Creek. All were underage, and all drinking alcohol. A month after the crash, the Beach family filed a wrongful death suit against members of the Murdaugh family. In September 2021, Alex Murdaugh resigned from his law firm and a day later reported he was shot. He later named Curtis Smith as the gunman, who maintains he did not shoot Alex and claims Alex requested Curtis' help to make the incident look like a suicide. Alex faces charges of insurance fraud, conspiracy to commit insurance fraud and filing a false police report, in addition to two felonies related to a different alleged insurance fraud case involving the 2018 death of Gloria Satterfield, his former housekeeper. Evidence gathered by investigators looking into the shooting of Maggie and Paul Murdaugh led to the reopening of the investigation into the unsolved death of Stephen Smith, who was 19-years-old when he was found dead on a Hampton County roadway in July 2015. Alex Murdaugh was admitted to the Richland County jail October 16th; Curtis Smith is out on bail. The investigation into the murders of Maggie and Paul Murdaugh is ongoing. *No on-screen text graphic for the 10/30/21 original broadcast.* **On-screen text graphic for the 07/16/22 rebroadcast:** Last Thursday a grand jury indicted Alex Murdaugh for two counts of murder and two counts of possession of a weapon in connection

with the death of his wife Maggie and his son Paul. According to his attorneys: "Alex wants his family, friends and everyone to know that he did not have anything to do with the murders of Maggie and Paul. He loved them more than anything in the world." Murdaugh was already facing 84 prior criminal charges. He has not entered a plea for any of those charges, most related to fraud and theft. Interviewed: Michael DeWitt, Jr., managing editor, *The Hampton County Guardian*; Stephen Domino, former deputy sheriff, Beaufort County; Seth Stoughton, law professor, University of South Carolina; Lynn Reavis, Mallory Beach's aunt; Curtis Smith, alleged gunman, distant cousin of Alex Murdaugh; Jonny McCoy, Curtis Smith's defense attorney; Ronnie Richter, Satterfield family attorney; and Dick Harpootlian, Murdaugh family attorney (questioned at a recent hearing). (C: Nikki Battiste – P: Judy Rybak, Liza Finley, Claire St. Amant) (OAD: 10/30/21)

07/23/22

48 HOURS: "The Secrets of Chad Daybell's Backyard" (10:07 – 11:07p) - an update on the ongoing cases against Chad Daybell and his new wife, Lori Vallow Daybell. Chad and Lori were charged in May 2021 with murdering her children, 7-year-old JJ Vallow and 16-year-old Tylee Ryan, who disappeared in September 2019. In June 2020, their bodies were found in shallow graves on Chad Daybell's property, just outside of Rexburg, ID. Additionally, prosecutors in Arizona have charged Lori with conspiring with her now-deceased brother Alex Cox, to kill Charles Vallow, her estranged husband in July 2019; and in Idaho, Chad and Lori have been charged with conspiring to murder Tammy Daybell, Chad's wife, who died in October 2019. Lori and Chad were scheduled to be tried together, but just after the murder charges were announced, Lori's case was put on hold. A judge ruled Lori incompetent to stand trial while she undergoes mental health treatment. In August 2021, the State of Idaho announced it will seek the death penalty against Chad Daybell, who has plead not guilty to all counts. This broadcast includes the first television interview together of all five of Tammy and Chad Daybell's children: Emma, Mark, Leah, Seth and Garth, who defend their father, continue to maintain his innocence, and share their theory that he was framed by Lori and Alex. Original on-screen text graphic: Tylee would have turned 19 later this month. JJ would now be 9 years old. Chad Daybell's trial is scheduled to start in November, 2021. **On-screen text graphic for the 07/23/22 rebroadcast:** Ruled competent to stand trial last April, Lori Vallow is now scheduled to be tried with Chad Daybell in January 2023. If convicted of first degree murder, both Chad and Lori could face the death penalty. Interviewed: Morgan Loew, investigative reporter, CBS News

consultant; April Raymond, Lori Vallow's friend; Vaisia Itaaehau, Tylee Ryan's friend; Mark, Leah, Seth, Garth and Emma - Chad and Tammy Daybell's children. (See also: 48 HOURS: "The Missing Children of Lori Vallow Daybell", OAD: 05/16/20 and 48 HOURS: "The Final Days of JJ and Tylee", OAD: 10/03/20; 1st Rebroadcast: 05/29/21 - a follow-up to "The Missing Children of Lori Vallow Daybell") (C: Jonathan Vigliotti – P: Liza Finley, Ruth Chenetz, Richard Fetzer) (OAD: 09/01/21)

07/30/22

48 HOURS: "The Missing Millionaire: A "Tiger King" Mystery" (9:00 – 10:00p) - an updated rebroadcast of "The Tiger King Mystery" (OAD: 09/09/20 as 48 HOURS SUSPICION: "The Tiger King Mystery"), a report on the disappearance of Don Lewis, whose body has never been found. A self-made millionaire, he was married to Carole Lewis. They ran "Wildlife on Easy Street" in Tampa, Florida -- billed as an exhibit space for big cats. In August 1997, Don vanished while traveling to Costa Rica. Though Carole was not an official suspect, his ex-wife, daughters and other friends and associates were suspicious and claimed that Carole and Don's marriage was troubled. Carole had Don declared legally dead in 2002. In 2004, Carole Lewis became Carole Baskin when she married attorney and businessman Howard Baskin. With his help, Carole changed the name and mission of the animal exhibit; now called "Big Cat Rescue", it is a sanctuary focusing on animal rights. Interest was renewed in Don's disappearance due to the Netflix series "Tiger King", which chronicles an Oklahoma-based, eccentric big-cat owner named Joseph Schreibvogel, better known as Joe Exotic, and his battle with Carole who sought to shut him down. Throughout the series and on his own YouTube channel, Joe, the self-proclaimed Tiger King, alleged Carole had murdered Don in 1997 and fed him to their tigers. In 2019, Joe was convicted and sent to prison for, among other things, hiring a hitman to kill Carole. Currently, there are no suspects in the disappearance of Don Lewis. **01/01/22 UPDATE:** Includes excerpts of an interview with Alex Spiro, an attorney and former New York City prosecutor, now working for Don Lewis' daughters. He has been investigating their father's disappearance for months and says there are new witnesses. Joe Exotic remains in prison; there was no presidential pardon. Original on-screen text graphic: If you have any information, please call the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office at (813) 247-8200. Joe Exotic's lawyer says he plans to ask President Trump for a pardon. **On-screen text graphic for the 01/01/22 updated rebroadcast and the 07/30/22 rebroadcast:** Joe Exotic says he has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He remains in prison. If you have any information on the Don Lewis case, please call the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office at (813) 247-8200.

Interviewed: Julie Miller, senior feature writer, *Vanity Fair* (2020 broadcast); Gladys Lewis Cross, Don's ex-wife (2020 broadcast); Anne McQueen, Don's employee (2020 broadcast); Lynda Sanchez, Donna Pettis and Gale Rathbone – Don and Gladys' daughters (2020 broadcast); Joseph Fritz, Don's former lawyer (2020 broadcast); Joe Solan, pilot (2020 broadcast); Leonora LaPeter Anton, reporter, CBS News consultant (2020 broadcast); Trish Farr-Payne, ex-wife of Kenny Farr, who claims Kenny, a handyman for the Lewis', may have been connected to Don's disappearance (2020 broadcast); and Alex Spiro, attorney and former New York City prosecutor, who is working for Don Lewis' daughters (2022 broadcast). (The 01/01/22 updated rebroadcast does not include the previously aired interview footage of John Phillips, previously listed as the attorney representing Doris' daughters and Anne McQueen for the 09/09/20 original broadcast.) (OAD: 09/09/20 as 48 HOURS SUSPICION: "The Tiger King Mystery") (C: Richard Schlesinger – P: Chuck Stevenson, Stephanie Slifer) (OAD: 01/01/22)

07/30/22

48 HOURS: "Jasmine Hartin's Shot in the Dark" (10:00 – 11:00p) - a report on the case against Jasmine Hartin, a socialite accused of the May 2021 fatal shooting of police superintendent Henry Jemmott in Belize. Jasmine, 32-years-old and the mother of twins, shared a beachfront condo with her partner, Andrew Ashcroft, the son of a British billionaire. Henry was a dedicated public servant and father of five. For the first time on television, Jasmine tells the story of what happened that night on the moonlit pier in San Pedro: Jasmine claims she and Henry were drinking before they went to the pier; he tried to show her how to load and unload his Glock 17 pistol and magazine because he wanted her to have a gun for personal protection. Jasmine reportedly first told police Henry was killed by gunfire from a passing boat; she has no memory of saying that and later admitted she accidentally fired the single gunshot. Henry's family believes Jasmine murdered him. Jasmine has been charged with manslaughter by negligence; no trial date has been set. Additionally, she is involved in a custody case with Andrew which may not be decided for months. **07/30/22 UPDATE:** Jasmine lost custody of her children in 2022 and is not allowed to visit them anymore. Original on-screen text graphic: Jasmine Hartin has not decided how she will plead to the negligent manslaughter charge. **On-screen text graphic for the 07/30/22 updated rebroadcast:** Jasmine Hartin is appealing the decision in her custody case. Interviewed: Jasmine Hartin; Cherry Jemmott, Henry's sister; Marie, Henry's sister; Cherisse Halsall, news reporter & anchor, Channel 7, Belize, CBS News consultant; Candace Castiglione, Jasmine's mother; Gene Lopez, Henry's

friend; Francisco "Panny" Arceo, Henry's friend; Edel, Henry's nephew; and David Katz, former DEA agent, veteran firearms instructor. (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Josh Yager, James Stolz) (OAD: 10/02/21 – includes a brief update.)

08/06/22

48 HOURS: "Who Killed Jonelle Matthews?" (9:00 – 10:00p) - an update to "The Kidnapping of Jonelle Matthews" (OAD: 03/27/21), a report on the cold case of a missing Colorado girl and the Idaho gubernatorial candidate linked to her disappearance. On the evening of December 20th, 1984, 12-year-old Jonelle Matthews was dropped off at her Greeley home by friends. When her father, Jim Matthews, returned home less than two hours later, Jonelle was nowhere to be found. Police were unable to find any physical evidence related to Jonelle's disappearance, except for footprints left in the snow which appeared to have been raked over, in an attempt to cover them up. Despite prominent attention, including a mention from President Ronald Reagan, the case went cold. On July 23rd, 2019, a crew digging a pipeline in a remote area southeast of Greeley uncovered human remains with a gunshot wound to the head; the coroner confirmed it was Jonelle. In September 2019, police in Twin Falls, ID searched the home of Steve Pankey, a serial candidate for governor and sheriff in Idaho. A former Greeley resident, Pankey was known to Greeley police due to a prior arrest and other multiple allegations. Over the years, Pankey has intentionally inserted himself into the investigation of Jonelle's disappearance – he even contacted the FBI in Fort Collins, CO one month after she went missing and mentioned her in a 1999 Idaho Supreme Court case. On October 12th, 2020 Pankey was arrested for kidnapping and first-degree murder. Details in his indictment included Pankey's mention of raked footprints, a fact never publicized by the police. However, Pankey's defense attorney, Anthony Viorst, claimed Pankey received that information directly from law enforcement and stated Pankey is merely obsessed with true crime. Steven Pankey's trial is scheduled to begin on July 12th, 2021. 01/08/22 UPDATE: Steve Pankey went on trial in October 2021. His ex-wife, Angela Hicks, testified against him. The defense named Norris Drake as an alternative suspect; his mother and sister lived across the street from the Matthews home and he was at his mother's house the night Jonelle disappeared. Drake died in 2007. Pankey testified in his own defense. In his closing argument, Viorst raised questions about his client's mental health. In November 2021, jurors found Pankey guilty of making false reports to authorities but were deadlocked on the murder charges; the judge declared a mistrial. Prosecutors have announced they are ready for a new trial – they still believe Pankey murdered Jonelle Matthews. The update also includes new

interviews with Greeley Mayor John Gates, reporter Kelly Werthmann and defense attorney Anthony Viorst. Original on-screen text graphic: In Loving Memory Josh Gelman. **On-screen text graphic for the 08/06/22 rebroadcast:** The retrial of Steven Pankey is scheduled for October 4, 2022. Interviewed: Darla Jentzsch, Jonelle's friend (2021 broadcast); Deanna Ross, Jonelle's friend (2021 broadcast); Jim and Gloria Matthews, Jonelle's father and mother (2021 broadcast); Jennifer Mogensen, Jonelle's sister (2021 broadcast); John Gates, current Greeley, CO mayor and former Greeley police officer (2021 and 2022 broadcasts); Kelly Werthmann, reporter and anchor, KCNC, Denver, CO (2021 and 2022 broadcasts); Anthony Viorst, Steve Pankey's defense attorney (2021 and 2022 broadcasts); Kevin Schneider, former guardian of Steve Pankey's son in Idaho (2021 broadcast); Ryan Horsley, political consultant and Steve Pankey's fellow church member in Idaho (2021 broadcast). (See also: 48 HOURS: "The Kidnapping of Jonelle Matthews", OAD: 03/27/21) (C: Richard Schlesinger – P: Judy Rybak) (OAD: 01/08/22)

08/06/22

48 HOURS: "The Circleville Letters" (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the unsolved case of the Circleville letter writer who, beginning in March 1977, terrorized residents in the small town of Circleville, OH. The threatening and anonymous letters, mostly postmarked from Columbus, OH, were received by residents for nearly two decades and exposed alleged secrets about neighbors and friends. The letters first focused on married school district superintendent Gordon Massie and his rumored relationship with school bus driver Mary Gillispie. On February 7th, 1983, Gillispie saw an obscene sign about her 13-year-old daughter on a fence. When she went to remove it, Gillespie noticed it was tied to a string, which led to a box with a gun rigged to go off. The gun was traced to her brother-in-law, Paul Freshour. Freshour's estranged wife Karen Sue, who did not respond to requests for an interview for this broadcast, told investigators he was also the Circleville letter writer. Never charged with sending any of the letters, Freshour went on trial on October 24th, 1983 for the booby-trap. Found guilty, Freshour was sent to prison, but the letters continued, even though he was kept in isolation and not allowed pen or paper. The Circleville letters stopped in 1994, when Freshour was released. Freshour maintained his innocence and fought to clear his name. He claimed his gun had been stolen and suspected his son Mark, who died by suicide in September 2002. Freshour died June 28th, 2012. **On-screen text graphic:** No one has ever been charged with writing the Circleville letters...but the Pickaway County Sheriff's office says the case is closed. Interviewed: Martin Yant,

journalist; Marie Mayhew, podcaster, *“Whatever Remains”*; sisters June Whitehead and Janet Cassady, grew up in Pickaway County, OH; Pam Stanton, family friend of Paul Freshour; Robin Yocum, author, former crime reporter, *The Columbus Dispatch*; Mary Ellen O’Toole, former FBI profiler; and Beverley East, forensic document expert. (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Lisa Freed, Richard Fetzer) (OAD: 08/25/21)

08/13/22

48 HOURS: “The Online Life & Death of Bianca Devins”

– a report on the murder of Bianca Devins, a 17-year-old popular social media figure, who was murdered by Brandon Clark in Utica, NY. Bianca met Brandon on social media; they briefly dated but were never exclusive. In July 2019, Brandon and Bianca traveled to New York City to see a concert. Bianca also invited Alex, a new friend, to meet her there and expressed on social media her concern that Brandon would be jealous. On July 14th, 2019, an image of Bianca’s lifeless body appeared on the social media platform *Discord*, which prompted calls from around the country. At first, friends thought it was a fake because Brandon posted it and it was not unusual for people on the platform to post disturbing images to get a rise out of others. That changed when Brandon called 911 and told the dispatcher he was on a dead-end road, not far from Bianca’s home. Responding officers arrested Brandon and found Bianca’s body under a tarp. Before the police could notify Bianca’s mother Kim Devins, someone texted her family the photo. While the family grieved, images of Bianca’s body spread across multiple social media platforms; online trolls relentlessly sent her family the photos and cruel memes and along with the photos, hateful messages blamed Bianca for what happened. Prosecutors searched Brandon’s phone and discovered that he made a video while he killed Bianca with a knife; additional evidence on his phone indicated the murder was not a crime of passion. Two weeks after Bianca’s death, Brandon was officially charged with second-degree murder. Shortly before Brandon’s trial began in February 2020, he pleaded guilty. Five months later, Brandon attempted to change his plea; the judge denied his request. On March 16th, 2021, Brandon was sentenced to 25 years to life. Original on-screen text graphic: Bianca’s family continues to work to get Bianca’s Law passed. The family still receives graphic photos of Bianca’s murder. **On-screen text graphic for the 08/13/22 rebroadcast:** This year, the New York state Assembly and Senate passed a law that criminalizes sharing personal images of crime victims. The law awaits the New York Governor’s signature. The Devins family still receives graphic photos of Bianca’s murder. Interviewed: Elizabeth, Bianca’s online friend; Kim Devins, Bianca’s mother; Frank Williams, Bianca’s grandfather; EJ

Dickson, staff writer, *Rolling Stone*; Steven Crimando, behavioral scientist; Bryan Coromato, Utica Police detective; Michael Curley, Utica Police detective; Sarah DeMellier, prosecutor, Oneida County District Attorney's office; and Michael Nolan, prosecutor, Oneida County District Attorney's office. (C: Jericka Duncan – P: Jonathan Leach) (34th SEASON PREMIERE) (OAD: 09/18/21)

08/20/22

48 HOURS: “The Tara Grinstead Mystery” – an updated rebroadcast of “The Tara Grinstead Mystery”, which includes an update on her murder and the subsequent investigation, as well as the tips ignored by law enforcement, which could have closed the case years earlier. Tara, a Georgia schoolteacher, was last seen in Ocilla, when she left a party on October 22nd, 2005. When Tara failed to turn up for work, police were contacted. Officers and Maria Woods Harber, Tara's friend, entered her home to find it mostly undisturbed, save for a broken lamp. Outside, suspicions were aroused by a latex glove. Attention turned to the men Tara had been dating, however, they all had alibis. Weeks later Jannis Paulk, Tara's neighbor, was told by an employee about overhearing two men - Bo Dukes and Ryan Duke - claiming to have burned her body, which she reported to police. In 2006, John McCullough was spending the holidays with Bo Dukes. After getting drunk, Dukes admitted his involvement with Tara's disappearance. In February 2007, John reported this to three different police departments. Neither Jannis' nor John's tips were followed up on by law enforcement for years. In 2015, Bo Dukes began dating Brooke Sheridan. Eventually, he would tell her about his part in Tara Grinstead's disappearance. At her urging, he confessed to the police that he had burned Tara's body in a pecan orchard his family owned in an attempt to cover up her death at the hands of Ryan Duke during a botched robbery. Duke was arrested and confessed to Tara's murder. DNA tests matched him to the latex glove found outside Tara's home. In March 2019, Dukes went on trial for charges related to covering up Tara's death. He would be convicted on all charges and sentenced to 25 years in prison. **08/20/22**

UPDATE: In May 2022, Ryan Duke's attorneys argued during his trial that the state had the wrong man. But the prosecution said they had evidence: audio and video of Ryan confessing to killing Tara, when he spoke to the GBI back in 2017. The defense said Ryan was under the influence of painkillers at the time and only took the blame because he was afraid of Bo Dukes. In the end, Ryan Duke was acquitted of all charges relating to Tara's murder -- convicted only of concealing her death. At his sentencing hearing, Tara's stepmother, Connie, read the family impact statement. Original on-screen text graphic: Ryan Duke's trial has not been scheduled. It

has been delayed by defense motions and the COVID-19 pandemic. *(No on-screen text graphic for the 09/04/21 rebroadcast.)* **On-screen text graphic for the 08/20/22 updated rebroadcast:** Ryan Duke was sentenced to 10 years in prison for concealing the death of Tara Grinstead. Bo Dukes is serving 25 years for concealing her death, hindering the apprehension of a criminal, and lying to investigators. Both men are awaiting trial in a neighboring county on charges related to burning Tara's body. Interviewed: Jannis Paulk, Tara's neighbor; Maria Woods Harber, Tara's friend; Dana Wilder, Tara's friend; Marcus Harper, Tara's ex-boyfriend; Gary Rothwell, special agent, Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI); John McCullough, Bo Dukes' friend; Brooke Sheridan, Bo Dukes' girlfriend. (The interview with forensic investigator Maurice Godwin was not included in the 08/20/22 updated rebroadcast.) (See also: 48 HOURS VANISHED: "Stolen Beauty", OAD: 07/01/08; Rebroadcast: 01/10/09 as 48 HOURS SPECIAL PRESENTATION: "Stolen Beauty") (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Alec Sirken, Lauren Clark; Producers listed for the 08/20/22 Updated Rebroadcast: Lauren Clark, Alec Sirken) (OAD: 01/02/21; 1st Rebroadcast: 09/04/21)

08/27/22

48 HOURS: "The Yogurt Shop Murders" (9:00 – 10:00p) - an update to "Innocence Lost" (OAD: 01/21/17), a report on the December 6th, 1991 murders of Eliza Thomas, Sarah and Jennifer Harbison and Amy Ayers in a yogurt shop in Austin, TX. All four girls were tied up and shot; the yogurt shop was then set on fire. In the weeks after the murders, authorities received countless tips, many false confessions and interrogated teenagers Maurice Pierce, Michael Scott, Robert Springsteen and Forrest Welborn. With no solid evidence, they were released. There were no developments in the investigation until 1999, when new detectives assigned to the case arrested the original four suspects. Charges against Welborn and Pierce were eventually dropped. Scott and Springsteen each stood trial for murder; both were convicted, with Springsteen sentenced to death and Scott sentenced to life in prison. On appeal, the convictions were overturned when DNA evidence did not match any of the suspects, leaving the case still unsolved. **02/05/22 Update:** The DNA sample from the crime scene is not a complete DNA profile and just contains the male portion of DNA. In 2017, Austin police investigators thought they found a match on a public DNA database used for population studies. The seemingly matching sample on the public database had been submitted anonymously by the FBI. Restrictions in privacy made getting a name difficult. In 2020, advanced testing was allowed and came up with additional markers which ruled out the potential match. With

DNA research advancing, investigators hope there will be a match that solves the case. Maria Thomas, Eliza and Sonora's mother, died in 2015. Original on-screen text graphic: If you have information about the Yogurt Shop Murders, call 512-472-TIPS.

On-screen text graphic for the 08/27/22 rebroadcast: The Homicide victims Family Rights Act (*sic.*) was signed in to (*sic.*) law on August 3, 2022. Motivated by the yogurt shop murders, the law provides family members of cold case murder victims a way to officially request federal investigators review their case with the latest available technology. (Please note the correct title of the law is the "Homicide Victims' Families' Rights Act".) Interviewed: John Jones, retired, former detective, Austin Police Department; Sonora Thomas, therapist, Eliza Thomas' sister; Joe James Sawyer, defense attorney, represented Robert Springsteen; Amber Farrelly, member of the defense team for Michael Scott and Robert Springsteen; CeCe Moore, DNA expert, genetic genealogist; and Congressman Michael McCaul (R-TX). This update also includes excerpts and interview footage from prior broadcasts: Barbara Harbison, Jennifer and Sarah Harbison's mother (from 1992); Pam Ayers, Amy Ayers' mother (from 1996); Forrest Welborn (from 1999); Robert Springsteen (from 2009); Rosemary Lehmborg, former Travis County district attorney (from 2009); Maria Thomas, Eliza Thomas' mother (from 2009). (See also: "Who Killed These Girls?", OAD: 03/25/92. "Deadly Encounters", OAD: 09/14/98 - a followup to "Who Killed These Girls" (OAD: 03/25/92). (48 HOURS MYSTERIES) "Who Killed These Girls?", OAD: 04/13/00 - a followup to "Who Killed These Girls" (OAD: 03/25/92). 48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Innocence Lost", OAD: 01/09/10, 1st Rebroadcast: 09/11/10 - a followup to "Who Killed These Girls" (OAD: 03/25/92) and "Deadly Encounters" (OAD: 09/14/98); 2nd Rebroadcast: 01/21/17 as 48 HOURS: "Innocence Lost" – an updated followup to "Who Killed These Girls" (OAD: 03/25/92) and "Deadly Encounters" (OAD: 09/14/98) - contains an update and new interviews.) (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Ruth Chenetz, Stephanie Slifer, Anthony Venditti) (OAD: 02/05/22)

08/27/22

48 HOURS: "#LindasStory" (10:00 – 11:00p) - a report on the cold case investigation into the death of 11-year-old Linda O'Keefe and how an innovative Twitter campaign, launched 45 years after her murder, helped in the quest to find her killer. Linda disappeared on July 6th, 1973, as she walked home from summer school; she was last seen talking to a man in a turquoise blue van in Corona del Mar, CA. Her body was found the next morning along a nature trail. There were few clues to what happened and after years of working on the case, the detectives eventually ran out of leads. On July 6th,

2018, the Newport Beach Police Department launched a series of tweets which told Linda's story, and ended with the killer's DNA composite released to the public. The unusual campaign went viral, accumulating more than 7 million impressions worldwide, and garnered national and international attention to the case. Inspired by the methods used to arrest the Golden State Killer, investigators applied genetic genealogy to Linda's case and uploaded the killer's DNA profile into GEDmatch, a public database. In January 2019, the DNA sample left by Linda's attacker led to a perfect match in Monument, CO: James Alan Neal. Further investigation revealed that at the time of Linda's murder, he lived in Orange County and that his real name was James Albert Layton. Soon after Linda was killed, he turned up in Florida under his new identity. James Neal's criminal history contained petty crimes to serious offenses and included other sexual assaults. He was arrested and pleaded not guilty on all counts in Orange County Superior Court. In the summer of 2020, James Neal died of natural causes while in custody. *No on-screen text graphic for the original airdate and rebroadcast.* Interviewed: Jennifer Manzella, former Newport Beach PD spokesperson; Cindy Borgeson, Linda's sister; Linda's classmates: Jeff Thurnher, Brian Weaver, Lysa Christopher, David Wedemeyer, and Terry Briscoe Corwin; Janine "Jandi" Pierle, witness; Ron Yeo, discovered Linda's body; Detective Sergeant Court Depweg, Newport Beach PD; Detective Mike Fletcher, Newport Beach PD; Jim White, criminalist who collected swabs of the killer's semen from Linda's body; CeCe Moore, chief genetic genealogist, Parabon NanoLabs; and Eric Scarbrough, senior deputy district attorney, Orange County, CA. (C: Tracy Smith – P: Gayane Keshishyan Mendez) (OAD: 10/16/21)

09/03/22

48 HOURS: "The Final Hours of Amie Harwick" (8:00 – 9:00p) - an update to 48 HOURS: "The Life and Death of Amie Harwick" (OAD: 02/22/20, Rebroadcast: 08/29/20), a report on the death of Hollywood family therapist and author Amie Harwick. In the early morning hours of February 15th, 2020, Los Angeles, CA police responded to a call of a woman screaming; they found 38-year-old Harwick lying unresponsive beneath the third-floor balcony of her home. Police found evidence of a struggle and forced entry. The cause of death was ruled to be blunt force injuries to the head and torso, with medical examiners finding evidence of strangulation. Harwick's friends led investigators to her ex-boyfriend, Gareth Pursehouse, who she met in 2008. Their relationship turned abusive – there were numerous police reports and two restraining orders Harwick obtained against Pursehouse and she ended the relationship in 2012. Four days after Harwick's death, police arrested Pursehouse and charged him with murder.

02/12/22 Update: In September 2021, Pursehouse appeared at the Los Angeles Superior Court for a preliminary hearing. Prosecutors presented DNA evidence which they said was a match to Pursehouse. A syringe found on Harwick's balcony was tested and the results revealed that it contained nicotine, which can be a lethal poison; police found a syringe in Pursehouse's home similar to the one filled with nicotine. After six days of evidence and arguments, the judge ruled there was more than enough evidence to bind Pursehouse over for trial for the murder of Amie Harwick. Her friends plan on attending. **On-screen text graphic:** If you or a loved one are a victim of domestic violence, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233. Amie's friends are planning to build a memorial to honor Amie and victims of domestic violence. Interviewed: Drew Carey, Harwick's former fiancé, host, THE PRICE IS RIGHT; Amie Harwick's friends: Robert Coshland, Miss Tosh, Grace Stanley, Sharon Little and Cleopatra Slough; Rudy Torres, Harwick's friend, Pursehouse's former friend; Kris Mohandie, forensic psychologist; and Rhonda Saunders, former Los Angeles deputy district attorney, reviewed court records at 48 HOURS' request. The broadcast also includes an excerpt of a 2014 interview for 48 HOURS with Dr. Neal Benowitz, a leading expert on nicotine. Dr. Benowitz wrote a report about the Harwick case. (See also: 48 HOURS: "To Catch a Genius", OAD: 04/18/15, Rebroadcast: 08/06/16; and 48 HOURS: "The Life and Death of Amie Harwick", OAD: 02/22/20, Rebroadcast: 08/29/20) (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Sarah Prior, Murray Weiss, Joshua Yager) (OAD: 02/12/22)

09/03/22

48 HOURS: "Mystery on County Road M" (9:00 – 10:00p)
- a report on the death of Barbara Kendhammer, a Wisconsin mother of two and the case against her husband Todd Kendhammer, who told investigators his wife was injured when a pipe flew off a truck and pierced the windshield of their car on September 16th, 2016. She later died at the hospital. Investigators were never able to find the truck and Todd gave police different accounts of where he was going that morning. Three months after Barbara's death, Todd was arrested; he went to trial for his wife's murder in December 2017. Found guilty, Todd was sentenced to life in prison, eligible for parole after 30 years. Four years after his conviction, Todd's new legal team presented their findings at an evidentiary hearing this past summer. The judge in the case is expected to render a decision in the spring of 2022 on whether Todd Kendhammer will get a new trial. The broadcast features the first television interviews with the couple's children, who believe their father is innocent. Original on-screen text graphic: A judge is

expected to rule by the spring of 2022 if Todd Kendhammer will get a new trial. **On-screen text graphic for the 09/03/22 rebroadcast:** In May 2022, a judge denied Todd Kendhammer's request for a new trial. Kendhammer is planning to appeal that decision. Interviewed: Jordan Kendhammer and Jessica Servais, Barbara and Todd's son & daughter; Tim Gruenke, prosecutor, La Crosse, WI; Jerry Buting and Kathleen Stilling, husband and wife attorneys, Todd's new legal team; Dr. Lindsay Thomas, forensic pathologist, asked by 48 HOURS to review the evidence; and Tim Brennan, jury foreman. (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Chris Young Ritzen, James Stolz, Dena Goldstein) (OAD: 01/29/22)

09/10/22

48 HOURS: "Death on Safari" - a report on the death of Bianca Rudolph, which occurred while she was on a safari vacation with her husband, Dr. Lawrence (Larry) Rudolph, and the international investigation that followed. The Rudolphs were getting ready to head back home after a safari vacation in Zambia in October 2016 when Bianca suffered a fatal gunshot wound to the chest. The couple were experienced hunters. Larry, a successful dentist with several offices near Pittsburgh, PA, told local authorities that he was in the bathroom of the couple's two-room cabin when he heard a shot and found his wife dead in the next room. Larry said his wife was packing up a shotgun in a soft-shell gun case; he first told a local hunting scout that his wife had died by suicide, but later told investigators that the gun must have accidentally fired. After two days of investigating, Zambian police closed the case, calling it an accident. There were questions early on about how Bianca could have accidentally shot herself in the chest with such a long-barreled weapon. Larry had his wife's body quickly cremated in Zambia, which led a friend of Bianca's to doubt this was an accident. Soon after Bianca's death, the friend called the FBI. According to an FBI complaint, she also said Larry was having an affair with Lori Milliron, who managed the dental offices, and that Larry had been verbally abusive to Bianca; the friend also told the FBI that the couple fought over money. It took investigators five years to investigate the case. In December 2021, Larry was arrested for the murder of his wife; he maintains his innocence. Lori was arrested in February 2022 and faces seven federal counts. Original on-screen text graphic: The joint trial of Lawrence Rudolph and Lori Milliron is scheduled to begin in July. **On-screen text graphic for the 09/10/22 rebroadcast:** On August 1, 2022, Larry Rudolph was found guilty of murdering his wife, Bianca Rudolph. Lori Milliron was found guilty of being an accessory after the fact to murder. Interviewed: Sherry Houck, worked as a dental assistant in Dr. Lawrence Rudolph's Three Rivers Dental Group; Meghan Schiller, reporter at CBS' Pittsburgh affiliate, KDKA; Spencer

Kakoma, local game scout who accompanied the Rudolphs; Roston Yeyenga, now retired police commander, interviewed Dr. Rudolph in 2016; David Katz, ballistics expert, former special agent at the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), owner, Global Security Group; Masuwa Musese, investigator, Kafue National Park, Zambia; Mary Fulginiti, former federal prosecutor, CBS News consultant; James Gagliano, retired FBI supervisory agent, CBS News consultant; and John Dill, Lori Milliron's attorney. (Contributor: Debora Patta – Producers: Ruth Chenetz, Mary Ann Rotondi, Susan Mallie, James Stolz. Producers in Zambia: Sarah Carter, Dziko Mwanza) (OAD: 04/16/22)

09/17/22

48 HOURS: “Gabby Petito: The Untold Story” (9:00 – 10:00p) – a reedited and updated rebroadcast of “What Happened to Gabby Petito?” (OAD: 09/25/21), which takes a deeper look at the murder of 22-year-old “van life” vlogger Gabby Petito, as well as raising awareness about the warning signs of domestic violence. Petito went missing in August 2021 during a cross-country trip with her fiancé, Brian Laundrie. Laundrie returned home to North Port, FL on September 1st, 2021; he and his parents did not speak to police. On September 17th, his parents reported that he left for a hike at the Carlton Reserve on the 14th and that they didn't know where he was. Petito's remains were found inside Bridger-Teton National Forest in Wyoming on September 19th, 2021. **UPDATE:** After a massive manhunt, Laundrie's remains were found on October 20th, 2021; an autopsy revealed he had died from a self-inflicted gunshot to the head. A notebook was found belonging to Laundrie; his writings claimed that Petito's death was a mercy killing by him of her because she was suffering after an accident. Petito's parents are suing Laundrie's estate for wrongful death, and his parents for intentional infliction of emotional distress; they are in the process of filing a lawsuit against the Moab Police Department in Utah, related to how they handled the domestic violence stop in 2021. An independent review of the officers' actions that day found fault and recommended more training. **On-screen text graphic:** Gabby's parents have formed the Gabby Petito Foundation, which has partnered with the National Domestic Violence Hotline. If you or a loved one are a victim of domestic violence, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233. Includes new interviews with: Mary Fulginiti, former federal prosecutor and defense attorney, CBS consultant; Dr. Kris Mohandie, forensic psychologist; Brian Stewart, attorney; and Patrick Riley, attorney. Also includes interviews from the 2021 broadcast: Rose Davis, Gabby's friend; Nichole & Jim Schmidt, Gabby's mother and step-father; and Jenn & Kyle Bethune, reported seeing the van in the

Tetons to the FBI. (See also: 48 HOURS: “What Happened to Gabby Petito?”, OAD: 09/25/21) (C: Jericka Duncan – P: Liza Finley, Lauren Clark, Paul La Rosa, Chuck Stevenson, Chris Young Ritzen, Ruth Chenetz, Mary Ann Rotondi)

09/17/22

48 HOURS: “The Shooting of Lauren Kanarek” (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the case against Michael Barisone, a former Olympic equestrian and trainer, for the attempted murder of former student Lauren Kanarek and her boyfriend, Robert Goodwin. Barisone and Kanarek’s paths first crossed in March 2018, when Barisone hosted a clinic at his Florida horse farm. Soon, Kanarek was being trained and housed by Barisone and his staff at Hawthorne Hill, his Long Valley, NJ training center and farm. Their relationship eventually soured over the level of training Barisone provided personally to Kanarek, who retaliated by posting messages on Facebook branding him a bully, racist and antisemitic – allegations Barisone denies. The posts rattled and unnerved Barisone to the point where he called 911 four times and told police he “feared” for his life. Kanarek also filed a complaint with SafeSport, a watchdog group authorized by Congress. On August 7th, 2019, he confronted Kanarek and shot her in the chest; she managed to call 911 and after emergency surgery, survived. Charged with attempted murder and weapons charges, Barisone went on trial in March 2022; his attorney argued Barisone was driven temporarily insane by Kanarek’s attacks and then snapped. Kanarek testified during the trial that Barisone bullied her. The jury found Barisone not guilty by reason of insanity. Barisone claims to recall Kanarek’s social media posts about him but has no memory of the shooting; Kanarek and her family do not believe his story. **On-screen text graphic:** Michael Barisone was evaluated at the psychiatric hospital. Just last week, a judge ruled he should be transferred to a less restrictive facility. In six months, another hearing will be held to check his progress. Interviewed: Michael Barisone (his first television interview since the end of his trial); Lauren Kanarek; Jonathan Kanarek, Lauren’s father, retired Wall Street attorney; Christopher Schellhorn, prosecutor; Ed Bilinkas, defense attorney; Chris Deininger, defense attorney; Michael Poulin, rider, Olympic medalist; Phillip Dutton, rider, Olympic medalist; Boyd Martin, rider, Olympian; Jordan Osborne, former student; Lara Osborne, Jordan’s mother, former student, Barisone’s girlfriend; Chelsea Westra, former student; Corporal Derek Heymer, police officer; Dr. Steven Simring, forensic psychiatrist for the defense; and Dr. Charles Hasson, forensic psychiatrist for the defense. (Contributor: Nikki Battiste – Producer: James Stolz) (35th SEASON PREMIERE)

09/24/22

48 HOURS: “A Man With A Past” – a report on the disappearance of Lori Slesinski and the case against her killer, Derrill Richard Ennis, aka Rick Ennis. Slesinski, a recent college graduate, disappeared on June 10th, 2006, from Auburn, AL. Four days after Slesinski vanished, her car was found engulfed in flames on a deserted street; she was nowhere to be found. Her friend, Rick Ennis, claimed Slesinski had gone to make a big drug deal. Investigators found no evidence of a drug deal and suspected Ennis, who police believed was the last person to be with her before she disappeared. Ennis moved away from Auburn after his third police interview and the case went cold. Investigators learned Ennis murdered his mother Dolly Flowers and stepfather Eddie Joe Flowers in 1993, when he was 12-years-old; he later claimed his mother molested him. It took 12 years before authorities made a case against him. In 2018, Ennis was charged with Slesinski’s murder, even though her body was never found. Delayed by the pandemic, Ennis went on trial for the offense of capital murder and was found guilty almost 16 years after Lori Slesinski’s disappearance. He was sentenced for a term of life without the possibility of parole. **On-screen text graphic:** Arlene Slesinski gained a new companion in 2021. Her dog, Daisey. Interviewed: Arlene Slesinski, Lori’s mother; Jessica Ventiere, prosecutor; Lindsay Braun, Lori’s friend; Mark Whitaker, special agent, Alabama State Bureau of Investigation; John Clark, former Alabama state trooper; Eddie Joe Flowers’ daughters and Ennis’ stepsisters: Angela Flowers, Tina Sexton and Donna Furr; JW Barnes, agent, Alabama State Bureau of Investigation, Mark Whitaker’s partner; Sharon Morley, Rick Ennis’ former employer; Alana Atkinson, Rick Ennis’ fiancée; Terry Booth, Rick Ennis’ former friend; and Rick Ennis (by phone). (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Murray Weiss)

CBS SPECIAL NEW REPORT

On **Monday, July 4**, a CBS News Special Report aired for :53 from 2:19:03-2:19:56pm cnyt (Mass Shooting at Highland Park Parade) and for 1:11 from 7:57:42-7:58:53pm cnyt (Person of Interest Apprehended in the Highland Park Parade Shooting), both live to all stations.

WTOC BREAKING NEWS

On 9/29 and 9/30, we had several WX Cut-ins on Hurricane Ian’s path in our area.

INVESTIGATE TV SUNDAYS 1AM

InvestigateTV - Season 2; Episode 1-9/18/22

InvestigateTV - InvestigateTV looks at DNA backlogs in crime labs and how they are hindering murder investigations. They also cover nationwide police shortages and their impact on police response times. Plus, hear how coroners are using CT scans to identify causes of death.

WTOC NEWSCASTS

ISSUE 1-PUBLIC SAFETY-ALERTING THE PUBLIC ABOUT CRIMINAL AND UNSAFE ACTIVITIES IN THEIR COMMUNITY AND HOW THE COMMUNITY CAN CONTACT THE POLICE IF THEY KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE CRIME. PLUS,PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS OVER CORONAFVIRUS AND WHAT OFFICIALS ARE DOING TO PREVENT THE SPREAD, WAYNE CO. HIT AND RUN, ELLIS SQUARE FLOOD LIGHTS, SAVANNAH LONG COVID CLINIC, CARVER VILLAGE FLOODING, STATESBORO HIT AND RUN OF TORMENTA SOCCER PLAYER, REP PETREA ON UPTICK IN CRIME IN SAVANNAH, ALEX MURDAUGH CASE, CHURCH SHOOTER TRAINING, BRYAN CO. REC. HARASSMENT, MAYOR VAN JOHNSON ON CAR BREAK-INS, DISTRICT 3 ON SHOOTINGS, TRAUMA CENTER DOCS ON GUN VIOLENCE, CHD MONKEYPOX UPDATE, MONKEYPOX VAX PROGRAM EXPANDING, ARBERY FEDERAL SENTENCING, MAYOR JOHNSON ON POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH US ATTORNEY OFFICE TO CURB VIOLENT CRIME, GUN VIOLENCE MEMORIAL PROJECT, ADDRESSING CITY MARKET VIOLENCE, BULLOCH CO. NEW RED LIGHT WILMINGTON ISLAND FATAL BOAT CRASH UPDATE, AUTO THEFT SPIKE, BROUGHTON ST. BUSINESSES ASKING FOR MORE PATROLS, EFFINGHAM FLOODING ISSUES, FLU SEASON, CEMA HURRICANE REGISTRY, COUNTY HURRICANE PREP, SAVANNAH CRIME MEETING, MEMORIAL HEALTH TRAUMA CTR., BEAUFORT CO. DRUGS AND GUNS ARRESTS, PREPS FOR HURRICANE IAN, SOURCE: SPD, OTHER LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENTS,

LL intro: Dewey Barber, owner of Barber and Company here in Odum, says he's shocked after learning his son was hit by a pickup truck while riding his bike Friday night. Rhett Barber... is in critical, but stable condition after the incident. His father says he's been unconscious for five days... and suffers from broken ribs, a fractured back, and bleeding from the head. "He has come off the ventilator at this time, but he's not able to talk yet, he doesn't recognize anybody." Rhett was life-flighted to a hospital in Savannah... where he's been ever since. The evening of the incident, Rhett was bicycling with his fiancé, who was pulling their two-year-old daughter behind her in a bike seat. "She said she heard a car coming, so she moved off the road, she had no sooner gotten off the road than she heard the crash. She turns around and sees Rhett laying in the middle of the road." Preliminary information from Georgia State Patrol indicates the driver was in a white pickup truck.... And left the scene. "It's incomprehensible to me to leave somebody bleeding in the road after you runover them." There have been no arrests made in the case. But, Dewey says the support he's received from the community is unbelievable. "Just such an outpouring from our neighbors and friends. It's great to live in a community like that." LL TAG: Anyone with information on Friday's incident is asked to contact the Wayne County Sheriff's Office. We'll have information on how to do that on our website. In Wayne County, Hayley Boland, WTOC News.

7/1/2022	5AM	WAYNE CO. HIT		
5:00:00 AM	DAYBREAK	& RUN		00:01:29
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7/1/2022	5AM	SAV HUMANE	Executive Director Sean Griffin says getting it back was critical. The truck serves several	
5:00:00 AM	DAYBREAK	SOCIETY	purposes for the shelter. It's used for distributing pet food gathered at their food pantry, and	
	OD	MISSING TRUCK	evacuations in the event of a hurricane. Griffin says it's also used for their shop.	00:00:16

7/1/2022 6:00:00 AM 6AM DAYBREAK OD GA DPS DRIVE SAFE REMINDER The Georgia Department of Public Safety says you can expect to see officers out all weekend. Taking a LIVE look at I-16 from our Chatham Parkway Toyota Skycam. An extra emphasis will be on driving sober - as a part of Operation Zero Tolerance. We're also in the middle of 100 Days of Summer HEAT... The law enforcement campaign to crack down on aggressive speeders and distracted drivers. 00:00:23

7/1/2022 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD DELESSEPPS STABBING ARREST A WTOC update - Savannah police say they arrested a man after he and four others were found with stab wounds last night. S-P-D responded to the home on Delessepps Avenue around 7:30. All of the people found at the home - including the suspect - were taken to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. They've arrested 31-year-old Roger Hendrix and charged him with aggravated assault and more... describing the incident as "domestic related." Officers say Hendrix stabbed one of the victims... the others were injured while trying to disarm the victim. 00:00:33

7/1/2022 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD MANHUNT & WATER RESCUE ENDS It was anything but a normal round of golf for Jacob Howell and others on the course around 11 this morning. "A lot of police presence. So we got to hole two, and were in the tee box, and a bunch of cops and GSP started flying by us." They were after a man police say was behind the wheel of a stolen car, who not only ran from officers, but also broke into several homes in the nearby neighborhood before being spotted again on the golf course. "It was a little bit of a disturbed golf outing, definitely wasn't as quiet as some of the golfers had hoped...between the helicopter flying overhead...we were also on the PA system giving various commands." NAT: "Let's end this peacefully. We have equipment en route to get you out of the water. Let's do this the easy way." As the man paddled around the pond, police spotted a couple of alligators that started closing in on him. Lt. Gene Harley - Chatham County Police Department "There were several alligators in the immediate area, some that came very close to the subject, to the point where it became very concerning that he may be attacked by an alligator." A helicopter flew just a few feet above the water in an attempt to scare the gators off. And officers on the shore fired non-lethal weapons to keep the apex predators at bay. Jacob Howell - witnessed water rescue/suspect capture "We ended up seeing them, they had to shoot I guess it was a bean bag gun at the gators, because the gators started to chase the guy." Instead of trying to swim away from the alligators, police say the man actually swam toward them. Lt. Gene Harley - Chatham County Police Department "He was making statements that were clear that he had no intention of being taken into custody." But thanks to the actions of the officers, including those who jumped into the water to grab the man, the suspect eventually made it safely back to shore. 00:01:48

((PKG)) It's been just one week to the day since three people were injured in a shooting near City Market, and now this Sunday morning, two more people have been injured in a shooting in the same area near Ellis Square. I'm not shocked and that's what shocks me, is that this is just something that's normal. And it shouldn't be normal. Every weekend." Maggie Errickson works near Barnard street, where this latest shooting happened. She wasn't working at the time of the shooting, because- ERRICKSON: "I choose not to work downtown anymore just because of safety reasons. I prefer not to deal with all the shootings that are happening." Errickson says not working nights cuts into her tips. And for those that still go out into downtown, the shootings are getting harder to ignore. It is kind of annoying that people can't just go out and have a good time, but it being a highly congested area I do think things need to be fixed. Because it's very dangerous to others, tourists, things like that." SHEA SCHRADER REPORTING In a press conference last Tuesday, Savannah mayor Van Johnson floated the idea of imposing a curfew to help curb potential shootings downtown, though nothing is in place at this time. Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

7/3/2022 WKEND SHEA:
6:30:00 PM 6:30PM OD BARNARD ST SHOOTING 00:01:13

"Although we were able to quickly create a temporary solution for Ellis Square while we work toward something more permanent, we want our residents to know that this is a part of a city-wide approach of dealing with the issue of lighting." As for the flood lights in Ellis Square and how long they'll be used, and on what days, the Mayor says that's still being looked at.

7/5/2022 ELLIS SQUARE
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD FLOOD LIGHTS 00:00:22

Savannah resident Joe Webb tells me that he didn't go out to celebrate the 4th of July to avoid any potential incidents that may arise- but that didn't end up working out. When he came outside to go to work this morning, he found this bullet hole in the hood of his car. "I just happened to glance down and I saw this spot on my hood, and I thought, 'Well, that's not supposed to be there,' and I took a closer look, and I saw that it was a bullet hole." Webb went on to work, and after his friends urged him to look under the hood- he ended up finding the bullet itself. Webb: "It was surprising to me that it rode with me to work without falling out." After finding the bullet, Webb called police- who took the bullet and a report, though Webb says police say they didn't think there was a lot that could be done. Webb says it'll cost him around \$250 to repair the bullet hole, which frustrates him- but that he feels lucky that he didn't get hurt. Webb: "It may be something that's harmless in your mind to just fire a gun up into the sky, but as the saying goes, what goes up must come down. And that's going to come down on something or somebody." Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

7/5/2022 CELEBRATORY
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD GUNFIRE HITS CAR 00:01:08

7/6/2022 5AM CELEBRATORY
5:00:00 AM DAYBREAK GUNFIRE HITS
OD CAR

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7/6/2022 SAVANNAH
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD LONG COVID
CLINIC

Debbie Moore first contracted COVID-19 in late 2020. For several months after, she relied on oxygen and an emergency inhaler. She says while the physical effects lessened at one point, they came back. "I just thought that was the way I was going to be the rest of my life. I mean the fatigue was so horrible, and just in the bed so much. No energy, no interest in anything, and I laid there one day just crying because I was just so depressed about it." And it wasn't just the physical effects that hung on. "My husband and my sister both told me they could tell that I just, my husband said you're just not as sharp as you used to be. You don't catch on as quickly." Moore consulted her doctor, who referred her to the long COVID clinic at Memorial Health earlier this year. "I mean I can't say enough good about it. With the cognitive it's getting better, but I'm still in it. I can't add and subtract in my head anymore." Which is frustrating for the former teacher and tutor who used to have no problem doing quick math in her head. "I know the facts, I know how to do it. But when I do the first column, it's almost like I can just see them float away, and I lost that part before I can do the next part." As she started making progress at the clinic, both physically and mentally, it pushed her to work harder. "What is so important is they are validating it for you, that you're not crazy, you're not just lazy, you're not just being weak...that this is real." And since opening last year, Memorial Health's clinic has only gotten busier. "We are getting referrals about once a week now. And these folks had COVID back in 2020, and then some had it at the beginning of this year." "They knew things weren't right with their thinking skills. And these are high functioning individuals, they're trying to work. Young and old alike, they're trying to keep their families together, and they've just finally gone to their doctors to say 'what can I do?'" "I have my life back, and this is not being dramatic. I mean, one of my biggest goals was I wanted to be able to play with my grandkids. I went to Splash Mountain with them yesterday for hours, and I didn't crash. I couldn't have done that before." In Savannah, Sean Evans, WTOC News.

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7/6/2022 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD	ISLANDS EXPWY NEW BRIDGE OPENING	The new Islands Expressway Bridge in Chatham County is opening to drivers. The Georgia Department of Transportation says the shift from the old bridge to the new bridge will happen overnight Thursday starting at 11:30 PM. GDOT says drivers can expect delays and to use caution in the work zone. The new bridge will officially be open to drivers at 7 AM Friday.	00:00:21
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7/9/2022 6:00:00 AM	6AM DAYBREAK SATURDAY OD	SC FIRST MONKEYPOX CASE	"we should pay attention to it but not be overly alarmed. this is a worldwide outbreak, but it's not a pandemic. so the scale of this compared to covid for instance is very low. so that's two cases in south carolina. I think we've had one and a half million cases of covid. i think the scale of this is very low. additionally, this is something that is much harder to transmit and catch than covid. so i think people, if they take reasonable precautions, should not be overly concerned about this thing becoming a pandemic or that this is going to be a significant threat to most people's health or life."	00:00:35
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Residents who live near where this latest shooting took place say the incident is adding to growing fears in this community as some say they no longer feel safe in their own home. Felicia Arkwright and her son Tyler are calling for an end to the gun violence in the Savannah Gardens community. "It's senseless. If they don't do something to stop this crime, I don't know what's going to happen." The two live next to where a man was shot over the weekend. A bullet hole still remains in the side of their home from another shooting...the gunshots barely missing her son who was sitting in his room. "That took everything out of me, I could not breath that day, when I went up there and saw that bullet laying literally in the same spot he was in." Today, the back-to-back shootings over the last two weekends are the latest in this community that people say has been marred by gun violence. "I don't feel safe at all. Not even in my own home." Savannah Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan knows first hand the struggles this community faces and says it's a collective responsibility to keep the community safe. : "I happen to live about 4 blocks over and I heard the gunshots. I don't have a magic wand. The magic is in the people and what we do to protect each other. This is a high walking district. So, somebody saw something, somebody heard something." But despite the shared goal of ending the shootings...fears are still high...especially for this community's youngest residents. "There was a 4 year old who had to go through the experience similar to mine. Whatever was going through her mind is far worse than what was going thorough mine." And Arkwright says neighbors need to do their part to stop the violence. "When you see something, say something. Don't be afraid to say anything, because it's going to help. We need to feel safe in our homes." In Savannah...Flynn Snyder...WTOC News.

7/11/2022
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD

FLYNN:
PENNSYLVANIA
AVE SHOOTING

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After shootings both weekends prior to this one... City Market officials are looking to put an end to the violence in the popular tourist area. : "I mean it's wild, crazy, hectic, you know?" The signs posted at the entrances to City Market come after two shootings left a total of 5 people injured in two weekends...with each incident involving people in their late teens or early 20's. Jordan Thorpe/Employee at City Market Store: "My reaction was kind of like 'uh', but then again, I was thinking about it and I mean City Market has been having too much issues, too many problems and it's been coming from the younger crowd. So I believe it's kind of worked out best for us right now." Some businesses have even adjusted their closing hours... to help employees stay safe. "Adjusting the hours gets us out of the area faster. It gets us to a safe space because this one is not. No one wants to come around here anymore because we all know what goes on here late at night." But they say the signs along with the wet weather helped keep crowds calm this weekend. Monique Renaud/Employee at City Market Store: "I'm happy. I feel safer when I walk out of work. There's less chaos. There's less shouting." And it's a move from businesses that Savannah mayor Van Johnson is praising. "They want a safe experience. They're not just interested in dollars. They want people to come and have a great time as well. They want people to leave their place alive." Those late night employees I talked to said they're feeling safe again. "I think everyone just needs to be a lot smarter, but one day maybe, yeah I'll feel comfortable staying open late."

7/11/2022
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CITY MARKET
CURFEW
WEEKEND
FOLO

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7/12/2022 4:30AM ALYSSA:
4:30:00 AM DAYBREAK CARVER
OD VILLAGE
FLOODING

The roads and parking lots in Carver Village were flooded with water "I went through every street in carver village trying to get a connection to get here and i could not get through this is ridiculous" Jeannette Brown-Howard was one of many residents who had to figure out a safe way to get home "I have never seen this before" Residents and the chairman for the Chatham County Board of Commissioners say drainage has been an issue for years and the city won't do anything "It's been ignored" Chester Ellis was ready to lead Carver Village's monthly community meeting but people couldn't get through...you can see a car right outside the center stuck in the water "All streets leading to the community center are flooded" Carver Village is less than a mile from the arena and he says this conversation isn't new, the community wanted streets finished before it was built "We first started planning with the administration that was under mayor jackson and stephanie cutter...the drainage was in the plans in the beginning. The street paving and things were in the plans in the beginning before they started construction of the arena but when mayor deloach came he put all that aside and put the arena first" He says the city of savannah has been relying on ditches... but today's flooding showed that isn't effective. So he will take his concerns to the city again "I took pictures on my phone and had others take pictures on their phones so they can see what we're saying. You have to take care of the drainage in carver village, cloverdale, brickyard those communities that directly connect to the arena"

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7/12/2022 6AM SARAH:
6:00:00 AM DAYBREAK HURRICANE
OD STUDIES

The University of Georgia received a 500 thousand dollar grant from NOAA for this project. Participants in the study will use Virtual Reality to experience storm surge and mitigation behaviors. The responses help researchers understand how people process risk information and determine if virtual reality is an effective way to understand the threat of storm surge and what to do about it – versus traditional methods like a powerpoint or paper handout.

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LL In: We are just 3 weeks away from the start of school in Bryan County and health officials are urging parents who have eligible children to get them covid vaccinated before they're back in the classroom. As health officials warn of new...more contagious Covid subvariants...Bryan County's youngest children will soon have a new option to get vaccinated ahead of the upcoming school year. "If mom and dad want to get them vaccinated...then we're the place to come to because we're going to have it." The county's health department is set to start vaccinations for the youngest children and infants. "Make sure we're clear on 6 months to 5 years that's what we'll be vaccinating first starting on Thursday. We're not going to do the 6-year-old to 11-year-old group just yet." Vaccinations will take place every Thursday afternoon at both the north and south end county health department locations. Bryan county is offering the 2 shot moderna vaccine...which is different from Chatham County...which is offering Pfizer's. Appointments can be made on the county's health department website. And for parents who have already gotten their children vaccinated...they say the decision was easy to make. It just made sense to get them vaccinated because kids are big germ spreaders. With the new variants coming out, it maybe doesn't seem as effective, but I guess that extra layer of protection never hurts." But for Angela Richardson...she says the parents of her 11-month grandson still haven't decided. "They're kind of on the fence. I don't have a problem with it. I've always been healthy so I kind of want to stay that way." But health officials stress the vaccines are the best line of protection as children head back to the school... "They may not always be 100% but they keep us from getting sicker from whatever the disease may be that we're vaccinating against. ...and encourage all who are eligible to roll up their sleeve. "There's vaccine everywhere now so come one, come all...as long as you meet the criteria of the age group." LL TAG: Bryan County health officials say they hope to start offering the vaccine to children ages 6-11 years old within the coming weeks. Reporting in Pembroke...Flynn Snyder...WTOC News.

7/12/2022 FLYNN: BRYAN
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD CO VACCINES

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? (sot) As law enforcement looks for clues to figure out what happened on this busy road in the middle of the night, Carter Payne's soccer family in Statesboro struggles with "how" and "why". (vo) A cross and candles sit just feet away from the spot Payne was struck and killed. He and friends had been eating fast food just up the street before he left on an electric scooter around 1:30am and was struck crossing Fair Road. Georgia State Patrol Troopers tell me they have no witnesses or car descriptions so far. (sot) We don't know what the time lapse was between when Mr. Payne was struck and the first care to come by. They didn't stop. It was actually the third car that stopped. (vo) Payne played college soccer at University of Michigan but came here to play for Tormenta during the college off season. Tormenta leaders say they've heard an outpouring of support from the local community and soccer circles across America. (sot) Sports touches us all in a very intimate way. So when we have tragedies, it also feels like..even if you don't know them, you feel like you know them. And Carter certainly has that impact. (vo) Investigators hope the coverage of Payne's death makes a nearby driver that night realize what they saw. (sot) If they know something, they need to come forward. Hopefully, they have a conscience and will want to come forward. (sot) Anyone who thinks now that they may know anything about this case - no matter how insignificant you think it might be - and you can do that anonymously. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

7/12/2022 STATESBORO
7:00:00 PM 7PM OD HIT & RUN FOLO

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7/12/2022
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD

BN: SLED SEEK
MURDAUGH
MURDER
INDICTMENT

Attorney Jim Griffin says officials told the victims' family this morning that the case will go before a grand jury. He says under South Carolina's state Constitution, victim's families have a right to be informed about criminal charges before they become public. He says law enforcement still has not confirmed the new charges to him, and that the Attorney General's office told him they do *not have anything to report yet. Griffin says he plans to seek a bond hearing as soon as the charges come down.

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7/13/2022
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REP. PETREA
ON UPTICK OF
CRIME IN SAV

Flood lights in Savannah's City Market, increased traffic control and support for a City Market imposed curfew are some of the most recent efforts Mayor Van Johnson has highlighted to curb gun violence. "There are things we cannot control. We have a state that allows guns to be everywhere so therefore we cannot control firearms and what people's beefs are and how to resolve them." "All I hear is the mayor's comments over and over again. 'We can't do anything, let's lock everybody down again and call for curfews or let's blame law abiding citizens who possess weapons to protect their children and family.'" In a 700-word letter he posted on his social media earlier this week, the representative outlined what he believes are the underlying factors that need to change: low morale and high vacancies on the Savannah Police force. As of today, Savannah Police says it has 104 officer vacancies. That's a 20 percent vacancy rate for the department. State Rep. Petrea says there is help the state can provide in the meantime. "State Patrol has a special unit that's being used in high-crime areas to come in and overwhelm a certain area with a presence and help to partner with local law enforcement." It's a partnership underway in Atlanta, Macon and Columbus, cities that have seen a surge in violent crime. Mayor Van Johnson says the city has not asked for help from the crime suppression unit. He said it's an operational decision that he believes won't change things for the long haul. "Maybe it works. Maybe it doesn't, but in this case in terms of what we need. We need help not necessarily in dealing with things after they happen. We need help in dealing with it before it happens." As for police morale, State Rep. Petra also said what doesn't help is the District Attorneys recent probation plea deals for murder and softer stance on first-time DUI offenders. "What kind of message does that send? How does that affect morale? No one is talking about that." We also talked to the mayor about the issue. Reporter: "is that a concern of yours?" Mayor: "For our police officers, it's always a concern. When we have officers in the 90 percentile of clearing cases and then to see these folks back on the streets. It's a morale issue for when they are able to lock up folks and not keep them there. But it's a variety of issues affecting us and agencies across the country." Back in his office, State Rep. Petrea explained his hope with the open letter. "These are the things we need to come together and have real conversations and talk about real solutions, none of those things were mentioned. Reporter: "So this is a conversation starter, you putting this out there?" Petrea: "I believe it's time to have a conversation." A conversation he hasn't had yet with Mayor Van Johnson. "He's never picked up the phone and called me."

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7/15/2022 5:00:00 AM 5AM DAYBREAK OD HAMPTON CO. MURDAUGH REAX "You know realistically this community was victimized. You know a lot of the things that happened or were alleged to have happened did so on the basis of people trusting in someone who had affiliation with the solicitors office and law enforcement. So there's a breach of trust the whole community is feeling." 00:00:18

7/15/2022 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD ERIC BLAND ON MURDAUGH INDICTMENT "We knew they were coming, we just waited for it. Again, it was a cold hard brace when you heard about it." Attorney Eric Bland... addressing the most recent developments in the case against Alex Murdaugh. "This murder case is going to be a circumstantial case. The two witnesses are dead, Maggie and Paul are dead. Dick Harpootlian is a wonderful lawyer, it's going to be a battle of the experts, The state's going to have tremendous forensics experts." And for his own clients... the Satterfield family... days like Thursday are particularly difficult. "They relive everything every day. Every time there's a new news cycle." SLED reopened the death investigation of Gloria Satterfield last fall.. and made the decision to exhume her body for an autopsy last month. "Within the next couple of months, her body is going to be exhumed. SLED is going to work with us to make sure it's a respectful process, you know, it's a highly emotional thing for the family." However, Bland maintains they don't believe Alex had anything to do with Gloria's death. "They have to do this, because they have to make sure Alex didn't have a hand in Gloria's death. We don't think he did, we don't think her death was intentional. She was a beloved family member of them. I definitely think Alex used it as an opportunity to enrich himself." Bland – referring to the money owed to the Satterfield family.... That they never saw. Last month... Murdaugh agreed to a \$4.3 million settlement with the family... admitting to liability in a lawsuit filed by her sons.... "From our client's standpoint, they've gotten justice... as justice can be defined." 00:01:34

7/19/2022
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD CHURCH
SHOOTER
TRAINING

Representatives with Chatham Emergency Management Agency tell me that every municipality within Chatham County was represented here today, about 100 people from around 30 houses of worship throughout the County. It's preparation for a worst-case-scenario situation .. an active shooter inside a church. "Churches aren't exempt from situations like this. How can we forget about Charleston? It was a church..." Kingdom Life Christian Fellowship Pastor Charles Roberson is talking about the nine members of the Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina who were shot to death back in 2015. And in a more recent example, the FBI warned synagogues in San Antonio of a potential security threat within the past couple weeks. "The real hope is that it never happens, but if it happens, we want to have a plan and we want to know what our steps are going to be." To help the room full of church leaders formulate a plan, and to start to think about what steps they may want to consider to make their house of worship a harder target, representatives from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, Department of Homeland Security and local police leaders shared their expertise and strategy suggestions...including looking at whether or not to arm certain members of the congregation. "Different churches will have to come up with a strategy that fits their organization, so some churches may choose to do that. It may come to that. I'm hopeful that it won't come to that for us." Host agency CEMA says they are appealing to Chatham County's churches and their leaders with this training because they know the influence and reach each has. "It's not about living in fear, it's making sure that you know what can happen, educating people as to what could happen, and what your response needs to be." In Savannah, Sean Evans, WTOC News.

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7/20/2022
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD TIMELINE FOR
MURDAUGH
TRIAL

"We need to start this process for a few weeks and then make an assessment at that time of what is a reasonable term. That might be January, obviously Mr. Senator Harpootlian has his legislative obligations at that time. Which I will waive. Which I will waive. It seems like probably given the realistic expectations in this matter that January would be a very aggressive and reasonable timeline." You heard there the AG's office point out Dick Harpootlian's legislative responsibilities as a state senator.. and Harpootlian saying he will prioritize this case over those duties if the timeline dictates that. That motion for a speedy trial was paired with motions for a gag order, confidentiality, and the sealing of court evidence that would essentially keep as much information about this case private as the judge allows...

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7/20/2022
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JESSICA:
MURDAUGH
LEGACY

Here's a look at the powerful family legacy. When that position became an elected position in 1920, Alex Murdaugh's great grandfather, Randolph Murdaugh Senior became the first man elected to the role. He served until he died in 1940. Then, Alex's grandfather, Randolph Murdaugh Junior, took over the position and served until his retirement in 1987.. After, Alex's father became the third one in the family to be the solicitor. Alex worked as a part-time prosecutor in the solicitor's office when his dad ran the office.

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MURDAUGH
DENIED BOND

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WTOCI: BRYAN
CO. REC
HARASSMENT

Audio Recording: Samose Mays: I just thought it was just joking around, you know? That was it. Documents obtained by WTOC lay out repeated sexual harassment claims against former Bryan County Recreation Director Dr. Samose Mays. According to records...Mays was fired on June 10th after working with Bryan County since 20-14. The separation notice says he was terminated for quote inappropriate behavior... Records include a statement from someone who worked for Mays.. saying he began harassing them in September 20-21. The harassment is described as "being cursed out" and claims Mays would "berate" them and speak to people as if they were beneath him. Then... the statement claims that Mays' comments became increasingly inappropriate...detailing how the former director made comments about employees' bodies. Documents also show Mays sent an employee a link to porn...and audio recordings WTOC got of a meeting the county had with Mays show he admitted to sending it. Audio Recording: County official: You sent an employee a pornographic video. You as the department director sent an employee a pornographic video. Samose Mays: I – I – County official: I don't – Samose Mays: I understand that, I – I – made, I'm not going to say I made a mistake. I made a bad choice. It's not a mistake. It's a bad choice that I made. The county says they have no comment because they don't comment on personnel matters. I reached out to Mays who also said he has no comment.. the audio recordings show Mays asked to keep his job.. Audio recording: Dr. Samose Mays: I'm not a bad person, but I am human. And I made mistake. No, a choice, not a mistake. Is there any way that I can stay here, and do what I do for y'all on a high level, that I love doing? County official: No. In Bryan County...Flynn Snyder...WTOC News.

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VAN JOHNSON
ON CAR BREAK
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"Every gun out there that's unaccounted for represents an opportunity for our community to be victimized." Savannah Mayor Van Johnson highlighting yet again an ongoing and troubling trend in the community...people leaving their car doors unlocked, with guns inside. "It doesn't take long, thirty second at the most." Northwest Precinct Neighborhood Resource Officer Corporal Joshua Flynn shared this video showing four people suspected of raiding unlocked cars in West Savannah, Woodville and Hudson Hill. "No one's immune. It can happen anywhere at any time, to anyone." Corporal Flynn says once the word gets out about a neighborhood where people aren't as vigilant, that's when they see an uptick in items, like guns, being stolen. "The easier it is to get it, then that's when the words going to spread, obviously. Folks are going to find out, well, in these areas folks don't lock their cars. And these are the areas that are going to get targeted repeatedly for the same thing, same types of crimes." The number of guns stolen out of unlocked cars in Savannah, that number in the yellow bar, is climbing. Here are the stats since 2019. And police say if people aren't more careful, this years total is on track to surpassing last years of nearly 200 stolen guns. "Folks take them, they can re-sell them, they can use them in other crimes. So that is an issue for us at the Savannah Police Department, definitely." One recent example of a stolen gun being used in a violent crime, was the exchange of gunfire between a 15 and 16 year old on the south end of Ellis Square. Corporal Flynn says police are pressing their 9PM campaign, reminding people to lock their cars, homes and remove valuables from their vehicles. In Savannah, Sean Evans, WTOC News.

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MURDAUGH
BANKER
INDICTED

(Eric Bland - Attorney Representing the Plyler Sisters) "Over the next six seven years, Russ Laffitte and Alex Murdaugh plundered their accounts for their own personal use." Vo The indictment backs that up, saying... FS "The Defendant, RUSSELL LAFFITTE, and his coconspirator, referred to as "the Bank Customer", "plotted to take money from Customer's personal injury clients" Vo Bland says all of this went through Palmetto State Bank, where Laffitte was CEO. The bank is headquartered in Hampton, the hometown of the Murdaughs. The federal charges said quote, FS 2 Laffitte used his position, while serving as the personal representative and conservator for the clients, to obtain money in the care, custody, and control of the bank. Vo The Plyler sister's attorney says that's when the scheme started to unravel. Sot "When it came time to get their money when they were 18, there was nothing there." Vo Laffitte is charged with conspiracy, bank fraud, wire fraud, and two counts of misapplication of bank funds. When I reached out to his attorneys today they said simply, FS "We intend to vigorously fight the charges at trial." Vo I also reached out to Palmetto State bank, who declined to comment.

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4TH COVID
VACCINE

PKG "It's better than nothing." Novavax got the sign off from the CDC on a non mRNA COVID vaccine just days ago. "It's an old fashioned vaccine type of vaccine that vaccinates against those six strains, It does provide some degree of protection but not as good as the MRNA vaccines but it is an alternative for people that would consider getting a vaccine based on the technology they're used to." According to the Georgia Health Department the total COVID cases per 100,000 people is 491 as of Wednesday. The week before it was 415. And these numbers don't even include at home test. Cases have been rising over the summer and Memorial Health Doctor Tim Connelly says the new BA 5 variant is to blame. "The virus continues to mutate and that's the biggest challenge that we face is not only does the virus mutate like other viruses." Dr. Connelly also says the Novavax vaccine may not be as effective against the newest variant. "They developed it for the BA 1 and BA 2 variant that were developing at the time and now that variant has already come and gone in the time it took to manufacture that vaccine. That's why the MRNA vaccines that target the spike protein are so important." The Biden administration secured 3.2 million doses of the Novavax vaccine early last week. Dr. Connelly says potential symptoms from the Novavax shot aren't as severe as other vaccines. "You may have some mild fever, some mild body aches, some mild chills. It tends to be short lived." He says it's not clear yet if or when the Novavax vaccine will be available in our area. Camille Syed WTOG News.

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7/25/2022 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD DISTRICT 3 SHOOTINGS FOLO In addition to this morning's shooting - at least three others are under investigation in that same city district. It started last Monday - when Savannah police say gunfire started on 32nd Street near Ash...and continued down the block. A second investigation started Tuesday - when two men were shot on East 54th Street near Live Oak. One of those men died. On Saturday - Savannah Police were called to the 2000 Block of Skidaway Road for a shooting. 00:00:27

7/25/2022 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD DISTRICT 3 SHOOTINGS FOLO "It just breaks my heart." Six people have been shot in five separate shootings in Savannah's third district in the last week. Police say two of the six died as a result of their injuries. "In seven days we have all this carnage and loss." The latest shooting happened early this morning at the Parkers gas station at the intersection of Wallin St. and Victory Drive. Where police say a 28-year-old was shot and killed. The other three shootings ... in surrounding neighborhoods. "They deserve to be able to come outside and sit on their porch." Wilder-Bryan stands at 54th and Live Oak ... one of the five shooting locations. "We're in the middle of a neighborhood where people care. Where people understand it's not just their community." During the interview, a neighbor came to share his thoughts on the recent crime. He didn't want to go on camera, but says he lives in the neighborhood and it's common to hear two gunshots a day. He went on to say he doesn't come out at night anymore, but rather he locks himself in his house. "It's like this is their norm and so I want people to expect more." Wilder-Bryan says she wants to see the community stop pointing fingers and offer solutions. "Instead of blaming the mayor and the council .. what are you going to do as a citizen to make sure we don't have these continued, unnecessary acts of violence?" As a victim of gun violence herself, she says she knows what it's like to get that knock on the door. She says people need to have the tough conversations with their children and loved ones. "If we want to do something that's going to change what's going on in this city, on these streets, then we have to own what's happening. We have to look in the mirror." 00:01:38

7/26/2022 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD HHI MESSAGE PARLOR FOLO The sheriff's office tells me they received two reports, twenty days apart... accusing a masseur of sexual assault. "It was a walk-in therapist that wanted to try out his services to see if he would be someone that would be eligible for hire." Vo It happened at Sunny Spa and Major Viens says without the proper paperwork, doing a trial service was illegal. So "South Carolina has regulations on massage licensing that need to be in place before a therapist can actually perform services on a client." Vo The BCSO says during their follow up at the massage parlor, they found more administrative problems to go along with the assault reports. So "We have done an inspection at the business with Hilton Head Fire, Fire and Rescue and Codes Enforcement because there was some indications that maybe there was some other violations." Vo When I went by the spa for answers, the doors were locked and nobody was inside... even though their online business hours say they're should've been open. Although we couldn't get a comment from the store owner, the sheriff's office advises people to always keep their eye out when in unfamiliar situations with unfamiliar people. So "When they go into the room to undress make sure that they do a 360 to make sure that there aren't any cameras in sight and if something happens you as a customer have a right to stop that service." The sheriff's office asks if you have any information that can help, call their non-emergency line or crime stoppers of the Lowcountry. Reporting from Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOG News. 00:01:31

7/26/2022
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TATTNALL CO.
JUDGE
ARRESTED

(sot) Eddie Anderson served 14 years as Tattnall County's magistrate judge. But the charges he's facing stem from a situation miles from the courthouse...in a neighbor's garden. (vo) Investigators say Anderson, age 70, went on a neighbor's property and picked produce from the neighbor's garden. A second neighbor saw it on a security camera and called out Anderson on social media. Investigators say Anderson admits threatening to assault *that* neighbor. While the threat is a misdemeanor, it qualifies as a violation of oath of office, which itself is felony. Deputies arrested Anderson on Monday. (sot) Anderson resigned as judge effective today. This morning, the county swore in deputy magistrate judge John Mock as the interim. We'll keep you updated on the case. In Reidsville, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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METTER TEEN
DEATH ARREST
FOLO

Metter's police chief tells me the charges in this case come after studying the evidence for several weeks and a host of interviews with witnesses that were in the crowd that night. Police and GBI agents arrested Michael Mincy this week on charges of felony murder, aggravated assault, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He's accused of shooting 15 yr old Treyveon Lanier in the neighborhood where they both lived. Metter Police say the shooting happened in a large crowd during an argument between neighbors. In this case, I don't know that it didn't start initially as self-defense but it escalated way past that where innocent people get shot. Shore says they talked with neighbors and others who were watching this dispute. He says Lanier had no part in the dispute, in fact quite the opposite. ..he was basically down there to find some other family members and get them out of the situation. I showed you the emotional vigil family members held after Trey's death. Loved ones say it's been difficult to wait on the investigation, but they're grateful for the arrest and charges. "I definitely feel more confident in the case. It shows me that you extensively investigated and somewhere you found enough evidence to bring charges against this guy." Mincy remains in jail. The chief says they could possibly add charges against other people involved in the dispute that night. We'll continue to follow this case and bring you any new developments. In Metter, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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We met during a relatively slow time at Memorial Health's Trauma Center ... mid-morning on a week day. "It can come in where we don't see a single gunshot wound during the day time or 24 hours to up to five or six at a time." Memorial Health's Chief Trauma Surgeon Dr. James Dunne warned that at any moment we may have to relocate if a patient needed the room. In the past three months, the Level 1 trauma center in Savannah has treated multiple gunshot victims at one time. "I guess that's one thing that has changed since 2015 is we've had more types of mass casualties, if you will, from penetrating injuries than we've ever had I think that I can remember." 2015 is the marker because it was a particularly violent year in Savannah. More than 200 gunshot victims treated in Memorial's Trauma Center that year. According to data tracked by Memorial Health, last year the number of gunshot patients rose to 253... with this year on pace to meet or exceed it. And another rising trend - the number of children with gunshot wounds. Nationally, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention says it's now the leading cause of death for that age group. "Because that's the aspect that people don't always understand: These are preventable injuries." Emily Burnside is the injury prevention and disaster management coordinator for Memorial Health. She meets with gunshot victims in the trauma center and also coordinates gun violence prevention in the community. "I think that sometimes our community members can become numb because we hear it so much. Someone else got shot. But that person - that's an individual whether it's a child or an adult and they have a family that will have to care for them." In some cases that's meant nursing home care for someone as young as 18 years old, she said. Her message lately to parents of children is to talk to them about the dangers of guns: "take the mystery away from that gun so that they know the damage that it can cause." And the message to anyone using guns to solve their problems: "This is all they know and there seems to be a cycle, but we want the message to come out that the cycle can be broken and it's just finding the right person in the community to help them." Until the cycle is broken, Dr. Dunne and his team remain ready at a moment's notice to help save a life. "We are well equipped to deal with that situation. We have neurosurgeons on standby 24/7. We have an OR on standby 24/7 just waiting for the next gunshot wound to come in."

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ON GUN
VIOLENCE

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DAYBREAK
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WTOCI TRAUMA
PIECE PUSH

In a new story this week -- lead investigative reporter Jessica Savage takes you inside Memorial Health's Level 1 trauma center -- where many of the shooting victims across the Coastal Empire are taken for emergency treatment. You can hear from the trauma center's chief surgeon about how the surge in gun violence is affecting those who work to save lives. The full report at WTOCI dot com, just look for the Investigates tab.

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"The illness itself is not much fun." It's a painful virus that is bound to spread to the coastal empire according to Dr. Lawton Davis at the Coastal Health District. The vaccine is actually for small pox and can also prevent monkeypox .. and it's in high demand. Dr. Davis says the health department has 210 doses to administer. "And all appointments for this round of doses are already booked." The vaccine is a two dose series that should be given at least four weeks apart. Dr. Davis says it's very effective. "If someone is exposed to Monkeypox they should be vaccinated within four days if possible." If you are infected and can't get an appointment that soon, still get the vaccine to eliminate some symptoms. The symptoms most people are having are a painful rash and or flu like symptoms. "This current outbreak is actually more in a demographic of typically men who have sex with men and the location of the rash is a little different." While it's mostly common in adult men, anybody can get the virus through direct contact with an infected person's rash or sheets, towels or clothing that touched their rash. It's not spread through the air like Covid, but Monkey pox can be transmissible from kissing or hugging for a long time. As children head back to school, Dr. Davis says it's rare that kids get the virus but it's possible. "I think the biggest concern for children is if their parents had it." So if you are infected it's important to take necessary precautions. "Isolation, yes you need to stay at home but you also need to avoid contact with others and have them avoid contact with your sheets, towels, clothes." Dr. Davis says it is possible the virus can clear up in the United States but it will not be anytime soon. "There's a potential that we could get back to ground zero but I'm not necessarily confident that we will get back there." Dr. Davis says they expect to get more doses of the vaccine for Monkeypox by the end of this week. To stay up to date on when more appointments will be available visit WTOC dot com. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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MONKEYPOX
UPDATE

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A Savannah alderwoman is asking people to offer solutions to recent gun violence tonight. Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan is hosting a town hall in her district. It starts in just a few minutes at the PARC on Pennsylvania Avenue. This comes after five separate shootings resulted in 6 people being shot in the city's third district last week. Wilder-Bryan told WTOC last week...she knows people are concerned...and hopes they'll come out tonight to have a productive conversation.

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DISTRICT 3
TOWN HALL

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8/2/2022
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD VAN JONSON: MASK MANDATE NOT HERE YET "Folks were still in a pandemic and we recognize that the current vaccines do not seem particularly effective in preventing infection of BA.5 which is the more predominate variant at this point but we do know that these vaccines do continue to provide good protection against developing severe illness and preventing hospitalization and death. The Mayor goes on to say that he is not yet reinstating a mask mandate in city buildings but it is still under consideration. 00:00:28

8/2/2022
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD MCMICHAEL SENTENCING REQUEST He's also asking for McMichael to be transferred to a federal prison...instead of serving time in a Georgia state prison. That prison time is connected to the state murder convictions handed down by a jury. The Arbery family has spoken against the men serving their time in federal prison...arguing time served in state prison would be tougher. WTOC will be at Monday's hearing and let you know when a decision is reached. 00:00:25

8/3/2022
4:30:00 AM 4:30AM OD VAN JOHNSON MUSIC MIDTOWN REAX "It is a very real thought in my mind. I've been in contact with our friends in Atlanta. They are obviously very concerned as we were with the City Markets and the River Streets....they are terrified that you have a large event in which you don't know who's carrying and who's not. You have a situation that occurs, and then next thing you know, you are the next mass shooting. " 00:00:22

8/3/2022
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD BROUGHTON HOMELESSNES S "Right now our issue is the court and the jail. Because the jail isn't taking misdemeanors, and the courts aren't necessarily charging and prosecuting the misdemeanor...even though we have some that are like very habitual violators of the state and local ordinances on a daily, constant basis, that the businesses are complaining about." I spoke with a Broughton Street business owner this afternoon, who tells me they've had to call the non-emergency line, and 911 in some cases, to report illegal activity around their business. 00:00:32

8/3/2022
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD SBORO CHILD DEATH According to the Statesboro Police Department, a mother called 911 on Monday after finding her son "in a hanging position" in his room. He had reportedly been playing alone in his room. Unless the final autopsy results uncover more details, the police believe the child's death was a tragic accident. 00:00:18

8/3/2022
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD GA DPH KIOSKS FOR COVID TESTING New at 11-- Covid-19 testing kiosks are being placed in communities in different parts of Georgia. The Georgia Department of Public Health says most locations will offer access to testing 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Here's how it works-the kiosks will dispense a test kit. Inside of it will be a nasal swab and instructions on how to take the test. Once you are done-you place it back in the kiosk. It will then be picked up and sent to a lab. There's no out-of-pocket cost for the tests. However, if you have insurance, it will be billed to them. You will receive a text message once your results are complete. 00:00:36

8/4/2022
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BREAKING:
HAMMER
ATTACK
SUSPECT
CAUGHT

?Chief Sean Clayton says the suspect walked into this Enmarket, carrying a two-pound hammer, and appeared to get a fountain drink. "Went up to the self checkout, acted like he was having some problems there. The clerk come over to give him some assistance. So when the clerk got there, the clerk's back was turned completely towards the suspect. Suspect pulled the hammer out, struck him in the back of the head with the hammer." Clayton says even though the clerk tried to get away, the attacker didn't stop there. "Hit him in the head like three more times. The clerk went down on the floor. Suspect stepped over him and went over to the registers. Hit the registers with the hammer, got those open." Clayton says the robber took cash and ran out. And it was the nature of the attack that had Clayton concerned the man would strike again. "If he got away with it once, he's gonna try it again somewhere else, I'm quite sure." Fast forward about an hour after our interview, and sirens rang out again in Thunderbolt, this time for a robbery at a gas station just down the street from the Enmarket. Police from several departments combed the area, and a short time later arrested this man, who they believe was responsible. "We've got some more steps to take first, but we're pretty sure this is our suspect from this morning."

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ARBERY
FEDERAL
SENTENCING
MONDAY

Father and son Gregory and Travis McMichael... and William "Roddie" Bryan will all be back in the courtroom. The trio is already serving life in state prison for the February 20-20 killing of Ahmaud Arbery. Monday's hearing comes 6 months after they were convicted of hate crimes...with the jury concluding in February they chased Arbery down and killed him because he was black. WTOC will follow Monday's hearing closely...with LIVE coverage out of Brunswick starting on THE News at Daybreak.

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MURDAUGH
GAG ORDER
DENIED

The order would have prohibited statements made off the record in the trial. Colleton County Judge Clifton Newman says existing rules of professional conduct in South Carolina already limit extra-judicial statements by all the parties the gag order sought to apply to. We have more details about those charges and the other ones Murdaugh is facing on WTOC dot com.

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8/5/2022 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD	ARBERY FEDERAL SENTENCING MONDAY	Gregory and Travis McMichael... along with their neighbor, William "Roddie" Bryan will be back in the courtroom. The men are already serving life in prison for the February 20-20 killing of Ahmaud Arbery. Monday's hearing comes 6 months after they were convicted of hate crimes... with the jury concluding in February they chased Arbery down and killed him because he was black. WTOC will follow Monday's hearing closely... with LIVE coverage out of Brunswick starting on THE News at Daybreak.	00:00:29
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8/8/2022 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD	CAMILLE: TESTING KIOSK	"Instead of pulling up to a COVID-19 testing site, you can come to a COVID-19 testing kiosk at the coastal health district 24/7." Here's how it works. First you enter some personal information like your name, phone number and date of birth and you grab your testing kit from here. Then just like an at home test, you swab your nose. You send your specimen through here. You do need a mobile device to use the machine. There are testing kiosks at health departments in Brunswick and Savannah. While the kiosks make COVID-19 testing more accessible for residents, the emergency preparedness director says they also introduced the new testing system with hopes to get rid of testing sites. He says this way they can free up more resources. "We see the need for it and we just cannot sustain these personal resources indefinitely. It's been almost two years so we've got to kind of move on from this and this is the way to do it." A link to a map of where the keys are located throughout Georgia is on our website wtoc.com mill Syed WTOC news	00:01:00
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8/8/2022 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD	RODDIE BRYAN FEDERAL SENTENCE	And Roddie Bryan will serve 35 years in prison for hate crimes. All three will continue to serve in state prison and not move to federal prison. The men are currently serving life sentences for their murder convictions.	00:00:13
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8/8/2022 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD	GREG MCMICHAEL FEDERAL SENTENCE	Greg McMichael is sentenced to life in prison plus seven years...	00:00:04
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8/8/2022
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD TRAVIS MCMICHAEL FEDERAL SENTENCE Travis McMichael was sentenced to life in prison plus 10 years on federal hate crimes charges. 00:00:06

8/8/2022
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD ARBERY COURTROOM STATEMENT REAX "I accepted the apology. Being the person that I am, I think now that he realized he made some horrible decisions back in February. Unfortunately his apology doesn't bring back my son, but, I do accept the apology." 00:00:12

8/8/2022
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD BREAKOUT: WHAT'S NEXT You may remember - she's charged with obstruction and hindering law enforcement. Court documents show those charges stem from two big actions Johnson took in the days following Arbery's murder. First - she's accused of "showing favor and affection to Greg McMichael during the investigation into the shooting death of Ahmaud Arbery." According to court filings, Greg McMichael's first phone call after the shooting was to Johnson who was the DA at the time. The indictment also say Johnson hindered two Glynn County Police Department officers by asking them not to arrest Travis McMichael the day Arbery was killed. 00:00:36

8/8/2022
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD FAMILY OF MURDER SUICIDE VICTIM SPEAKS NO SUPER- PHONER GRAPHIC Virginia Wilks: "I can't even describe this feeling on the inside. You feel like something that's missing, like there's this gaping hole, but at the same time that gaping hole has this pain that you cannot- there's nothing that could make it go away or take it away. It will not stop." It's been that way for Virginia Wilks, ever since her daughter Terrica was murdered. Terrica leaves behind two daughters from a different relationship- one of those daughters has now been diagnosed with panic attacks. Wilks: "Her children have never been through anything like this. It has been horrific for the both of them." Adding to the grief, is that Wilks says Terrica was 10 and a half weeks pregnant with her husband's baby. Wilks says she can't fathom why he did what he did. Wilks: "You chase my daughter down like you were running after a wild pack of wolves or a dog or something, and slaughter her carrying your child. YOUR child." Terrica's coworkers, also grieving her loss. She ran into her workplace for help while she was being chased- and Wilks says, they did their best to try to save her. Wilks: "They are victims, because they tried to help her the best they could until it got to where they had to run for their own lives. These women are going to have to live the rest of their lives with this." Wilks wants Terrica to be remembered not for how she died- but how she lived her life. Virginia Wilks: Remember her smile, and remember her hard work. I don't think my daughter got four hours of sleep at night because she was just so busy doing something. Like caring for her two daughters, or completing two degrees as a single, working mother- one to be a funeral director, and one to be a licensed embalmer. Wilks says it was helping others, in any way she could, that drove Terrica. Wilks: "If she had to go without to help someone else, didn't care who it was, she would. She absolutely would." And maybe Terrica's story can still help someone, Wilks says. She hopes anyone who hears her daughter's story, will have the strength to leave abusive relationships. "Love does not hurt. Love does not hurt. I don't care what you just bought, new car, new furniture, the houses, the money. Run. Your life is way more important." 00:02:10

8/9/2022
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MAYOR VAN
JOHNSON
NEWS
CONFERENCE

Mayor Johnson says the potential partnership with the U.S. Attorney's Office here in Savannah is part of a three-pronged approach to curb violent crime in the City: prevention, intervention and prosecution. "The great thing about this is that we will have someone on board, all the time, with their mind solely focused on the City of Savannah while making sure they have the federal resources behind them to make sure that they do real time." Mayor Johnson says if repeat offenders face federal sentences that come without the possibility of parole, they might think twice before doing so, and be more willing to give up information on unsolved cases to investigators to avoid federal time. "I'm hoping that from that, we'll be able to solve some of these other other unsolved homicides here in our city." The Mayor was asked if partnering with the feds indicates local prosecution efforts aren't effective enough when it comes to keeping violent criminals off the streets. "It says nothing, other than we have a criminal justice system that is overwhelmed. And we have individuals that are more prolific than others, and that can be addressed through the federal system."

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GUN VIOLENCE
MEMORIAL
PROJECT

These are the objects Olga Williams has displayed in the national building museum for her "bonus son" Dominique Williams "It's three houses it's englassed with 700 bricks and each brick represents someone's life that's been stolen by gun violence" ...now families in Savannah have the chance to dedicate one for their loved ones "Our young people...our loved ones whoever has been stolen by gun violence they're not just a number they have people who love them and care about them and those objects represent them" Olga Williams lost Dominique back in 2015. "Because of the bonus love he was my bonus son dominique was a beautiful, beautiful person" Since then, she's been advocating for families dealing with the same pain and raising awareness through a mentorship program in his name -- Dominique's World "That's why I raise my voice...that's why I speak about gun violence and the prevention of it every chance I get because I don't want anyone else to go through the pain that my family's going through and I feel like doing nothing makes us part of the problem." Williams says their life has changed forever but being able to honor and celebrate his life is what she wants for other survivor families too "Every opportunity I get to say Dominique's name and tell his story or elevate my voice and cry some tears..I want people to realize this gun thing is serious."

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MURDAUGH
REQUESTS
BEACH DELAY

I caught up with Mark Tinsley, the attorney representing relatives of Mallory Beach. He told me he was actually on his way into the courtroom this morning to argue why the civil suit should not be delayed. Tinsley sent me a text that said keeping the case on schedule quote "will promote the interests of the entire citizen base of the state of South Carolina as well as the entire justice system." Tinsley said the case has created a dark cloud that hangs over the heads of South Carolina lawyers and judges that must be cleared to rebuild public trust. Tinsley said, "The only way to move forward is to hold Alex Murdaugh accountable to the same rules that apply to the general public." Tinsley added that delaying the civil case would only further tarnish the reputation of the state's judicial system. Another quote from Tinsley's statment said, "It is simply too much, yet Alex Murdaugh desires to prolong their suffering and torture by utilizing this delay tactic that is designed to avoid the public from seeing the real facts in this case." The Beach family attorney argued delaying the civil case would only prolong the family's suffering, saying they deserve justice and their day in court.

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BEACH LATEST his right to a fair trial and due process." But again, the judge denied their request. His attorneys
WRAP UP anticipate the murder trial will take place in January of next year. 00:00:16

8/10/2022
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD CITY MARKET
GUN VIOLENCE A double and triple shooting just two weekends a part last month in City Market....had people and
FOLO isn't as effective but he does feel like there's been slow, positive progress "It feels like more of a businesses fearing for their safety Jeff Brochu, owner of a pedicab business in City Market, says
he's been driving people around when people started shooting "we heard the gun shots and we
think...NOPE...we're going through here the other direction" Since then, City Market property
owners and the savannah police department have made attempts to address it "...small incidents
resulted in someone pulling out a weapon..incidents of people bumping into each other as small
as that turned into someone running and firing" There's already an SPD substation there but now
they have flood lights up and Gavin says they've been eliminating late night cruising in the area,
moving people out of the squares when the bars close, and having off-duty officers wear brighter
vests "We had to look at when they were happening, why they were happening and no matter
what you do you're not going to stop someone from making a bad decision" asst. Chief Gavin
says they have noticed a difference...with no shootings in the past month after at least 4 this year.
But for Brochu who's been in business for nine years, the violence was enough to make him to
change his hours "I used to work until 3:00 on a regular basis i now take a look at what I think is
happening at 11:30 or 12 and there are times if I feel or sense a tension in the air...I go home" he
says the flood lights were needed a long time ago "Franklin Square...it used to be an area I didn't
want to go by in my pedicab. It was, it felt dangerous and seemed dangerous with the lights...all
that's gone" To him, the age restriction put in place by City Market for people under 21 after 11pm
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8/10/2022
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD WEATHER
TOSS: POWER Georgia Power crews are working to restore outages across Effingham County tonight. Weather
OUTAGES caused thousands of customers to go offline. Here's a look at where things stand right now. You
can see most of those are resolved...with just a few hundred people without power. We're also
following outages in Bryan County - checking out the Canoochee EMS outage map now. 00:00:22

8/10/2022
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD HOMICIDE CASE REWARD OFFERED Parker's is now offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of suspects connected to a homicide. The shooting happened July 25 outside of the Parker's on Victory Drive near Truman Parkway. Police found 28-year-old Myles Bright shot outside the store. He later died at the hospital. Anyone with information is asked to call the number seen on the screen now. 00:00:22

8/10/2022
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE SETUP Those grim numbers are something we know hits home in Savannah - where violent crime has renewed focus on safety efforts in recent months. You're looking at video from the flood lights now out in Ellis Square - as the city hones in on poorly lit areas. And privately-owned City Market has had signs out for a month - banning anyone younger than 21 from the property after 11 p-m. 00:00:22

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4:30:00 AM 4:30AM DAYBREAK OD HOMICIDE CASE REWARD OFFERED Parker's is now offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of suspects connected to a homicide. The shooting happened July 25 outside of the Parker's on Victory Drive near Truman Parkway. Police found 28-year-old Myles Bright shot outside the store. He later died at the hospital. Anyone with information is asked to call the number seen on the screen now. 00:00:22

8/11/2022
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SAV PORTS SMUGGLING PLEA The Department of Justice's Southern District of Georgia says 43-year-old Nihad Al Jaber of Clarkston has been sentenced. He was found guilty in connection to a smuggling scheme that was stopped at the Port of Savannah. Court documents show Al Jaber's charges were connected to 6 long-range rifles and three handguns. The weapons were not assembled and hidden among a box of car parts. The D-O-J says Al Jaber is an Iraqi native who will be referred for deportation when he's done serving prison time. 00:00:30

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BULLOCH CO.
NEW RED LIGHT

(sot) Drivers who travel Cypress Lake Road will see see a red light on their path that's been on the county's wish list for years. (vo) Crews finish up some of the final steps to get the light ready at Cypress Lake Road and Veterans Parkway. County leaders tell me they started years ago asking the state for a stop light at this spot due to the number of accidents, injuries and even deaths here. They say the state finally got on board when Bulloch County offered to pick up half the cost of the \$800,000 project, including turn lanes and more. They say supply chain issues slowed down the work. (sot) It was an order..then wait. Then check..and wait. Once they got here - once the poles got here, and the lights got here, we went right to work and got it done. (vo) The county used local T-splot revenues for the project. He hopes voters will renew that sales tax come November. (sot) Thompson says the county will try to give drivers a week's notice before the lights go fully operational. He hopes that happens by the end of the month. In Bulloch County, Dal Cannady WTOc news. ?

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CROCKER
COURT SETUP

This December will mark 4 years since the bodies of Mary and Elywn Crocker Junior were found in their family's backyard. Five people are charged in the case - all of them with a family connection to the two children.

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((PKG)) "I'm here to honor my daughter, Ashley Safaya Boggs. She was murdered five years ago." And now she'll be remembered by these objects, which her mother feels represent her spirit. They'll displayed at the National Building Museum in a brick as part of the Gun Violence Memorial Project. In these bricks there's someone's life who was taken. Which represents not just a family, but a community. Because it doesn't just affect one, it affects a whole community. So that's why this work, that's why the Gun Violence Memorial is important to me. Four glass houses are each made up of 700 bricks- which is meant to represent the number of people killed in gun-related deaths in the United States each week. Olga and Leroy Williams lost their son Dominique in a shooting when he was 17... they say knowing he is being remembered on such a large scale brings them comfort. "Although he's gone, he's still here with us. So we want the world to know that Dominique's life mattered." As did the rest of the people represented in the memorial. ((nats: I don't know why, but he loved the 49ers)) Those working to collect the objects hope that in honoring those who've lost their lives, they'll inspire others to work to end gun violence. Jackson: "Walking through there will wake up some people, or it should. Some people may never feel anything, but I feel like the majority of people going through are gonna go, "Wait a minute. Maybe I need to go back home and get involved. Maybe I need to get a little more information." Hopefully we're all more sensitized to the issue of gun violence, and hopefully more supportive of the efforts we're taking in the City of Savannah, across the state, and across the nation to be able to eradicate gun violence from our vocabulary. If you want to donate an object to the Gun Violence Memorial Project, there's still time. Organizers will be accepting objects here at the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club, tomorrow from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. You can give the item as a gift or as a loan. If you give the item as a loan, it'll be returned to you when the exhibit closes at the museum at the end of next month. Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOG News.

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SHEA: GUN
VIOLENCE
MEMORIAL

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Desimond Butler is in custody...now charged with the murder of 24 year old Dion Farmer outside this Rice Creek subdivision clubhouse in Port Wentworth. This doorbell video from a home in the area appears to capture the moments the gunfire rang out. *nats of gunfire* Gabrielle Nelson/Port Wentworth District 1 Councilwoman: "It is shocking to hear this news. I can only imagine what the young man's mother is going through right now." Port Wentworth Councilwoman Gabrielle Nelson represents and lives in the Rice Creek neighborhood. *nats pop: "It is definitely something that makes you cringe."* Police say they were called to the clubhouse just before midnight Friday night. Butler was eventually captured without incident early the next evening. Gabrielle Nelson/Port Wentworth District 1 Councilwoman: "I'm told that the suspect is a resident of this particular neighborhood. I'm told that the victim is a resident of another district 1 neighborhood." The councilwoman is praising Port Wentworth's police for quickly acting on the shooting...but says the murder...just feet from homes and a community pool is disturbing. Gabrielle Nelson/Port Wentworth District 1 Councilwoman: "While I hate that this transpired, I'm grateful that our families have that much confidence in the City of Port Wentworth Police Department knowing that they can come right back out here and that it was an isolated incident." And while she understands only certain details can be released during investigations...she says more should've been done to notify neighbors. Gabrielle Nelson/Port Wentworth District 1 Councilwoman: "I agree with many, many of our neighbors out here that something should have been said sooner, but we've got them, we got them off the streets and now the focus for me is that family that has definitely lost a son." Nelson... saying she's still trying to grapple with the tragedy in her very own neighborhood..

8/13/2022 11PM FLYNN: PORT
11:01:00 PM WEEKEND WENTWORTH
OD SHOOTING

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Brandon Williams pleaded guilty to wire fraud and possession of marijuana late last week. Williams performs under the name N-H Skilo. The Department of Justice says Williams gave false information to get more than 40-thousand dollars in pandemic assistance. They say he also admitted to having marijuana in two separated cases - once in a 20-21 traffic stop by Savannah Police, the other at the time of his arrest in January. Williams is set to be sentenced after an investigation by U-S Probation Services because he had prior convictions.

8/15/2022 SAV COVID
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PLEA

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8/16/2022 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD SAV CHATHAM CO. ER WAIT TIMES

"There where six to eight ambulances at one hospital that were sitting there waiting for a room meanwhile the 911 calls keep coming." it's supposed to take about 20 minutes to drop off a patient, Phil Koster with Chatham Emrgency Services says it's been taking hours. (nats) He says it's getting worse as people are calling for reasons that aren't an emergency. "Minor skin issues, gout, arthritis flare ups, things that they could go to their primary care physicians for or to an urgent care, their calling an ambulance." He believes some call an ambulance to get to the front of the line, but he says that's not how it works. Memorial Health Dr. John Sy says some health conditions that warrant a 911 call are anything trauma related, life threatening, a high fever, and abdominal pain. "Cardiac related stuff, respiratory stuff, things that are difficult. If people are having difficulty breathing. If people are having chest pain." Dr. Sy says Memorial has experienced their highest amount of people coming to the ER in about 50 years in 2022. "We've been having a very busy year. I think that's the biggest cause of it. It's just that the volume of the patients that we have coming in. Coming out of the pandemic, we're still trying to work on our processes and get hired up to full staff." Despite the delayed times, Koster says Chatham Emergency Services said there's room for error if they just stop taking people with minor issues to the hospital. "There's always that chance were somebody calls for some minor issue and there is actually something going on that requires immediate attention. We're not in a position where we stop."

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8/17/2022 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD WCSC: MURDAUGH LAWYER PRESSER 4PM

"This is again. Gotcha prosecution. It's trial by ambush. Give us the stuff he went to a grand jury and said you got enough evidence to convict Alex Murdaugh. Convince a jury beyond a reasonable doubt. Where is it? I don't have a shred of paper." Murdaugh's lawyer's also point the finger at the state for leaking information about Murdaugh's indictments to news outlets two days before the grand jury met ... a claim the state Attorney General says is completely false. The A-G's office says this is all an attempt to quote "create drama" by the defense.

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8/17/2022 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD WILMINGTON RVR BOAT CRASH UPDATE

The May 28th boat crash took the lives of five people, four of whom were family members. The indictment says that Stegall was operating the boat on the wrong side of the channel while under the influence. WTOC will continue to follow this story and keep you updated on air and online. Look for more on this story coming up on THE news at 6.

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8/17/2022
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SAV RENEWED
CALL FOR COVID VAX "According to the C-D-C, our community remains now in the high risk category. I again urge everyone, please, get vaccinated, get boosted, and when you're around a bunch of folks that you don't know, go ahead and wear that face mask." This call comes ahead of access to new COVID-19 boosters. The federal government announced earlier this week they're rolling out two new shots for the fall. Guidelines for those are expected in the coming days. 00:00:26

8/17/2022
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD TRIAL FOR
DEATH OF KAREEM
SMALLS ?Smalls' passion to help kids in the community through his brand was even recognized after his death by State Representative Carl Gilliard. Today in court, jurors got to hear from the state's final witness, the lead investigator on the case.. Sgt. Jacob Schroyer was one of two officers seen on video played for the jury today, an interview of Dyanta Samuels the day after Smalls was killed. Toward the very end of that interview, Sgt. Schroyer asked Samuels if he had anything to do with the shooting, Samuels said 'no.' And Samuels' attorney asked the judge to make a ruling on the murder charges himself instead of letting the jury decide because he doesn't think there's enough evidence that links his client to Smalls' murder for the jury to consider. 00:00:45

8/17/2022
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD WILMINGTON
ISLAND BOAT
CRASH INDICTMENTS Stegall is charged with 10 counts of homicide by vessel in the first degree - two counts for each victim who died. He was also charged with 2 counts of serious injury by vessel for each of the surviving victims... The indictment also details the injuries to each of the survivors including quote "a deprivation" of several body parts. 00:00:19

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ALYSSA: BOAT
CRASH
INDICTMENTS
Mark Stegall is facing a number of charges, which include reckless boating and boating on the wrong side of the river while he was under the influence. The indictment mentions the five people who died in the crash as well as injuries to the three other survivors.
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8/17/2022
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ALYSSA: BOAT
CRASH
INDICTMENTS
A Chatham County Grand Jury indicted a man for a boat crash that killed five people in the Wilmington River in May. Mark Stegall has 18 charges against him including 10 counts of homicide.
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8/17/2022
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ALYSSA: BOAT
CRASH
INDICTMENTS
Robert Stephen Chauncey and a family of four -- Chris Leffler, Lori Leffler, Nathan Leffler and Zachary Leffler all died in a boat collision in May --- leaving their daughter the only survivor. It happened near the Oatland Island Wildlife Center docks on the Wilmington River. Georgia Department of Natural Resources didn't recover all of the bodies until the next day. Mark Stegall was booked and charged with boating under the influence at the time. TODAY -- A Chatham County Grand Jury indicted him on 10 counts of homicide by vessel in the first degree - that's two counts for each victim who died. Each one of these counts has a minimum of three and maximum of 15 years. We now know officially from the indictment that three people survived the crash, in addition to Stegall. He was also charged with 2 counts of serious injury by vessel for each of the surviving victims. The indictment details the injuries to each of the survivors including quote "a deprivation" of several body parts, including a leg, an arm, a foot and a toe. WTOC asked the Chatham County District Attorney's office for clarification on what "deprivation" means and they said they can't comment. Stegall is also charged with reckless operation of a vessel. Under that charge in the indictment - it said "Stegall did operate a boat in a reckless manner and in reckless disregard for the safety of persons by traveling on the wrong side of the channel or river, in a path designated and utilized by other vessels, while having alcohol in his system.."
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8/18/2022
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CHATHAM GUN
CONVICTION
The Southern District of Georgia says Raheem Jackson was convicted on an illegal gun charge. Jackson was arrested following a January 20-21 traffic stop by Savannah Police. Federal prosecutors say he was a passenger in the car...and he dropped a semi-automatic handgun running away from the car. They say a background check showed prior felony convictions. Jackson is currently awaiting sentencing.
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(sot) This wreath outside the shelter serves as a temporary reminder of the loss of Lyn Harden. But, how could anyone forget the resident who quickly became part of the family. (vo) Staff and residents still can't shake the tragedy. Lyn Harden was on her scooter on Highway 80 Monday morning when a crash with a car took her life. (sot) The ladies, they had become very attached to her. She was a mother figure to some of them...a very dear friend. (vo) Mobley says Harden came to Bulloch County years ago to live with family. But problems beyond her control kept that from happening and eventually led her to the homeless shelter. But Mobley says she knew Harden was different from the moment they met. (sot) She told me about a book she'd written. She told me about getting certified as an embalmer when she lived out in Nevada. She lived in a lot of places. She was well-educated and well-read. (vo) She was also about to get back on her feet. The staff was helping her collect furniture for an upcoming move to her own place. Mobley says she was a role model among residents. (sot) I get some really good people in the mission. Homeless people aren't all just criminals and addicts. (vo) She says Lynn's residence here was short, but her presence will remain. (sot) She says they'll remember Lynn permanently soon when they get an additional building constructed out back and they'll name it for her. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

8/18/2022 DAL: FATAL
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD CRASH 00:01:21

Today, the Southern District of Georgia announced it has convicted Raheem Jackson on an illegal gun charge. Savannah Police arrested him last January during a traffic stop. Prosecutors say he dropped a semi-automatic handgun while he was running-away from police. A background check showed prior felony convictions. Jackson now awaits sentencing.

8/18/2022 CHATHAM GUN
7:00:00 PM 7PM OD CONVICTION 00:00:21

Another Tiktok trend...gaining speed across the U-S...this time --it's targeting cars in our area. "It's a trend and when trends come out...the word spreads." The trend shows criminals how to hot wire cars, using different methods than what's been used in the past. "There's specific ways it has to be done but we have seen this uptick and it's concerning" Hot wiring, according to police, is old school but this new trend is getting more traction because of social media "They're not trying to smash windows. They're not trying to pry doors open they're trying to find unlocked cars and use this new method to take them" Just in SPD's Northwest Precinct, they had 15 cars taken in one week Last week, they responded to 8 incidents, 4 were only attempts. Officials are using the trend's popularity to remind car owners to take precautions to keep your car out of the wrong hands.... trend or not. "Some are stolen because they're left running, idly, people go into the store because it's hot outside and they want the AC to be cold when they come to the car but it only takes a few seconds for someone to get in your car and drive off" SPD says this is more than just a few trouble makers "When things come out, they can spread quickly and then it becomes a problem as it has around the country" They say they're finally starting to see a decline, "What about catching some of the people who've been doing this?" "We have made some arrests through proactive patrols in areas where we've seen it. Targeting those hot spots, we're able to respond quickly, especially when we get a report from citizens and that's the key"

8/18/2022 ALYSSA: AUTO
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD THEFT SPIKE 00:01:33

Rivers - who you just saw in court - is accused of obstruction of justice. The indictment says he took a cell phone that belonged to someone who was arrested during a search warrant on Aug 10th. The third man - Roberts - is accused of falsely getting a 20-thousand-dollar loan from the federal government... and more than 20-thousand dollars in unemployment insurance from the state.

8/19/2022 MURDAUGH
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD CASE NEW
FILINGS 00:00:23

8/19/2022 LIBERTY CO. The Department of Justice says Sharon Keegan and her husband Jon Paul were indicted in May
5:29:00 PM CHILD PORN of 2020 after a tip was sent from the National Center for missing and Exploited Children to
5:30pm OD SENTENCING Homeland Security. Jon Paul was previously sentenced to serve more than 24 years in prison.
They will also both service 15 years of supervised release. 00:00:20

8/19/2022 ST. JO "Georgia is losing more nurses than it's producing." "We don't want the patients to feel that our
5:53:00 PM CANDLER & care is not anything but excellent." St. Josph's nurse manager Mary Robinson has a full nursing
6PM OD MEMORIAL staff on her floor (nats) but that's not the case for nurses on other floors of the hospital. So nurses
NURSE working overtime often pitch in. "Instead of picking up here they'll pick up an extra shift to help
SHORTAGE their sister unit." That's been the story since the pandemic began in 2020. Robinson says this
lack of nurses calls for a lot of team work as nurses check on each other's patients. "We use
very much a team approach so there's not any fragmentation of care." Chief Nursing Officer at
Candler Sherry Danello says prior to the COVID pandemic in 2019 the St. Joseph's/Candler
system had a 7 to 10 percent nurse vacancy rate. Now that rate is at 13 to 15 percent and it
changes daily. "They were facing life and death everyday." Their focused on hiring nurses with
experience. "It's very important to have the right mix of new graduates and experienced nurses at
the bed sides." Memorial is also struggling to fill nurse positions. Right now, they have a 20 to 25
percent vacancy rate, their rate also changing daily. "And the chief nursing officer here at
Memorial Health says there aren't as many nurses walking these halls because of the demand for
traveling nurses." "They know that they can be mobile so we have to create an environment that
fulfills them, that gives them good clinical practice and support." Isbell says because of staffing
issues they brought licensed practical nurses or LPN back to the hospital in March. "To really
extend the RN and to take the pressure off of some of the need for RN staffing." St. Joseph's
Candler will begin a similar model in October. They'll both also have Patient Care Technicians
pitch in. "We're going to continue to innovate and create opportunities to provide amazing care."
Camille Syed WTOC News. 00:01:52

8/21/2022 11PM
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FLYNN:
ALABAMA AVE
SHOOTING
FOLO

nats of sirens A neighborhood gathering rocked by gunshots. Omar Akbar/Reunion Planner: "I was moving to the groove and I heard some shots like, 'pop, pop, pop, pop' and I'm thinking it's fire crackers and then it just kept repeating." A shooting in Savannah's Avondale neighborhood sending three people to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. *nats of scene* The gunfire happening near an eastside Savannah neighborhood reunion on Saturday at Avondale Park. Omar Akbar organized the reunion and says it was a chance for neighbors to have fun. Omar Akbar/Reunion Planner: "We need opportunities to congregate and come together and release and just don't have no worries. That's what this east Savannah reunion was about." But the scene quickly turned scary says Akbar...who was joined by Savannah Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan during the interview. Omar Akbar/Reunion Planner: "And then I realized what was going on, so at that time, I'm doing just like everyone else is doing and I'm trying to get to safety." Neighborhood leaders describe the area as quiet and diverse. They say they're saddened by the shooting...but say their neighborhood should be remembered for more than this shooting. Alys Spillman/VP, Avondale Neighborhood Assoc.: "This is not the only thing Avondale should be in the news for. Like this is just such a neat neighborhood, and it's just really, it's disappointing that one incident can really flavor what people think about it." Anthony Teixeira/President, Avondale Neighborhood Assoc.: "It sucks, people who had gathered peacefully, having a good time and somebody came along and felt the need to fire guns for who knows what reason. It bothers me." This neighborhood is in Wilder-Bryan's district, and she lives nearby... She's now calling on police and community members alike to put an end to gun violence in Savannah. Linda Wilder-Bryan/District 3 Alderwoman: "It's unfair for people to come into a community where people are wanting just to enjoy the fruits of their labor and you can't do that when people are shooting, or gambling, or doing other things that negatively impact a neighborhood. We can't continue to call this a Hostess City when people who actually live here, and make it home and it's not beautiful for them."

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5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

SCREVEN CO.
HOMICIDE &
ARSON
ARRESTS

Nearly a year later and the remnants of this house fire are still here as investigators say this was not an easy crime to solve. PKG: Almost nine months to the day since investigators say this home was intentionally set on fire... the incident is now a murder investigation. Labaron Brown...Timothy Omarious...and Jennifer Brinson all of Sylvania now facing multiple charges including murder.. A fourth person, Tyler Roberson is charged with 1st degree arson. This...after sheriff's deputies found Charles Gibson's body inside the home after the flames were extinguished. And now...Screven County Sheriff Mike Kile is praising the GBI agents who took the lead on this case. "They did a tremendous job because it was a very difficult crime to solve. It destroys so much evidence when you burn something like that. Evidence is still preserved, but there's no way that it does a perfect job." Despite the difficulties...Sheriff Kile says investigators made use of the suspect's mistakes...but couldn't say what those mistakes were. "Everybody makes mistakes when they commit a crime, it's just finding the mistakes they made. Mistakes were found, warrants were issued and now they're here paying for the horrible crimes they committed." According to the GBI...Brown...Wheeler...and Brinson were already in custody on unrelated charges. Investigators say they were able to find and arrest Roberson in Sylvania. Sheriff Kile saying this was not a random act. Mike Kile/Screven County Sheriff: "It wasn't like someone rode up down the road and picked at his trailer. They came there with definite purpose. Nobody else in the county was in danger." After the fire...Gibson's body was taken to the GBI's Medical Examiners Office where his death was ruled a homicide. As to whether investigators have determined a motive... Mike Kile/Screven County Sheriff: "Yes, but we can't say right now." Sheriff Kile says preliminary hearings for those charged will take place in the near future. The investigation is still ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to call the Screven County Sheriff's Office or the GBI. Reporting in Sylvania...FS...WTOCN.

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You can see the door behind me has been repaired, but the owner here at Sound Solution says the two men hit the door three times before it completely shattered and when it did they were only in for a few seconds before making a run for it. PKG This is the moment ... all caught on camera. You can see the back door at Sound Solution II as it's being broken ... then it shatters to the floor ... and just a few moments later you see this. One of the suspects ducks through the door and gets inside. "It's just invasion of privacy. I work for everything that I got. Nothing was given to me and I'm just a small local business." Store owner Alex Shokoh-Alai says around 3 a.m. Monday morning he got a notification on his phone. "It just said that the motion sensor had gone off." He says the alarm has gone off in the past, but it's never been an actual break-in before. As soon as this man is seen stepping inside ... watch how the camera moves and is pointed at the ground. "They thought they were being smart, but I've got more cameras watching their back at the same time so it's fully, fully seen." Shokoh-Alai says he thinks his store was being scoped out before the incident. REPORTER: "I wonder if they were ever a customer in here?" "Most likely so because of the way that they moved the camera on the inside. I feel like they had been inside my store to know that something was there." But even with the sly maneuvers they thought they were making .. it was only a matter of seconds before the store's alarm rang out. "They just ran. They ran like a cat." And to his surprise ... "They left here with nothing." Shokoh-Alai says they could've easily taken thousands of dollars worth of stuff. He says it doesn't make the situation he's left in, though, any better. "It's just the aggravation knowing that I'm having to spend my hard-earned money to replace a door for no reason. I'd give the shirt off my back for somebody if they'd just ask." Sound Solution sits in the heart of Vidalia's downtown. Shokoh-Alai says other businesses in the area need to watch out too. "Just be prepared. Make sure you got cameras. Make sure you got security. Don't think it won't happen because it will happen to you too. They don't care. They have no sympathy for who it is they're just out to get money." And he has this message for the suspects. "Earn yourself, be somebody. Be respectful." Police and those here at the store say if anyone has any information about this incident or if they recognize the people in the surveillance video that you help them out so they can make a fast arrest. In Vidalia, Mariah Congedo WTOG News.

VIDALIA PD
LOOKING FOR
BURGLARY
SUSPECTS

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While Saturday night's shooting victim survived, the cumulative affect each violent act has on the sense of safety downtown takes a toll. "Any, any crime is not good." Shyam Mirchandani manages The Athlete's Foot, which sits less than a half block from where a 25-year old Savannah woman was shot early Saturday morning. He and other business managers I spoke with along Broughton Street today near the shooting scene say the gun violence just piles on to issues they face more frequently, like litter and graffiti on their property. "At the end of the day, we don't control it. All we can ask the City is to give us more patrols, and hopefully make things better for the long run." According to the police report I got on the downtown shooting, the responding officer was called to the area near the shooting to check on a possible suspect. And SPD posted a Tweet a few hours after the shooting saying they'd stopped a vehicle they believe was tied to the incident, and that the investigation was ongoing.

SAVANNAH
WEEKEND
SHOOTINGS

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CCPD ON
MEMORIAL
STADIUM
SECURIY
Changes that should come soon are police walking around instead being posted in one area, and placing officers in the skybox here at the stadium. There are some greater measures that may take more time that Chief Jeff Hadley hopes to implement after this incident that scared many. 00:00:17

8/24/2022
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PORT
WENTWORTH
SHOOTING
UPDATE
A family man... Who loved his daughter.... At 23-years-old --Dion Farmer should still be here. "I just...my brain went..zero" That was his mother Leela Brown's reaction to losing her oldest son *gunshots nats* Those are the sounds of gunshots fired that night. 21-year-old Desimond Butler was arrested and charged with murder the next day.. "We don't know how many times he was shot, where he was shot, why he was shot, just rumors of an incident at a gas station or him trying to resolve an incident with some girls...a bunch of different stories but none of it is coming from the authorities" Too many questions and rumors of what happened...but not enough answers for this family And Arresting Butler -- doesn't bring Farmer's mom any comfort "He was a boy hisself and I fear he's troubled and he needs help." Losing her son was just added pain after losing her daughter kalea almost two years ago "...even the baby. He says don't cry mommy. What's wrong don't cry? Is it kahlia because she was the reason I had been sad so he'll say here she is." Another reminder of pain she hasn't healed from Her son should still be here -- but there are some memories that do make her smile "...A wonderful father Dion was and how active he was in his daughter's life. It just made me proud." Keep going.... "I think that's what kept me focused right now just trying to get my baby home." That's all she says she can do... "It's God's plan not ours...God gives life and he allows life to leave and that's what it is. It hurts but it's his plan." 00:01:28

The store owners tell me the suspect forced his way into the store through this window. The glass is still shattered and now a piece of plywood is blocking it. PKG "He's taken our security away. We feel violated." The owners of Sweet Onion Boutique say they were starting to get their name out into the community ... they just opened their doors in June. "It's hard when you know how much work you've put into something for it to be taken away from you." On Monday night ... "At 11:03p.m. we left." Nicole Moxley and Robyn Martinez turned the lights off and closed the shop. "He actually, by camera footage, was next door at 11:58 somewhere in there ..." They say their first thought is that he had his eyes on them and their store. "... So, within 45 minutes he had already been in our store, taken what he wanted and he was out. He was obviously watching us." This is the footage they're talking about. Here, you can see the suspect ... clothes in hand ... and the boutique's white tags dangling off them. "He didn't ransack the place. He was shopping." Moxley and Martinez say he was 'neat' with his burglary, but when it came to getting inside ... not so much. Police say he threw a brick at this window and while he worked his way inside he cut himself on the glass ... leaving blood on the floor and on various items. He then filled his bags up with ... "Clothes, jewelry, belts and money." Moxley and Martinez say they're thankful for their neighboring businesses who did have cameras to capture the suspect. As a new store they hadn't had the chance to install their own ... until today. They say they're protected now, but that they still don't feel safe and it'll change how they operate. "We'll feel comfort when he's in jail." "Our husbands don't even want us here after 9:00 at night. We can't stay here late. Right before we opened we were here 24 hours straight." The store owners here remind other businesses to stay vigilant and if you see something ,say something. Vidalia police say that a warrant has been secured for the suspect. They say once they locate him he will be arrested. In Vidalia, Mariah Congedo WTOG News.

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"If you can see in my yard, this is where all the water would've been. After this morning it went down. But you couldn't even see the driveway or the road last night at about...ten to probably midnight." "We're gonna have to go get sandbags, I guess, and put them up against the front door to make sure the water does not come in if it gets this high again."

8/26/2022 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD EFFINGHAM FLOODING ISSUES 00:00:20

8/26/2022 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD MURDAUGH HEARINGS MONDAY You may remember he is facing two counts of murder in the deaths of his wife, Maggie Murdaugh, and son, Paul Murdaugh, and two counts of possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. The hearing is expected to happen at the Colleton County Courthouse on Monday. Stay with WTOC for updates on this case. 00:00:19

8/27/2022 7:00:00 PM WKEND 7PM OD LB3 CELEBRATION OF LIFE The LB3 Foundation was started by the Bryan family to honor their son Lawrence Bryan IV- who was murdered in Savannah seven years ago. The foundation impacts the lives of young people through various events such as the Celebration of Life. The kids got to play basketball with County Commissioner Larry 'Gator' Rivers who's also a legendary Harlem Globetrotter and take home a basketball of their own. 200 backpacks full of school supplies, provided by the Mike Hostilo Law Firm, were also given out as well as a brand-new bike to every 23rd person who came. The number 23 symbolizes the age Lawrence Bryan IV was when he was killed. His father, Lawrence Bryan III says while they gave out a lot of things today the main thing they wanted to give out was love. 00:00:44

8/28/2022 7:00:00 AM 7AM SUNDAY OD PFIZER'S UPDATED BOOSTER The shot is designed to protect against the omicron strains that account for most new coronavirus infections. Pfizer says the new vaccine also protects against older variants. A centers for disease control and prevention vaccine advisory committee is scheduled to meet next thursday and friday to discuss the booster. Moderna submitted its omicron booster to the f-d-a tuesday. Neither company's new shot has undergone clinical trials. 00:00:26

A lot of the tension we were seeing play out in court documents and one-sided statements did spill into the courtroom. Not even a minute into the hearing defense lawyer Dick Harpootlian openly argued with lead state prosecutor Creighton Waters... saying this hearing will "not be hijacked" and yet again accused the state of "hiding the ball." It's a stark contrast from earlier this summer, where both sides seemed to be in agreement. Judge Clifton Newman did grant both the defense and the state's motions today... meaning evidence will be turned over to Alex Murdaugh's attorneys but the public won't get see any of it before trial. The defense has claimed the state is leaking evidence to the media, which Waters denied in court today saying it's improper and used the word "messy" to describe leaks. He says he wants to do things the right way....but Harpootlian said he doesn't trust the state to "follow the rules." Newman in his orders referenced the recent FBI's raid on Mar-a-Lago and stated that it would be improper for there NOT to be some restrictions. Harpootlian expects they'll have their evidence as early as tomorrow and will work with the judge to refine the protective order to make it less restrictive. trt :08 "The attorney general wanted everything protected. Everything sealed. We opposed that. I think the judge is going to find some middle ground." The prosecution team did not speak with reporters after the hearing, but confirmed they'll comply with the defense's granted request as soon as theirs is signed. Waters has stated several times that the state has been "ready from the start" to hand over its "mountain of evidence" against Murdaugh where he is accused of killing his wife and son. Judge Newman did not allow for the defense to call its witnesses...four South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division agents who the defense had subpoenaed last week. In Walterboro, Blair Sabol

WCSC:
MURDAUGH
HEARING
RECAP

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"There's a lot of different infections going on." With the summer ending and school back in session, infections in children are spreading sooner than later. "We're seeing RSV in August which we shouldn't be, we're seeing the flu in August which we shouldn't be." Dr. Ben Spitalnick at Pediatric Associates of Savannah says the lack of masking could be to blame. "We don't know but perhaps a couple years of masking that reduced all illnesses for a long period of time, now diseases seem to have lost that season." Spitalnick says peak flu season is usually from December to February but they've had several patients with the flu this summer. "We expect this to be a very difficult flu season if flu season exist. We track our flu seasons based on what's going on in other parts of the world and this year Australia has been devastated by a horrendous flu season." Also coming early this year, Respiratory Syncytial (SIN-SIS-TIAL) Virus or RSV usually comes around October and dies down in December. "Dr. Michael Bossak at Memorial Health Children's Hospital says they're also seeing an irregular uptick of children, babies and toddlers with RSV." "This season we are seeing a higher than normal positivity for our test starting all the way back really in June for that to come up." He says there are about five children in the hospital at RSV and several more coming into the emergency room daily. Dr. Bossak says the younger the child, the more severe RSV symptoms can be. "If you are having respiratory distress, if they are working harder than they should be, if patients are not eating because they're so congested, those are reasons to see a pediatrician." Dr. Bossak says vaccines are available for RSV at Memorial. Dr. Spitalnick says doctors offices should be getting flu vaccines in the coming weeks. Camille Syed WTOC News.

DR. ON FLU
OUT OF
SEASON

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"Yes, unfortunately that was really scary because 2 bullets were shot. One got stuck in the window frame. And the other went right through the living room and it got embedded in the living room wall. " A bullet went through a man's home in the same neighborhood where a child was shot tonight. It happened years ago, but he remembers it like it was yesterday. He says gun violence is far too common over there. "Just next to my house, people would discharge guns all the time" There was a triple shooting in East Savannah not even two weeks ago. That's just one of at least 7 shootings we know of this year within 10 blocks of today's shooting. Neighbors off Alaska Street, who didn't want to be on camera, say not knowing details of what happened this evening is scary And a mother says it makes her uncomfortable walking her child down that street A man says he's given up asking for any additional police to patrol the area because it keeps happening "Whenever you hear about gun violence, because it's not affecting you, it's like oh it's terrible but at least it wasn't me but when my house got shot up after I hear a firecracker i would duck down just in case"

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ALYSSA: CHILD
SHOOTING

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(sot) "It's very, very critical that we do this ahead of time." Preparing for a hurricane can be a life saving measure but it can also be challenging for people with special medical, functional and access needs. "It's not so easy when you have folks who are at home on some sort of durable medical equipment or on oxygen in a wheel chair, mobility issues they need a little bit more care and that's where the registry comes in play." Todd Wyckoff with the Coastal Health District's says their Hurricane Registry provides transportation and shelter for those who have no other way to get help during a hurricane. After submitting an application and qualifying, you will be on the list for life. The Coastal Health District stops accepting applications 72 hours before a hurricane is expected. He says 25 to 50 percent of people sign up just days before a hurricane is expected to hit. With peak hurricane season around the corner, he encourages people not to wait until the last minute to sign up so they have time to make plans for you. (sot) "Sign up now, sign up tomorrow. Don't wait until there's a storm approaching five days away to try to sign up because our staff has other things to do as well and that puts a huge burden on us." Chelsea Sawyer with Chatham Emergency Management Agency says another step to take right now is to pack your medical equipment or prescriptions. "So you aren't running around town trying to find an extra device or running around in your evacuation destination trying to find what you need, especially if it is a prescription based item." "A link to sign up for that registry is on our website WTOC.com. Reporting in Savannah Camille Syed WTOC News."

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CEMA
HURRICANE
REGISTRY

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8/31/2022
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MARC WILSON
VERDICT
REACHED

The defense attorney said the sentencing range for felony manslaughter is one to ten years. Bureau Chief Dal Cannady is getting reaction to this verdict. He'll have a wrap up of this whole case - coming up on THE News at 6.

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For emergency and disaster preparation experts, like the team at Chatham Emergency Management Agency, being ready for worst case scenarios is always top of mind. "I was at a meeting just last week with Congressman Buddy Carter, and a representative from the National Weather Service was there talking about how we should not rest on our laurels quite yet, and that hurricane season is about to ramp up." Chelsea Sawyer, Emergency Management Coordinator for CEMA, points out the peak hurricane season is just days away, and now is the time to make sure you're paying attention to forecasts, and understand what the potential impacts could be on our area should a storm hit. "Don't panic, don't go out and buy all of the milk and bread, and everything in the store. We don't need to cause a panic. But making sure that you know what you need, and figuring that out now is going to make it so much easier if a storm does come our way this season." As far as CEMA goes, their preparations begin months before hurricane season even starts to react to a storm disaster. "CEMA, honestly, we've been ready for a while...not to jinx us. But we know that hurricane season is six months long. So we started our preparations back in April, back in May, to make sure that we were ready for this hurricane season." To make sure that you and your family are ready for the historically more active portion of hurricane season, CEMA is hosting three workshops open to the public on September 10th at Southwest Library. We'll have the times online, just look for this story. In Chatham County...

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SEAN:
DISASTER PREP

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LL INTRO: As we head into peak hurricane season here in Coastal Georgia, Liberty County EMA Director Bob Dodd says it's important to remember to always have a plan. The last time Liberty County was hit by severe weather was during Hurricane Irma in 2017... Even then, the storm had weakened to tropical force winds. Dodd says things to include in your hurricane preparedness plan are how you're going to receive alerts, which evacuation route you'd use, and if you'd go to a shelter. You can also create a hurricane kit with essential supplies like water, flashlights, and nonperishable foods. Dodd says you should always think ahead. "I think the biggest mistake is people just don't make a plan. They think 'oh, we live in the elbow, we're not going to get hit, it's not going to affect us here in Liberty County.' But, you never know. Like I tell people, it only takes one storm to make a lasting impression on that." Dodd adds it's also good to keep your most up-to-date insurance paperwork handy. LL TAG: If you're looking for more resources or help with creating your hurricane preparedness plan, you can find links in this story on our website. In Hinesville HB WTOC NEWS.

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LIBERTY CO.
HURRICANE
PREP

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The date of that jury trial hasn't been determined just yet, and the judge said he was going to take time to consider the defense attorney's motion. In the mean time, Wright will remain in federal custody, charged with one count of the use of fire or explosive to commit a felony offense, and one count of possessing an unregistered destructive device. This case goes all the way back to early July of 2019. That's when Savannah Police and Fire responded to a vehicle fire near the intersection of Reynolds and Columbus. The woman in the car, Wright's ex-wife, was badly burned and had to be taken to the Augusta burn center. She told police her car exploded, and witnesses also reported seeing the vehicle burst into flames after an explosion after stopping at a red light. Two days later, local and federal police searched Wright's home on East 66th Street. Police also conducted search warrants on Wright's cell phone, his workplace and took his DNA samples for evidence. Wright was arrested days later and booked into the Chatham County Detention Center on an aggravated battery charge. As for Wright's release request today, the Assistant U.S. Attorney prosecuting the case argued Wright is still a danger to his ex-wife and their children, as well as the community, and is still a flight risk, given his international ties and knowledge of the strength of the case the government has against him.

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BARRY WRIGHT
COURT
APPEARANCE

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BULLOCH CO.
RED LIGHT
FOLO

(sot) For the better part of two years, I've told you about the pleas, the plans, the designs, and the delays in putting a red light here at Highway 67 and Brooklet-Denmark. Talking with Georgia DOT, they say they hope to finally have it here in six more weeks. (vo) The wait to cross or even turn on Highway 67 can feel like an eternity. It's a challenge people who use the road know all too well. (sot) I have kids who go to Nevils and Southeast Bulloch, so I have to cross this intersection twice a day..along with my sister in law, who got in a bad wreck four or five months ago. (vo) The cry for a traffic light got louder two years ago when the highway expanded to four lanes and the traffic picked up..in volume and in speed. The work started last year, but ran into delays. Crews put in the poles this summer. But they hit another delay with underground utilities just as contractors started to widen the road. (sot) The contractor had to stop moving on the project. The utility company had to come in and relocate their lines. (vo) She says projects like this include more than just hanging a light, but widening the roadway to add turn-off lanes. She says they need some dry weather to pour concrete and asphalt, then install the lights. (sot) Nagel says they could have a light working here by the end of next month...weather permitting. And I'll keep you updated. In Bulloch County, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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LABOR DAY &
COVID LATEST

(Standup) COVID numbers have been dropping over the past few weeks according to the Georgia Department of Health. Taking a look at their data released at the end of August...the latest numbers show in two weeks there were about 1,063 COVID cases reported in total. Two weeks prior, we were seeing reported cases in the 1,600s. Doctors tell me they aren't worried about a drastic increase in these numbers after the holiday. vo Since a majority of people have COVID antibodies and have been vaccinated, Dr. Tim Connelly at Memorial Health says Labor Day doesn't raise a big concern. "The people in the most danger are the ones that have never had COVID and have never been vaccinated at this point." There are less than 30 people hospitalized with the Coronavirus in Memorial Hospital, according to Dr. Connelly. The latest COVID numbers in Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools have been cut nearly in half with 219 students and 91 employees positive for the virus. As people are out enjoying the three day weekend, Dr. Connelly is hopeful these numbers will stay low. "The fourth of July holiday we were expecting some type of increase and those increases, although present, have been very mild and the numbers have been very manageable. Our system in this area is well prepared to deal with the problems that can arise." Dr. Connelly says staying safe for the rest of your Labor Day means masking up in crowded spaces. "I'd mask on an airplane, I'd mask on a bus ride, anything that's relatively enclosed." Taking advantage of the low COVID numbers, Tia Scott went shopping with friends after not doing anything for labor day in two years. "We haven't like all came out together in a while so we decided...COVID's down, it's warm, it's Labor Day. Let's get out and have some fun." Celebrating Labor Day and low COVID numbers. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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9/6/2022
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STATESBORO
CRIME
MEETING

(sot) Organizers of the "Securing Statesboro" meeting say they hope they can get enough people involved to have a conversation and look at ways to reduce violence in the community. (vo) Blue lights and yellow police tape can be an all-too frequent sight to many in Statesboro. The Violence Prevention Task Force of the city's One Boro Commission will hold the meeting for citizens and police to discuss ways to reduce crime and violence. (sot) The message we want to send is that in no area of the City of Statesboro do we want criminals to feel comfortable doing what they do. (vo) The mayor says neighbors have to get involved and work with police to deal with crime and not leave it to the officers alone. (sot) That meeting starts at 11am Saturday at the local YMCA. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news?

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VICTORY
HEIGHTS
SHOOTING

A triple shooting just over two weeks ago...and a 2-year-old shot and killed last week already has East Savannah shaken. Two women who live in nearby Victory Heights say the crime has come straight to their doorstep. "Detectives let me know 'oh, there's blood in your driveway and there's blood on my neighbor's front porch" Right next door her neighbor is still processing a shooting that happened last week "Here's the bullet hole. And I don't know where it's lodged at in the car cause it was never found" Staci Fordham woke up to this "I was 20 feet away from the shot...very loud" after hearing the shots the night before. "Dropped to the floor...I was on the phone...did not notice because it's so dark." While it isn't the first time she heard gunshots, she says she was shaken up with so many questions "It's time to move. Where are the police? Why are there no lights?" Savannah Police say the hole was consistent with a .45 caliber bullet and they got a shotspotter call...Fordham says she couldn't sleep all night "I didn't know if there was a dead person on the side of my house.." Both women say they just want to feel safe, they don't want their families and kids traumatized by shootings "We're families over here....there's kids. And I'm afraid to have my child in the front bedroom"

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9/7/2022
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BULLOCH CO.
HURRICANE
PREPS

(sot) Emergency planners, even in inland counties, say you need to prepare before a hurricane sets its sights on our area..whether you're going to shelter in place during a mild storm or evacuate and get in the road for higher ground. (vo) The rain and winds of hurricanes have left their mark in Bulloch County in recent years. Public Safety Director Ted Wynn says people should have essential supplies like food, water, flashlights, medications in case they're stranded at home without power. (sot) Several days of items you would need to sustain yourself and your family, for 2-3 days, I think would be enough. (vo) He says Bulloch County roads often serve as a pipeline for Coastal Georgia residents to evacuate to middle or north Georgia. However some storms will force locals to evacuate too. He encourages people to have a travel bag -as well as a travel plan - on standby. (sot) Last minute, "getting in the car and just heading in any direction" is not a good plan. You need to decide, based on several scenarios, where you would go. And you need to let your family know where you're going. (vo) He also urges people to keep up with storms and any warnings from their local emergency teams. (sot) Wynn says a little preparation can go a long way. In Bulloch County, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

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CHATHAM SEES
LOW COVID

Some good news on the COVID front tonight. Chatham County is back in the "low" category for community spread. That means transmission and hospitalizations are both low. The surrounding counties in the Coastal Health District are now all at medium spread.

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CHATHAM CO.
GUN VIOLENCE
RES.

The resolution discussed today would *not* change any rules for people living in Chatham County. It amounts to a letter asking the federal government to work with local governments to do more to stop gun crimes. The resolution passed 6 to 2 with Commissioners Kicklighter and Kenneth Adams in dissent. We have more on the conversation that led up to that vote right now on WTOC dot com.

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SHEA CAR
BREAK INS

Reginald Owens is a retired Savannah Police officer and has lived here at Rice Creek Apartments for the better part of a decade. He says his complex was hit particularly hard by the break-ins, and he even had a gun stolen from his truck. "It deeply concerns me because the majority of the time, when people steal or commit offense likes that, those are the ones that are not entitled to have the gun. So it's dangerous." Owens says he and his neighbors can't help but feel frustrated at the break ins. He says the complex has been talking about installing security gates since 2020. Though there are hookups for them, there are none. Another neighbor didn't want to talk to me on camera but showed me what appears to be security gates on the property not being used.. I've reached out the apartment's corporate office to ask about the gates and haven't heard back yet. Owens: "I'm gonna speak for a lot of my neighbors who's really disgusted along with myself. We're disgusted the lack of security." Owens says he's talked to others who live in the complex and they've told him they don't feel safe.. Owens: "Everybody's walking on eggshells and they're very concerned, and very cautious. They themselves are doing their own patrolling and watching after each other more, because really, people are scratching their heads. They don't know who's doing what." Shea: We'll update this story when we hear back from the Rice Creek Apartment management company, owners, or corporate office. The Port Wentworth Police Department is asking that anybody with information about these break-ins contact them. We'll have information about how on this story on WTOC.com. Reporting in Port Wentworth, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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9/12/2022 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD WTOCI: CROCKER CASE LAWSUIT

The issue before an Effingham County probate judge is whether to appoint someone to oversee the estates of sister and brother Mary and Elwin Crocker Jr. Four years ago on December 20th, law enforcement discovered their bodies ... buried in the backyard of their family home. Their father Elwyn Sr. is among several family members charged with malice murder. The state is seeking the death penalty. According to court records, the probate court filing goes back to March of this year when a woman named Sophia Pfohl asked the court to name her as the administrator over the estates Mary and Elwin Jr. Usually, an estate is created when someone dies without a will. An estate for a minor child is a legal way for a court-appointed adult to manage and protect any inheritance in the interest of the child until the child turns 18. In this case, Mary and Elwyn Jr have a brother who is currently in state foster care. Attorneys for the Effingham County Department of Family and Child Services, also known as DFCS, are against Pfohl's petition to be the administrator because it says she's not eligible to bring a potential wrongful death claim. In a motion to strike DFCS from the case, Pfohl's attorneys say DFCS has no legal standing and is attempting to "...stop a lawsuit against the individual case agents." WTOC Investigates has previously reported on DFCS' decision to not look into reported abuse involving Elwyn Jr. and past DFCS investigations involving the Crocker family. "I'm not saying that we did anything wrong at that time because we did follow our agency's policies." Pfohl's attorneys say the caseworker's decision not to investigate quote "led to the torture and murder of these two young people." 00:01:41

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"That's another thing that we've asked for that hasn't been approved. I don't know if it will be approved, but I do feel like they're hearing us and listening to the safety concerns." 00:00:10

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For starters, a turn lane into Causton Bluff has been added to the westbound portion of the bridge. Signs around the bridge are now larger, and stop signs have had flashing lights added to them. Striping on the road is more visible and reflective at night. One thing that hasn't been added, however, is a traffic light, which the neighborhood has asked for. 00:00:21

9/14/2022 10:00:00 AM CBS CUT-INS OD NEESMITH REMOVAL & ARREST

Port Wentworth's City Council has removed the chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Clifford Neesmith has been arrested on child pornography charges. Garden City Police arrested him after investigating reported pornographic photos of children on a laptop computer. The laptop was given to police by Families First Funeral Home back in August. The funeral home's Facebook page lists Neesmith as an employee. The City of Port Wentworth clarified to WTOC -- Neesmith is not a city employee... but an unpaid volunteer appointed to the board. His arrest comes after the city proposed an ordinance change to dissolve and restructure the Planning and Zoning Commission. 00:00:41

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MEMORIAL
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"Is it going to stress the system? Absolutely." A level one trauma center, like Memorial Health, is equipped to handle the most life-threatening situations. "We have an OR on stand by with nobody in it and staff ready and waiting to go." Chief of Trauma Dr. James Dunne (DONE) says with the Atlanta Medical Center owned by Wellstar closing...that leaves only one trauma one center in Atlanta. The others are in Augusta and Macon, plus our local one in Savannah. "Any patient south of the city that would normally have gone into the city are now going to Macon." Meaning patients that would have gone to Macon, may now come here. "that's going to overrun Macon very easily and we're already pulling patients from outside of our region as it is." This challenge is coupled with the highest number of people coming into the Memorial Health emergency room ever. "We're already very busy as it is right now. I mean we're at 4800 traumas a year. That's in the top one percentile in the country for trauma centers." One of his biggest worries--ambulance arrival times. Dr. Dunne says the goal is to get a severe trauma patient to the hospital in one hour and worries, with the extra travel time, it will take much longer. "It all depends on what center is available to be able to take those patients and that will have an impact on mortality and morbidity. No questions asked."

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VISION ZERO
MEETING

Happening now - a community conversation is underway for people in Savannah concerned about traffic safety. It's an update from city leaders on the Vision Zero pledge they took earlier this year. That's the effort to have zero deaths on Savannah roadways by 20-27. Savannah city Alderman Nick Palumbo says the time to invest in this program is now.

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CAMILLE: COVID
TEST SITES
CLOSING

"Now that there are four COVID 19 testing kiosks across Coastal Georgia, the Coastal Health District is looking at which drive-up COVID 19 testing sites are still necessary. The first one that will be closing is the site in Glynn County." "The demand for the testing has dropped off significantly." Officials have said the kiosks will help free up employee resources used to operate these testing sites. Most drive-up sites will still be up for the near future. However, Dr. Lawton Davis at the Coastal Health District says ultimately their goal is to rely on these kiosks for PCR testing and get rid of majority of the testing sites. He also points out you can get free at home antigen COVID tests from any health department in Southeast Georgia. As many are on the lookout for another COVID surge, Dr. Davis says they aren't ready to close multiple sites at this time. "We try to balance the two. You don't want to send everybody home and they find different jobs and then next month all of sudden 'oops' but that's also apart of the reason for putting the kiosks out and we have more coming." He says the next kiosk to open is expected to be in Liberty County. "The last day to get tested for COVID at Gynn County drive-up site will be this Saturday. Camille Syed WTOC News."

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(sot) Folks from the Southeast Georgia Health District hope these "pop up" test distributions can help people identify covid cases quicker, get them treated and keep the spread to a minimum. (vo) Team members stood on the corners in downtown Metter, giving out handfuls of tests for people to take home. They brought roughly 2,000 of them to give out at no charge. Organizers say having tests at home can save someone from venturing out when they could expose others. (sot) Having those tests at home, you've got the ability to handle it yourself at home and go from there. (vo) It all caught some people by surprise. They had to double back, double check, and take advantage. (sot) You never know who might come over that doesn't feel good or a family member doesn't feel good. It's good to keep at least one on hold. (vo) Team members say they're also glad that the pandemic has slowed to the point they can do something like this with less worry than in just a few months ago. (sot) Hadden says they're looking to do more of these. In the meantime, you can simply go to *your* local health department and ask for some. In Metter, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

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CANDLER CO.
COVID TESTS

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The fire that caused this damage has been deemed suspicious by law enforcement... and started Thursday night... just hours before that, this was also the scene where four people were arrested in a drug and weapon bust. Vo Here are the people arrested for a variety of charges. The two on the left are facing charges for trafficking, manufacturing, and possessing several drugs including meth and crack cocaine. The two on the right are facing charges for manufacturing and possession of cocaine. The Sheriff's office says this was a long-term effort. "This was executed after several months of an investigation into illegal activity at that residence." Vo A residence that needed over 15 firefighters and four fire engines to keep from doing more damage to the area. Now, the damage from the flames obvious.. and the building is almost completely gone. What's less clear though, is if fire and arrests are connected. Sot "It is being investigated as a separate incident cause we do not want to overlook anything, but there was a suspicious fire that is being investigated by our Sheriff's office at that same location." Vo The fire was put out without any reported injuries.. deputies say the four people arrested are being held at the Beaufort County detention center. As the separate investigations for the fire and arrests continue we'll be sure to keep you updated on air and online at WTOC.com For now though, reporting from Beaufort County, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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BEAUFORT CO.
DRUGS & GUNS
ARRESTS

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"During the latest pre-trial motion hearing we're learning new information in the investigation surrounding the deaths of Mary and Elwin Crocker Jr." During the pre-trial hearing, Elwin Crocker senior's defense attorneys said their were 16 search warrants filed in this investigation. We're also learning there were about seven or eight devices, like phones and tablets, taken from the home the siblings lived at with their family. One of Crocker's defense attorneys Samuel Wood argued that some evidence presented in pre-trial hearings should be closed to the public. He says because if potential jurors see content like what's on those devices mentioned or disturbing photographs before jury selections for trial begin, their opinion could be swayed. "There are going to be photographs of the body of the victims in this case. These particular victims are children and that tends, when it is published, when it is disseminated to the public, to be sensationalized because they are children." Lead prosecutor Matt Breedon denied the motion. "Those photographs will be displayed to this court in a manner to where they will not be able to be video recorded by the crews in the court room, either they will be handed to the court or they will be displayed on a screen that will angled towards the court." As for what's next--Judge F. Gates Peed says Elwyn Crocker Senior, Kim Wright and Mark Wright will be in pre-trial hearings together at the end of October. When trials begin-- the three defendants will be tried separately. Judge Peed says the first person in trial will be Elwyn Crocker Senior. In Effingham County, Camille Syed WTOC News.

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CROCKER
CRIMINAL CASE
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nats of march Calls for answers in Claxton this weekend as family and friends of Erick Brown Jr. marched through the city. nats pop: "There must be justice, there must be peace and there must be closure to this." Brown...who was known as EJ...was shot and killed at a Claxton house party back in January...according to investigators. His mother...says the pain of her 18 year old son's death still lingers more than 8 months later. Willie Mae Brown/EJ's Mother: "We will never be able to embrace him again. It's like a bad dream and we have not waken up from it yet." Brown's family members say there were roughly 150 people at the house party. The mayor from the neighboring town of Daisy has been outspoken on this case and is urging for more to be to address gun violence. Dr. Eddie Ball/Daisy Mayor: "Power to keep these tragedies from happening not just in our community but in our nation that continues to face not with the pandemic of covid, but a pandemic of gun violence." He's calling on others to help find answers as investigators have not announced any major updates. Dr. Eddie Ball/Daisy Mayor: "Those that may know something. I'll go on record and say this, those that know something, I'm not saying be a snitch, but be a community servant and say what you know. Help the family out." And even though Brown's family continues to grieve... Willie Mae Brown/EJ's Mother: "It's not fair. I'm bleeding, really bleeding." ...they hope that marching will bring them one step closer to justice for EJ. In Claxton...Flynn Snyder...WTOC News.

9/18/2022 11PM FLYNN:
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 OD COURTHOUSE
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Take Ilvosot Standup Here at the Beaufort County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Department, better know as BCADAD, efforts to help those fighting addiction go year-round... but they say the national spotlight brought by recovery month helps them get the message out that much more. Sot: (Steve Donaldson- Director, BCADAD) "This is a disease that often times people in the public need to have an education about that it's not easy for somebody that's in the throes of their addiction to turn that around without getting help, and it's also I think important for people to get the message of hope that people with this disease can get better." Vo National Recovery Month was recently recognized at a county council meeting, highlighting it further in this community. Donaldson says attention like that helps get rid of the stigma surrounding drug and alcohol addiction recovery, and in Beaufort County... this office helps around 750 to 1000 people a year. On cam tag If you or someone you know needs help fighting addiction, we'll have helpful links at this story on our website. Reporting from Beaufort County, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

9/19/2022 TYLER: DRUG
 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD AWARENESS

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A Garden City neighborhood rocked by gunfire Saturday night. "Wow, I'm just devastated. To see something like this happen here in Garden City, pretty quiet and everything and to see this type of incident happen, my heart goes out to the family." Police say they responded to an area of Priscilla D. Thomas Way around 9pm where they found a shooting victim with non-life-threatening injuries. According to a police report...officers then heard shots coming from the nearby Pines at Garden City apartment complex. That's where they found 30-year-old James Ancrum with gunshot wounds. Ancrum later died of his injuries. Now...members at a neighboring church are grieving the loss of Ancrum...as they say his family was a part of their congregation. "We don't know what causes this tragic thing to happen, but it's a hurt, a hurt that gets down to the bone especially when you're a father and have children and great grandchildren. Yesterday our pastor, he announced it and he was very shook up as well as the rest of us." Life-long resident Nina Harris says she knows Ancrum's family and is still shocked by the shootings.. "I don't remember anything like this happening here before. I've been in this neighborhood all of my life, and I've never heard of this happening. I grew up here." As church leaders now mourn the loss of a former member. "It's a big loss for the community because the young man was raised in this area. And we just now got to be in a place to be there and comfort the family. It's very, very hurtful, very hurtful."

9/19/2022 GARDEN CITY
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SAVANNAH
WEEKEND
SHOOTING

? "You feel violated...it doesn't disappear immediately..." Lowell Roberts, who lives near where 17-year old Devoin Bates-Carrington was fatally shot, says that's some of the feeling he's left with following the incident. Roberts says he hopes the shooting isn't part of a trend, and adds he believes it illustrates why neighborhoods need to come together. "You can control what you do, but you can't always rely on the politicians or the police to deal with that. The steps that you can take as a community and as a person within a community can make a big difference." The city council member over the district where Saturday's fatal shooting happened says she's working with people in the area, and encouraging them to connect and look out for one another. "I don't care if you're not in an association, I'm gonna listen to you. But it's easier to fight together. The fight should be one of synergy and continuity, and that's what we get when we work together."

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HHI DOUBLE
SHOOTING
LATEST

The Sheriff's office tells me a 23-year-old man was shot three times and an 18-year-old man also with gunshot wounds are both stable after being brought to Savannah's Memorial Hospital. Vo It happened on Muddy Creek Rd, down at this intersection. Law enforcement says deputies found the 23-year-old lying in the road next to a car, but they only connected the 18-year-old to the shooting later... when he showed up at the hospital. "The second victim didn't provide any statements at the hospital, so we're not sure what his location was when he was shot... if he was inside of the car or outside of the car." Vo The investigation into what happened here Tuesday is ongoing, and seemingly so is the gun violence in this area. Sheriff's office reports from Muddy Creek, show there's now been six different shootings here over the last seven years. Those have resulted in at least ten people shot with three of them turning fatal. As caution tape blows in the wind, so did our chances talking with neighbors on camera. I spoke with one person away from the lens though who says he's been living in this neighborhood since the 70s... and he feels more safe now than he has in the past. On cam tag The Sheriff's office says there doesn't seem to be a connection between Tuesday's shooting and the ones from previous years. As the investigation continues, we'll keep you updated on new information on air and online at Wtoc.com, for now though reporting from Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News

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MARC WILSON
CASE WRAP UP

(sot) The crowds and emotion that has followed Marc Wilson's case may be absent from the judicial annex today. But many of those folks say the case continues in spite of the sentence handed down from the judge. (vo) In the two hour sentencing hearing, Allison Hutcheson wept as she recalled the notice that her stepdaughter Haley had been shot and killed. (sot) We had to wake up our children, and tell them that their Sissy was gone. (vo) Wilson's defense attorneys brought a dozen character witnesses who described Wilson as an honest and honorable young man. Attorneys asked Judge Ronnie Thompson to hand down a shorter sentence or even place Wilson on probation. After several minutes of explanation, he rendered his decision. (sot) The court is going to sentence you to the maximum, ten years to serve. (vo) Last month, a jury acquitted Wilson on murder and aggravated assault charges, but convicted him of a lesser charge of involuntary manslaughter. Attorneys contend the sentence should have been less than the 10 year maximum. (sot) ..just to be clear...the sentence that the judge handed out is not a reflection of what the jury's decision was. (vo) Wilson's supporters accused prosecutors of mishandling the case and targeting their client while ignoring the teens Wilson said were threatening him when he fired his gun. (sot) ...the use of the District Attorney's office in this "legal lynching", Daphne Totten has a lot to answer for that. And there's blood on the hands of Luke Conley, Ashton DeLoach, and Mason Glisson. Nothing this judge said today is going to change that. (vo) Judge Thompson declined to grant first-offender status in the case. Wilson spent close to two years in jail awaiting trial. That time will count toward his sentence. (sot) Both sides return to court next week when the state asks the judge to impose restitution in the case for the expenses of Haley's funeral. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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6P: MARIAH:
BOAT SPEED
LIMITS

LL The folks I talked to said this proposed change came out of the blue and caught them by surprise. They say NOAA introduced this with little to no input from the recreational fishing and boating community. PKG "Everyone wants to be conservation-minded and everybody wants to do their part. It's just how do we strike that balance?" The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is looking to modify the Right Whale Speed Rule, to reduce the likelihood of entanglements or vessel strikes. This applies to the entire east coast. Currently, the rule says vessels greater than 65 feet need to slow to 10 knots, which is roughly 11 mph, during the whales' calving period from November to April. The proposed change would make it so boats down to 35 ft or bigger would be under the same speed rules. "Over the last decade or two there are much more boats in that size class out in the recreational fishing community." Spud Woodward worked with the Georgia DNR for more than 3 decades and currently serves on numerous boards including the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. He says whale safety is always top of mind and a whale strike is tragic. But he says the likelihood of a small vessel, such as a fishing boat, striking a whale is very small. He says driving 10 knots, for miles, trying to get to a fishing spot would have a big economic impact. "If you're contemplating losing four of those hours for travel time that may be just enough of a distance that I'm just not going to go. That's where the concern comes in for the economic effect to all the ancillary businesses. The folks that sell the fuel, that sell all the supplies and that sell the tackle." Captain Judy Helme, Owner of Miss Judy Charters, says she takes people out fishing anywhere from 5 to 100 miles off the coast. An average trip offshore for her, to the Snapper Banks for example, is a two-hour run. She says they will not be able to make it work if they have to double that travel time. "We've been dealing with and avoiding whales all our lives." Woodward says he wants NOAA to hear from the boating and fishing community and consider a few things like ... "One of the things they've pointed out is poor compliance, especially in Georgia. Well, what about boosting the enforcement of existing regulations?" LLTAG I did reach out to NOAA who told me they can't comment on any of these concerns because the comment period is still open. They did respond to these folks who've reached out with concerns and extended the comment period until the end of October. If you'd like to leave a comment you can find a link to do so on our website wtoc.com just look for this story. On Wilmington Island, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

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Standup: The attorneys representing the family of Mallory Beach essentially asked Judge Hall to rethink his decision to un-tether Parkers from the rest of the defendants in this case. Vo The initial motion to sever was granted by the judge at the beginning of September, but today attorneys on both sides argued for and against it being upheld. So: (PK Shere - Attorney Representing Parker's) "We think that the right thing to do is uphold the severance, we believe that the judge has ample grounds to do it and more importantly we think that the law supports it." So: (Mark Tinsley - Attorney Representing Beach Family) "I just don't think there's anything to support the decision or the arguments that Parker's has made." Vo Tinsley, who represents the Beach family brought up almost 200 years of cases to argue there's no law to support the severance as necessary. The attorney representing Parker's disagreed on all points, saying those case examples had nothing to do with severance and don't apply here. All sides agree this case will come down to the jury deciding if Parker's, where Paul Murdaugh bought alcohol before boating and crashing under the influence, was negligent in Beach's death... but the question now is if the judge will group Parker's back in with the almost dozen other defendants or allow this case to stand alone. On cam tag: I'll have more details and reaction from in and outside the courthouse coming up on the news at 6, for now though reporting from Hampton County, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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TYLER: BEACH
MURDAUGH
COURT

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While it's unclear exactly what areas will be impacted by the latest round of tropical activity... Bryan County's emergency crews say it serves as a good reminder to be prepared. MINI: "We're prepared, we're ready, but we're just urging the citizens to be prepared and for them to be ready and be vigilant." As attention draws to the tropics... Bryan County emergency crews say now is the time to get ready. "We can't let our guard down. Right now is the time that you should go ahead and get your stuff prepared, build that kit, have a kit ready, have a place to go and don't forget those pets." The county's emergency management director Freddy Howell says his team has held preparedness talks with neighboring counties. While he says the county's plan is up to date...there are some parts that worry him. "The population is growing. So, that means the timeline of trying to get everybody out of here and the routes getting everybody out of here are going to be clogged up and that's what's worrisome to me." He says the county is ultimately prepared and is no stranger to natural disaster response. Less than six months after an EF-4 tornado devastated the county's north end...crews say they're ready to respond to large-scale natural disasters. "We did learn a lot from our tornado. Cleaning up and building back, it's long term and we've got a lot of work, all the counties do as far as trying to get the community back up and running." Reporting in Bryan County...Flynn Snyder...WTOC News.

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BRYAN CO.
HURRICANE
PLAN

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BEACH &
MURDAUGH
COURT
HEARING

Standup: Inside the Hampton County courthouse behind me the attorneys for both Parker's and Mallory Beach's family presented their arguments as to why the judge in this case should reconsider his decision to sever Parker's from the rest of the defendants. Vo Judge Daniel Hall listened to almost two hours of arguments. His initial order from early September states "If Parker's is not severed away from the Murdaugh defendants and remains tethered to any of them at trial in the instant case, Parker's undoubtedly will be prejudiced." Today... Mark Tinsley, who represents the Beach family, argued that isn't true, and asked the judge to reconsider. "They intend on holding everybody that's responsible for the death of their daughter accountable and we think that the severance hinders that. So, we've asked the court to reconsider, and I think he's going to reconsider it." Vo The opposing attorney sees a different motivation for Tinsley asking the judge to group Parker's back in with the rest of the defendants, specifically the Murdaugh's. "The only reason they want us tethered together is because they want Parker's to get swept up into that drama and then pay for their poor decisions and bad acts." Vo Shere.. there..referencing the decisions and acts of the Murdaughs.. He wants his client, the corporation where Paul Murdaugh bought alcohol before crashing his family's boat while intoxicated, to be separated from the actions of the Murdaugh's in this courtroom moving forward... as they are now. The judge has set a start date for this trial as January 9th and both sets of attorneys are good with that, barring any changes in this severance ruling. On cam tag Judge Hall says the latest we'll have his decision on this motion to reconsider is end of day Tuesday... for now though reporting in Hampton County, Tyler Manion, WTOG News.

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CCPD LOOKING
FOR ASSAULT
SUSPECT

Police say the man got in her apartment through an unlocked door then attacked her. He left quickly after the victim's roommate entered the room, according to Chatham County Police. A woman living at The Preserve with her young daughter, who wanted to remain anonymous, said she saw police there on Wednesday but wasn't sure what happened. After learning about the assault, she is very concerned, especially because the suspect hasn't been arrested yet. She says she will be getting a doorbell camera and checking her surroundings as often as possible. Her sister Amber Mole visiting at the moment is worried for her sister and family's safety.

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			Governor Kemp said in a statement tonight quote- "I urge my fellow Georgians to monitor this storm as it evolves and calmly take the necessary precautions to keep their families and neighbors safe, if the storm continues to intensify. Throughout the week, I will work closely with GEMA/HS, the weather service, public safety organizations, and others to ensure we leave nothing to chance." *toss to Dylan*	
9/25/2022	11PM	BRIAN KEMP		
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			"Events like these bring everyone together. pulls the community together. It's about sharing resources, promoting nonviolence, promoting peace in the community. Not just within the community, but getting a sense of togetherness with our organizations, with our city, with our fellow community members." "If we can help increase the amount of conflict resolution skills, then we're going to have less violence. So, we're just really wanting a more peaceful Savannah and help bring people together to help make that happen. Organizers say the event will become an annual one. The 11th day of every month will be honored as Savannah's Day of Peace moving forward.	
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			(sot) "Starting Thursday, I anticipate we'll be all hands on deck." As Chatham County is no stranger to hurricanes, Chatham Emergency Management Agency will have extra staff ready for when Ian makes it's way here. As our first alert weather team has been saying.. Ian is expected to weaken by the time it gets to our area.. CEMA Director Dennis expects power outages and potential flooding to be the biggest concerns. "We're looking at potentially Thursday, Friday, Saturday impacts so there's plenty of time to get ready. This is not something that everybody needs to panic for." While Jones says evacuating is unlikely, he encourages people to create a disaster kit catered to your families needs....and grab the basics like bottled water, batteries and flash lights. If you're running low on medications, he says to talk to your doctor immediately so you're prepared. "Just calmly look at what resources you have in your house or business, what resources do you need or you think you will need. Look at whether you need to buy those now or you can wait until a later time." Jones says if you have any questions, you can call CEMA 24/7. Camille Syed WTOC News.	
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9/26/2022 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD MARIAH: TYBEE CITY HURRICANE

Because they're in the monitoring phase this does mean that the city is in OPCON 4. You'll hear the term OPCON used a lot during hurricane season. It stands for "operating condition." It describes the level of alert and preparedness that various state agencies are working under. To put it into perspective, OPCON 5 is what the city is under the majority of the time, which is normal day-to-day operations with no threats. So, again they are working now in OPCON 4 meaning there's a possible threat. Chief Kendrick says they are checking in with the businesses on the island to make sure they're prepped and ready. He encourages everyone to do the same. He says now is the time to get your home kits in order and get gas for your generators. He reminds everyone to not be out on the beach or in the water if the weather is really bad.. and adds there will not be lifeguards out on the beach when the storm is in our area..

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9/26/2022 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD TYLER: SC HURRICANE STUFF

Sot: (Tom Dunn - Emergency Manager, HHI) "Right now, anytime there's a storm coming you're concerned. So we're going through our normal checks, we're filling up generators, we're making sure we're ready to go no matter what the storm is." Vo He says the town is preparing for a variety of strengths with this tropical system, and getting everyone they might need prepared. Sot "We're making sure all of our contracted vendors are ready to go, so our debris contractors, our feeding contractors... all of those things are ready to go." Vo Dunn tells me he'll hold a comprehensive meeting with all emergency personnel this week, and bring in extra hands for when Ian gets to our area.. Sot "We'll probably do some up-staffing and have some additional people available to respond to any type of call for service that we may have."

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9/26/2022 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD CEMA PREPS FOR IAN

(sot) "I don't want to get caught by Ian." Preparing for tropical storms is typically an annual occasion for seasoned Chatham County residents but moving to the area under a year ago, Marilyn Woods is preparing for her first named storm. "I went out and bought jugs of water and all kinds of can foods." Chatham Emergency Management Agency Director Dennis Jones, CEMA is in OpCon four meaning they've enhanced monitoring of the storm. "I understand there are a lot of new people who have moved in to the area. A hurricane is not something foreign to our community. It's something that we deal with on a regular basis. It's going to take a little bit of effort to make sure that everyone is up to speed on what the conditions could be." While Ian is supposed to weaken by the time it gets here, Woods is still worried about the uncertainty... "I would say terrified because you don't know. Weather can turn on a dime and it just might hit Tybee. It might hit Savannah. I'm just thinking about trying to get off that Island if need be." While she has concerns, one tourist says she's well acquainted with storms "I'm from Virginia. Hurricanes are nothing. I never leave, I go out and enjoy it." So, Sara Galvin still plans to enjoy her time in Savannah and leave on Friday.. Whether you've been through a storm or this is your first, CEMA says prepare now for whatever the storm may bring. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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"Even if the hurricane passes us over and doesn't do any damage, I'm ready for the next one!" Better safe than sorry. This is what many residents out on Tybee Island say is their motto as they prepare for what impact Hurricane Ian could have on the coastal communities. "I'm looking at my weather every 15 minutes. Is there an update? Is there an update?" Kecia Adams and Deb Baber both say the next three days are dedicated to prepping their homes and yards. "Take down our chimes and move them inside. We either bring the outside furniture in or either turn it down and we bungee cord things, so that they're not moving around. We bungee stuff in the garage to the garage like trash cans the bikes." "We're weather stripping and putting plastic over the doors inside and out. It can't hurt. So, I'm doing it and putting boards over that." Adams says even though there isn't an evacuation order in place, as of now, her and her husband will be staying with family more inland and coming back to Tybee when it passes. She says she does expect to come home to some flood damage. "My house is on the ground, so subject to flooding. It's going to happen." Baber has a raised home, which she says has been very helpful in previous storms. She says she will be moving her cars, though, to higher ground since her street is prone to flooding. "Plan for the worst." She says she also encourages others on the Island to make sure their generators are ready, batteries are charged, trash cans are tied up and that they have enough food and drinks in the pantry. "We're like 'oh no, we don't want to get ready again,' but you know some people get ready at the very beginning of hurricane season and they don't get unready until it's over. Get ready, get ready now. Then you'll be sure that you're ok."

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"It only takes one pine tree to take out the power. Even though you might have an underground service that comes to your island or most of Hilton Head is underground, all the transition lines that serve that area are above ground." Vo Palmetto electric is watching and waiting as the storm approaches, but they're doing so proactively. Sot "Go ahead and start planning, getting ready in case we have to pull additional support teams or crews from other co-ops, as well as letting other co-ops know that we have crews available if they need it." Vo He says they're ready to help communities across South Carolina or Georgia and have taken steps to be prepared here on Hilton Head too. Sot "Well we go ahead and make sure fuel capacity is topped off, and we're already starting to stage preliminary equipment."

9/26/2022
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PALMETTO
ELECTRIC
PREPS FOR IAN

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(sot) "Starting Thursday, I anticipate we'll be all hands on deck." As Chatham County is no stranger to hurricanes, Chatham Emergency Management Agency will have extra staff ready for when Ian makes it's way here. As our first alert weather team has been saying.. Ian is expected to weaken by the time it gets to our area.. CEMA Director Dennis expects power outages and potential flooding to be the biggest concerns. "We're looking at potentially Thursday, Friday, Saturday impacts so there's plenty of time to get ready. This is not something that everybody needs to panic for." While Jones says evacuating is unlikely, he encourages people to create a disaster kit catered to your families needs....and grab the basics like bottled water, batteries and flash lights. If you're running low on medications, he says to talk to your doctor immediately so you're prepared. "Just calmly look at what resources you have in your house or business, what resources do you need or you think you will need. Look at whether you need to buy those now or you can wait until a later time." Jones says if you have any questions, you can call CEMA 24/7. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD CEMA IAN
 PREPS

As county leaders monitor the storm - they're sitting at OPCON 4. OPCON is a term you may be used to hearing during hurricane season. It stands for "operating condition" and is used by emergency response coordinators to designate what level of alert and preparedness they're working under. On a normal day - we operate under OPCON 5.

9/26/2022 OPCON 00:00:19
 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD EXPLAINER

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 4:30:00 AM SHOW RUN CEMA PREPS
 THROUGH FOR IAN

9/27/2022
12:00:00 PM NOON OD

PALMETTO
ELECTRIC
POWER
OUTAGE PREP

"It only takes one pine tree to take out the power. Even though you might have an underground service that comes to your island or most of Hilton Head is underground, all the transition lines that serve that area are above ground." In addition to their own plans -- Palmetto Electric says they're also ready to help other areas impacted in South Carolina or Georgia.

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SHEA:
MCINTOSH CO.
EMA

The McIntosh County Emergency Management Agency is no stranger to the consequences of bad weather. In fact, they used to have a different building from the one I'm standing at now, before it was destroyed by a tornado.. so EMA Director Ty Poppell knows how important it is to be prepared. "We're doing National Weather Service phone calls, now it'll be four times a day. We're having department head meetings here at the EOC, and also advising our County Commissioners and county elected officials on what we're doing for the storm." That includes tracking the path of Ian and getting county infrastructure ready.. Poppell says crews are out clearing out ditches and drainage pipes.. and also clearing any limbs or trees that look like they could fall during high winds- though this doesn't totally eliminate the possibility of road blockages or power outages. Poppell: "Our road department and also our volunteer fire department always help us clear out trees from roadways and power lines once it's safe to do so. Georgia Power and Coastal EMC is always on standby for storms like this and they usually come into our area during or immediately after storms." Poppell says people who live in McIntosh County should be prepared for flooding and road blockages- and they should have a hurricane kit ready. They should also know that while police, fire, and medical workers will not evacuate from the county- emergency services will be suspended in the event of strong winds. Poppell: "There's no emergency medical service if the winds get up to a sustained speeds of 35 miles an hour. Once they drop down below it, we'll get to everyone we can, but at that time we can't because of the safety of our ambulance personnel." Shea: For that reason, Poppell encourages folks to be prepared to shelter in place. There is currently no evacuation order for McIntosh County. Stick with WTOC for the latest information as we continue to track Hurricane Ian. Reporting in McIntosh County, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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9/27/2022 SEAN: VAN
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD JOHNSON

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9/27/2022 SAV STORM
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD WATER PREPS

And while on the job, they find a variety of materials blocking the drains that keep them from working properly during significant rainfall. "A combination of anything. Tree debris, leaves, but a lot of trash. Trash typically is one of our worst things that we suck out of these lines. A hubcap, a cooler, a five gallon bucket...you'd be surprised." That's why Hoffman, the Director over Stormwater Management for the City of Savannah, says it's crucial for residents to keep trash and yard waste from their property out of storm drains. "Because the buildup of that material at certain points along the lines can definitely fully block a pipe." Hoffman says rainfall several weeks ago actually helped his team identify potential problem spots. "It wasn't an overly significant amount. But it was enough that it showed up little areas where we have some blockages, and allows us now to pinpoint those areas ever since then, and this week up until this event." And Hoffman underscored the importance of the work the stormwater crews are doing now, that could make a big difference in what kind of flooding areas of the City see. "This is the nuts and bolts of our existing system. We have to get our existing system functioning as well as it can. And that's what's going to make the difference when the storm comes on Thursday."

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7:00:00 PM 7PM OD MCMASTER
PRESSER
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9/27/2022
7:00:00 PM 7PM OD OGLETHORPE
MALL
SHOOTING Police cleared this scene at the Crunch Fitness attached to the mall less than an hour ago. We are waiting to get more details from Savannah Police. Stay with WTOC for updates. 00:00:10

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9/27/2022 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD CHATHAM CO JAIL STORM PREP

"My main concern and my staff's main concern is this jail." *BUTTED "We can live in here about 60 days on food and everything that we got *LONG PAUSE* and again everything is ready wer're ready to go hopefully it doesn't hit as hard as it says" The sheriff says during the last hurricane the only road leading to the jail was completely flooded they're looking out for more than 12-hundred inmates and he says they have everything they need in case they're impacted.

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9/27/2022 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD CHD HEALTH DEPT. IAN CHANGES

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9/28/2022 MORNING
9:00:00 AM BREAK OD 9 SARAH GDOT
28 UPDATE

Starting today -- The Georgia Department of Transportation will open its 24/7 Command Center for the Coastal Region to keep up to date on current conditions.. That station is at their office in Jessup and will dispatch info to the entire Southeastern region of the state. The Traffic Management Center in Atlanta is up and running. Once the rain starts falling -- they will have crews out monitoring the roads until the storm has passed. The DOT says their biggest concern over the next few days will be flooding and water over the roadways.

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"So it opens up Emergency Management chains at a local level all the way to the state level so anything we can't procure or get locally including staffing we can then work out the food chain to the state and ask them to provide staffing or any other resources that we are having trouble sourcing here." Our Sean Evans will have a full report from that conference coming up on The News at 4:30.

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9/28/2022 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD WARNOCK: HURRICANE READINESS c "You know, I grew up in Savannah so I know what it's like to have these storm warnings and I just want to encourage people to take it seriously and to pay attention to local officials. Take all necessary precautions. Protect yourself and protect your family and know that I'm monitoring the situation closely talking to folks at FEMA and we stand ready to help during the storm and after the storm." 00:00:23

9/28/2022 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD SEAN: CEMA CONFERENCE It's just one measure Tybee Island City leaders are taking in preparation of storm impacts. And this afternoon, other Chatham County leaders held a news conference to talk about what folks county-wide should expect to see, like flooding. "Those places that normally have water, expect water to be there. It's just that we don't know how much water will be there because the projection is anywhere from 4 to 8 inches of rain. So that's a lot of water." Chatham Emergency Management Agency Director Dennis Jones added wind will also be a factor. "In Chatham County we can expect to have tropical storm-force winds. This is something that we have been talking about for awhile, we've been talking about them in the terms of tropical storm gusts with this latest shift, that does present a challenge for us as far as sustained tropical storm-force winds." And I asked if those conditions were bad enough, if emergency crews would be pulled off the roads. "As the need arises, if we have to hunker in our first responders, then we will make that determination. But again, a whole lot of things will come out tomorrow morning when we will have our briefing again." 00:01:08

9/28/2022 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD JESSICA: INSURANCE COMMISSIONER There are several things you can do now that will make the process smoother should you have any damage. First - Locate important documents - such as birth certificates, insurance policies and account numbers. Document your property before the storm arrives with photos and video. Contact family members and make sure everyone understands your hurricane plan. Read over your insurance policies to understand what is covered and what isn't. If you have any damage, your first call once the storm passes should be to your insurance agent. But the biggest message for now is: Don't become complacent. 00:00:36

9/28/2022
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

TYBEE & CEMA
PREPS AHEAD
OF IAN

"It's amazing. I didn't have to worry about having to go to Home Depot and pray that there was sand left. So the fact that they did this is great." While some filled up bags to put around their own homes, others filled them up to deliver to friends who couldn't make it this afternoon, like Peggy White. "I'm over off of Anderson and Solomon. So we have an upstairs, but we also have living downstairs. So we got all our bags the last few days. We're over putting sump pumps in now. And then my girlfriend, she live down Jones, and she's a single level so she's right there." And it was an effort taken up by all ages. NAT: "Teamwork makes the dream work, man. Look at these kids over here." "We've done it before, we know how to prepare, and as you can see everyone here today is taking it seriously and executing their emergency plans." Assistant City Manager Michelle Owens and other city leaders have been in meetings all week, going over Tybee's storm plan ahead of impacts from Ian. Owens says while they're preparing for the worst and hoping for the best, city along with county leaders believe it's likely the only road on or off the island will be shut down due to flooding at some point. "We do caution people that 80 will flood maybe at high tide. So just be aware of the tide times, when we have high tide. Most likely we'll have elevated flooding. And once you're on the island, when the road closes, you just have to stay put on either side of the road wherever you are. And hopefully it won't last too long."

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HILTON HEAD
SHORE BEACH
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"Our staff will be in vehicles patrolling and if weather permits, yes we will still have our lifeguards on duty through this event. Here on Hilton Head we're looking at about an eight foot tide for the next couple of days normal schedule, so if we get a storm surge coming in a few feet above that you can expect 30, 40, 50 yards of beach to be covered up where normally it would not."

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9/28/2022
7:00:00 PM 7PM OD

SAV HOMELESS
STORM
RESOURCES

"A lot of that work is being done by our street outreach team. They're in the field right now. They started yesterday and worked from early hours this morning and will into the late evening hours of tonight, going to those encampment areas specifically. They're communicating directly. They're not relying on technology. They're not relying on news and media. They're literally going in and they have a flyer that says exactly what addresses are available, what shelters are available. And our team if offering transportation."

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9/28/2022
7:00:00 PM 7PM OD TALMADGE,
OTHER
BRIDGES TO
CLOSE The Houlihan Bridge will also be closed to boat traffic, but will stay open to cars. GDOT officials say they fear high winds could cause problems for drivers. The Talmadge will require what they called an "extensive inspection" after the storm passes... so it's closed until further notice. 00:00:17

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LATEST
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9/28/2022
7:00:00 PM 7PM OD KEMP TO GIVE
UPDATE TMRW Georgia's state of emergency will go into effect tomorrow morning. We're also expecting an update from Governor Brian Kemp in the morning... It's happening at the Savannah Hilton Head International Airport around 9 a-m. WTOC will have LIVE coverage of that update on Morning Break. 00:00:17

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9/29/2022 4:30:00 AM 4:30AM DAYBREAK OD SEAN 6PM: TYBEE & CEMA PREPS

"It's amazing. I didn't have to worry about having to go to Home Depot and pray that there was sand left. So the fact that they did this is great." While some filled up bags to put around their own homes, others filled them up to deliver to friends who couldn't make it this afternoon, like Peggy White. "I'm over off of Anderson and Solomon. So we have an upstairs, but we also have living downstairs. So we got all our bags the last few days. We're over putting sump pumps in now. And then my girlfriend, she live down Jones, and she's a single level so she's right there." And it was an effort taken up by all ages. NAT: "Teamwork makes the dream work, man. Look at these kids over here." "We've done it before, we know how to prepare, and as you can see everyone here today is taking it seriously and executing their emergency plans." Assistant City Manager Michelle Owens and other city leaders have been in meetings all week, going over Tybee's storm plan ahead of impacts from Ian. Owens says while they're preparing for the worst and hoping for the best, city along with county leaders believe it's likely the only road on or off the island will be shut down due to flooding at some point. "We do caution people that 80 will flood maybe at high tide. So just be aware of the tide times, when we have high tide. Most likely we'll have elevated flooding. And once you're on the island, when the road closes, you just have to stay put on either side of the road wherever you are. And hopefully it won't last too long."

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9/29/2022 5:00:00 AM 5AM DAYBREAK OD CHD HEALTH DEPT. IAN CHANGES

We want to remind you the Coastal Health District has closed all of its offices today. This includes the Chatham County health department and all other county health departments in our region. the health district says it expects operations to resume as normal on Monday.

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9/29/2022 5:00:00 AM 5AM DAYBREAK OD SAV HOMELESS STORM RESOURCES

"A lot of that work is being done by our street outreach team. They're in the field right now. They started yesterday and worked from early hours this morning and will into the late evening hours of tonight, going to those encampment areas specifically. They're communicating directly. They're not relying on technology. They're not relying on news and media. They're literally going in and they have a flyer that says exactly what addresses are available, what shelters are available. And our team if offering transportation."

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9/29/2022 5:00:00 AM 5AM DAYBREAK OD TALMADGE, OTHER BRIDGES TO CLOSE The Houlihan Bridge will also be closed to boat traffic, but will stay open to cars. G-DOT officials say they fear high winds could cause problems for drivers. The Talmadge will require what they called an "extensive inspection" after the storm passes... so it's closed until further notice. 00:00:17

9/29/2022 9:00:00 AM MORNING BREAK OD 9 29 JESSICA: INSURANCE COMMISSIONER "Please pay attention, we don't make these decisions lightly. It is all to save life and to minimize damage. We are standing ready - all of the state agencies." 00:00:09

9/29/2022 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD FLYNN: BRYAN CO. WATER SEARCH Marina staff have been working to secure boats in the winds. They say they're especially worried about winds coming from the northeast. They say that's the direction they have the least natural protection from. And already...we've seen the effects of the rough water. A male jet skier had to be rescued earlier today here as the conditions pushed and his jet ski about a mile and a half up river into Chatham County. He is expected to be ok...but marina staff are urging everyone to use caution. 00:00:29

9/29/2022 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD JAKE: TYBEE ISLAND TYLER YARBROUGH/ Lives on Tybee Island "Well I moved here a couple months ago, so I haven't seen anything like this yet. We bought a bunch of water and got battery packs for our phones. So that's about it. Just kind of hoping the power doesn't go out." 00:00:12

9/29/2022 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD LYNDSEY: TYBEE ISLAND BIZ PREPS 00:01-00:10 "We've seen quite a few people in here throughout the afternoon. People that were getting ready for the storm, people that have to come out here to take care of their vacation rentals, making sure everything is secure and we fed them all, if we can." The Rock House ... and some other businesses on Butler Avenue did put down sand bags ... but they say they're very much taking it day-by-day. 00:00:23

9/29/2022 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD MCMASTER: TEAM EFFORT RESPONSE "I've spoken to Governor Cooper in North Carolina and Governor Kemp in Georgia and also had communications with Governor DeSantis' office, and we're all ready to send whatever we need to wherever it needs to go if we don't need it ourselves, so this is really a remarkable full team effort." 00:00:17

9/29/2022
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD KEMP ON
POWER
OUTAGES "The state operations center is at level 1 - which is full scale activation. Teams from every relevant state agency are standing by to deploy to any potential affected counties when and if appropriate. We were there yesterday morning, and everybody's ready to go." 00:00:16

9/29/2022
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD MAX LIVE:
SAVANNAH "It's a little windy! But, the last 5 years, my mom lived here, and I evacuated her for Hurricanes. So, I'm kind of used to the river getting white caps and all that." BUTTED TO: "Being from Tampa, we get a lot of tropical storms. And, you know, there's been so many times where that has happened before, and it's not that big of a deal. I don't want to undermine anything, but I do think that everything is going to be ok. Yeah, everything is definitely going to be fine." 00:00:27

9/29/2022
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD BRYAN CO. IAN
PREPAREDNES S "Just situational awareness, we're going to make sure everyone is aware. Make your plans, check your plans, make sure you have plenty of water and your cars are full of gas. Have some cash in case your electricity goes out." 00:00:13

9/29/2022
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD

ALYSSA:
BEAUFORT
SAFETY

Hilton Head's emergency management team, county and state officials are expecting conditions to look different -- worse than today. "We had a high tide at noon today...Thursday. The beaches were flooded. We recommend people stay off the beach. There's going to be erosion. There's going to be flooding. In the low lying areas especially we do expect storm surge...tropical storm force winds so we're monitoring the storm overnight and hopefully have a better idea of what it looks like tomorrow." The town's general manager of shore beach services says they're also watching Ian closely and home is the safest place for people to be. "I think tomorrow we're gonna see an increase in surf, we're gonna see an increase of wind, more than likely we'll have a rain event in our area so really the message is stay off the beach"

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9/29/2022
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD

JAKE: HWY 80
POTENTIAL
FLOODING

I'm alongside Highway 80, right by Fort Pulaski as Tybee Island crews continue to monitor Ian's impact on high tide, which is set to happen around 11:15 tonight... Normally high tide measures around eight feet here, but Ian has pushed all that extra water to Tybee. Speaking with our First Alert Meteorologists earlier, tonight's high tide is forecast for nine feet, five inches. It's forecasted to be a little higher Friday around noon at ten feet, but that's lower than earlier projections. All that because Ian continues to move away from our area. Tybee Island officials say they're monitoring in case they need to close Highway 80- but no calls have been made on that yet. Lyndsey Gough is going to have more on what we saw on Tybee coming up later in the show. Live in Chatham County- Jake Wallace- WTOC News

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9/30/2022
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AFTERNOO
N BREAK
OD

CAMILLE:
HILTON HEAD

Here's some video from earlier today when we were seeing that light rain. Nonetheless, people are in good spirits, just happy there was very little damage out here and the storm has passed through. We received an update less than two hours ago from Town of Hilton Head leaders that there were no significant impacts. There were six fallen trees reported but thankfully they did not cause any severe damage or injuries. I ran into the best man and groomsmen in a wedding party. They wedding party says the wedding is set for tomorrow and there all just relieved the special moment can go on.

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9/30/2022 3:00:00 PM	AFTERNOON N BREAK OD	SC: PAWLEYS ISLAND FLOODING	New video shows flooding from Ian in South Carolina. This is Pawleys Island. That's between Charleston and Myrtle Beach. You can see the storm surge pushing onto land.	00:00:10
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9/30/2022 3:00:00 PM	AFTERNOON N BREAK OD	CNN: FLORIDA SURVEYS HURRICANE IAN	<p>Voice of Dan Allers/ Fort Myers Beach City Councilman: "Total devastation, catastrophic. Those are words that come to mind when you see what you see." TWO DAYS AFTER HURRICANE IAN SLAMMED INTO FLORIDA'S SOUTHWEST COAST, AND MANY ARE ONLY JUST BEGINNING TO GRAPPLE WITH THE DAMAGE AND DEVASTATION LEFT BEHIND MOS/ Fort Myers resident: "being so hard working honestly doesn't matter. It just is destroyed, it's ruined and then you have to start all over again and honestly, where do you start? how do you start in this? ALMOST TWO MILLION ARE STILL WITHOUT POWER... AND IN LEE COUNTY, 85-PERCENT OF ITS RESIDENTS ARE WITHOUT RUNNING WATER Radu Marginean/ Resident / Filmed door buckle from Ian water pressure: "It looks like a bomb went off here to be honest. It's beyond what I thought was capable of happening." RESCUERS HAVE GONE TO MORE THAN THREE-THOUSAND HOMES... WITH MANY RESIDENTS HAVING TO PLUCKED FROM ROOFS AND PARTIALLY SUBMERGED CARS. THE MAYOR OF FORT MYERS SAYS THEY HAVE FINISHED THEIR RESCUE EFFORTS. Mayor Kevin Anderson/ Fort Myers: "We have rescued upwards of 200 people so far." Talked to the fire chief yesterday, he feels pretty comfortable that we've gotten everybody." NOW, IAN IS EXPECTED TO HEAD TOWARD THE CAROLINAS AND NORTHEAST GEORGIA AFTER INTENSIFYING AGAIN TO A CATEGORY 1 HURRICANE IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN. THOSE GOVERNORS HAVE ISSUED STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDERS AHEAD OF THE STORM AND MANY RESIDENTS ARE BEING TOLD TO HUNKER DOWN. Mayor John Tecklenburg/ Charleston: "worst case is we get five foot on top of a high tide and you'll have water coming right over where we're standing" IN FORT MYERS, FLORIDA, I'M IVAN RODRIGUEZ.</p>	00:01:37
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9/30/2022 CBS: IAN
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"Rescue personnel have gone to more than three thousand homes in the hardest hit areas, going door to door to check on the occupants of those residences. There are over a thousand dedicated rescue personnel who are going up and down the coastline. Rescue efforts continuing in Florida. The governor giving that update today. So far we know at least 19 people have been killed and just massive amounts of destruction across the state.

9/30/2022
 4:00:00 PM 4PM OD FL DAMAGE 00:00:26

It did rain a bit on my way over here around 11 this morning as you can see in this video we shot around that time. I stopped by Rollers Wine, Beer and Spirits and while some people were stocking up at the grocery store, the owner here says people were also stocking up on alcohol. He says people started buying their drink supplies early this week.

9/30/2022
 4:00:00 PM 4PM OD CAMILLE: HHI 00:00:20

} Gov. Henry McMaster is urging South Carolinians to remain cautious and careful as Ian works its way into the state – saying the storm still brings life-threatening conditions. Here's what he said at his briefing this afternoon – about an hour before Ian made landfall. "It's not as bad as it could've been, a lot of prayers have been answered. But I would ask people, don't quit yet because it's still coming. We're not out of the woods." State officials are asking South Carolinians to limit non-emergency calls as to not bog down lines. If you still have power – they say charge your phone *now – as they're expecting power outage numbers to keep rising. Crews will be moving in to restore power only when it's safe to do so. With dangers of flooding in parts of the state – health officials remind people to stay out of floodwaters. Not just because of a risk of drowning – but also because that water can carry toxins and bacteria. "If somehow you do end up in the floodwater, as soon as you possible can, rinse off, get fresh clothes on. That will help protect you." Gov. McMaster also spoke with President Joe Biden earlier today. The governor says the president promised whatever help South Carolina needed. Reporting in Lexington County, I'm Mary Green.

9/30/2022
4:00:00 PM 4PM OD

MARY: SC EOC
IAN UPDATE

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She says that for the most part...this area has avoided Hurricane Ian's worst impacts. She told me that debris has been minimal...only a couple of tree limbs and fallen branches on the ground. She also says that the city has been keeping up with Dominion Energy and Palmetto Electric, which are only reporting scattered power outages. That's good news, she says, since 12 percent of Bluffton's residents were in danger of losing power in some of the paths Ian could have taken. Meetings with emergency teams also continued today, she says. City officials met with area leaders. Bluffton's mayor says that even though she believes the worst of the storm is behind them...it's still important to meet with others in the area to ensure that response teams are coordinated.

9/30/2022
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FLYNN:
BLUFFTON

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As you see many families actually chose to load up the car and head out to Tybee today after seeing the storm pass by safely. Of course the main draw was the waves. Whether you were surfing or just enjoying the view it was a rare sight for most. And while there was concern for how Ian could impact Tybee, one family I caught up with was focusing on the positives.

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SAM: TYBEE

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RETURNING TO FORT MYERS AFTER THE STORM, WILMAJEANE LAERY WAS GREETED WITH THIS DEVASTATING SIGHT - HER FAMILY'S NEW HOME IN PIECES. (Wilmajeane Laery/Resident) cctv053511 @:33 This is what we found. We've only been here for six months. We just pooled all of our money to buy it and it's gone ACROSS THE RIVER, JAMES BURDETTE LOST EVERYTHING. (sot emotional) 4399906 :31 I literally watched my house disappear with everything in it right before my eyes ONCE HE COLLECTS WHAT'S LEFT OF HIS BELONGINGS, HE PLANS TO LEAVE FLORIDA AND LIVE SOMEWHERE OUTSIDE THE HURRICANE ZONE. (jason bridge) p1 143516/37 Water is starting to rise now in communities well away from the coast. This is North Port where people have been taking boats out to the freeway to escape their homes JIMMY FINKS MADE IT OUT BUT SAID MOST OF HIS NEIGHBORS WERE WAITING FOR HELP. (sot) p1 140935/150253 I've never been through anything like this and I've lived in Florida my whole life so this is the worst I've ever seen A FEW MILES SOUTH ON SAN CARLOS ISLAND, RESIDENTS OF THIS TRAILER PARK ARE SHARING STORIES OF SURVIVAL. (Bob Heather/Survived Hurricane) 1805 1:00 I was banging on the ceiling so they could hear me and then they came out on the steps and saw me trapped and then they got a hammer and banged through that window EVEN WITH DAYS OF WARNING, THEY UNDERESTIMATED THE POWER OF THE STORM. (Edward Madden/Resident) 1779 @1:57 The wind was going everywhere, the rain was coming down and there was flooding everywhere THE HURRICANE SLAMMED FLORIDA'S GULF COAST AS ONE OF THE STRONGEST STORMS EVER TO HIT THE U-S.... LEAVING BEHIND A WASTELAND OF SPLINTERED HOMES AND SHATTERED LIVES. JA, CBS NEWS, NORTH PORT, FLORIDA 00:01:32

9/30/2022 CBS:
 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD HURRICANE SURVIVORS 4:30

"This is not as bad as it could've been. A lot of prayers have been answered, but I would ask people don't quit yet cause it's still coming." The governor has issued no evacuation orders for any part of the state. Emergency management officials remind South Carolinians to watch the conditions and know what their plan is and where they'll go if it's unsafe to stay at home. 00:00:21

9/30/2022 MCMASTER
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CBS: IAN
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JAMIE: LOCAL
AND WEEKEND

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4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

CAROLINAS
LATEST

The state emergency operations center is fully activated, running 24 hour operations. They're at OPCON 1 — which is the highest of five operational classifications — and indicates full emergency operations are now in effect. The National Weather Service says storm surge along the South Carolina coast is still a very big concern. Our Mary Green will have more on the state response coming up at 5:30.

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9/30/2022
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

IAN SETUP: FL
DAMAGE AND
DEATH TOLL

Florida emergency management officials say at least 21 deaths have been confirmed in the state. That number is expected to rise. The United States Coast Guard continued rescue efforts in Florida today. You're looking at video from Sanibel Island as an aircrew from Air Station Miami rescued stranded people there. The Coast Guard says they've made more than 100 helicopter rescues in Southwest Florida since Ian passed through the area. Other state and local agencies are also taking people to safety. The mayor of Fort Myers says rescue efforts are going well.

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ian regained hurricane status at sea, barreling back toward the u.s. Friday and slamming into south carolina... (nats wind) with winds of up to 90 miles per hour in some areas....And storm surge coming in with the tide. (nats pawleys island police twitter flooding) water rushed into the streets on pawleys island...Quickly approaching the tops of street signs. (side by side twitter pic) and police tweeted pictures of the pawleys island pier....The end of it now collapsed and floating south. ((sot john quagliarello/national weather service pipe 4 @12:49:44)) "storm surge will be problematic through afternoon but could certainly linger through the evening." ((narr-2)) south carolina's governor urged residents to hang tight and stay inside. ((nat sot gov. McMaster)) (pipe 4 @ 12:51:38) "I would ask people don't quit yet. Because, it's still coming." ((narr-3)) (show two shots from fri0110 1:06-1:17 then dog walkt shot fri0102 @ 2:01) access to charleston's historic battery area was restricted....And residents who stayed in town are hoping for the best. ((sot aptn fri0102 przemyslaw murczkiewicz/charleston residnet)) @1:56 "it looks like it's going to be less than what's happened in florida. But you never know." ((standup bridge: michael george)) "here on folly beach south of charleston, the hurricane is moving out of the area, but it's leaving behind heavy flooding- from streets to business and homes." ((narr-4)) and officials are prepared for the damage that will be left behind. President biden approved an emergency declaration for the palmetto state and has been in regular touch with the governor. ((sot gov)) "we all know when there's a hurricane there's no politics involved there." ((narr-5)) (end with the aptn tmx video credit: tmx) forecasters are warning of storm surge as high as seven feet in some coastal areas and rainfall up to 8 inches. Michael george, cbs news, folly beach, south carolina. 00:01:26

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9/30/2022 DAVE: LOCAL
 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD IMPACTS

9/30/2022 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD WWSB: SOUTH SARASOTA DAMAGE

"120 mile per hour wind came through here." Those winds damaging homes and businesses up and down the Suncoast and uprooting trees, the storm also causing lots of flooding. "was just like they say at times it was like listening to a train coming your way low and behold after I heard a big boom I looked out the window and saw this right here" What Bruno Mollica saw was the destruction of the historic Venice Theater. The force of Hurricane Ian tearing apart the backside of the building "it's one of the hardest challenges we will have faced in our 73 years it's a pretty devastating loss" There's optimism the theater will rise up from this damaging blow stronger and better than ever. The Venice Ranch mobile home park like many others throughout the area taking a hard hit as well. "don't expect this you always expect the storm but this one was big" Business owners like Jim Long of Cormick's in Venice having to deal with damage to his business and concerns with his home. "overwhelming like everybody I'm not sure where to start" Just south of Venice, Englewood was near the eye of this monster storm. Bridge Standup: Well if you're trying to get through Curtis Boulevard here in Englewood that's not going to happen take a look at this the wires are blocking the road and a telephone pole is blocking the wires and up here take a look at the impact of hurricane ian the street sign here is mangled" and a tree ending up on top of the home of one of the residents nearby. "this was like Charlie on steroids, it was a lot more intense." It's an experience residents are hoping they never have to go through this type of storm ever again. "was more just the sound of the wind and the unknown" Cleanup of the big mess is now underway...that's something that will be going on in the weeks and months ahead.

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9/30/2022 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD FL: CHOPPER RESCUE FROM SANIBEL

Source: Handout/DVIDS/United States Coast Guard **This video is from 9/29/22** Video info: In many parts of Florida, it's cleanup and recovery time, as Hurricane Ian brought wind, rain, storm surge and flooding to a large portion of the state. Some areas, like Sanibel Island, remain cut off. People who remained are now being airlifted from the island. The United States Coast Guard initiated some rescues yesterday (Thursday). They provided this video and the following information: A U.S. Coast Guard MH-65 Dolphin aircrew from Air Station Miami rescues two people who were stranded around Sanibel, Florida in the wake of hurricane Ian, Sept. 29, 2022. The crew made various other rescues in surrounding areas in the same timeframe.

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9/30/2022 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BEAUFORT CONDITIONS IMPROVING

Sot: (Mayor Stephen Murray, Beaufort) "The flooding especially with Irma was awful. Carteret street right here behind us had over a foot of water on it, most of the Point neighborhood had water all over it... with Matthew significant tree and debris damage, significant power outage for multiple days so this compared to Irma and Matthew is essentially a non event in my book." Vo On that street, one business decided to open its doors early Friday morning, because in their words everyone needs their morning coffee. Sot: (Ashley Rogers - General Manager, City Loft Hotel) "We have our regular stragglers coming in but a lot of people aren't trying to be in the way of the storm at all so we had a lot of cancellations." Vo Elsewhere downtown a few businesses put out sandbags just to be safe, but it seems as though Ian's impacts were limited.

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9/30/2022
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HHI IAN
CONDITIONS

As you can imagine people are very relieved and they are out here soaking up the sun that's peeking through. However people say they're keeping those devastated by Ian in Florida and other parts of South Carolina in their prayers.

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9/30/2022
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BLUFFTON
CONDITIONS

nats of weather A sigh of relief in the Lowcountry. Nat pop: "We're very fortunate" Bluffton residents venturing out of their homes as the area escapes the worst of Ian's force. "Things seem to have calmed down a little and we were getting bored at home so we thought we'd just kind of stroll around. The damage here...reduced only to fallen tree branches and limbs. "It looks like a really bad thunderstorm went through here but it's really from the wind gusts." As neighbors begin to step outside their homes...attention now focuses on relief efforts amid the devastation that Ian left behind in Florida. "We're all very fortunate that we did not experience the disaster that Florida had and my heart goes out to everyone down there. I hope that cleanup is prompt and resolution is swift."

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9/30/2022
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UPDATE &
LATEST

They're still at OPGON 1 – which is the highest of five operational conditions. That's where they've been all day – and it means full emergency operations remain in effect. While it does seem a little calmer in here now – compared to a few hours ago – they're still paying close watch to this storm. Here's what Gov. Henry McMaster had to say during his briefing here this afternoon – shortly before Ian made landfall. "It's not as bad as it could've been, a lot of prayers have been answered. But I would ask people, don't quit yet because it's still coming. We're not out of the woods." Gov. McMaster spoke earlier today with President Joe Biden – saying the president promised whatever South Carolina needs as it recovers from Ian. But with the storm still moving through the state – we're not at the recovery phase just yet. One of the big concerns here at the Emergency Operations Center going into day has been that storm surge and flooding. Health leaders remind people to stay out of floodwaters. Not just because of a risk of drowning – but also because that water can carry toxins and bacteria. We've also been seeing power outage numbers increase throughout the day – and state officials expect them to keep rising. "Crews are standing at the ready, and they will go out and do restoration efforts, but only when it's safe to do so. So when those winds get to about 30 miles per hour, the crews that are out there, you will see them pause." Gov. McMaster is urging South Carolinians to remain cautious – even as Ian moves out of their part of the state and onward. He says that's the time people tend to get careless and get hurt because of it. Reporting in Lexington County, I'm Mary Green.

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9/30/2022 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD IAN SET UP: FL SURVIVOR COLD OPEN "Did you think you were going to die?" "Yeah. There was a point where it was coming up on the second floor. We saw the water coming up, we were like we've gotta get up to the third floor now. We went up to the third floor, and we waited it out for an hour and that's when it started kinda, the surge started just stopping, you know what I mean? It was just five hours of pure, pure hell." Coming up- residents in Florida are still in shock after the path of destruction Ian left. More details on the death toll- and what the plan is to start rebuilding. 00:00:31

9/30/2022 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD HURRICANE IAN RELIEF EFFORTS You can help with relief efforts in Florida by donating to the Salvation Army. 100 percent of designated gifts are used to support specific relief efforts. You can either visit the Salvation Army's website, call or text. Message and data rates may apply. All that information is on your screen and on our website WTOC dot com. 00:00:19

9/30/2022 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD MAX: HILTON HEAD LIVE HIT We shot some video to show you... people feel comfortable getting back outside, as Ian has mostly moved out of our region. The town of Hilton head island did tweet out a reminder - for people to be careful outdoors Friday night. They say the island is still seeing some strong winds. And, they say those winds have weakened some trees. But people we spoke with say - they aren't scared. They're just relieved. 00:00:24

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The storm is to blame for at least 21 deaths. It also left a trail of destruction. Officials say it may be the largest natural disaster in Florida history. Houses were ripped from their foundations leaving people homeless and in shelters. Emergency responders from the coast guard, national guard and other search and rescue teams have conducted at least 700 rescues so far. President Joe Biden says we're all in this together.

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**ISSUE 2-LAW ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND NEW LAWS -LETTING THE PUBLIC KNOW ABOUT ISSUES THAT FIRE, POLICE AND OTHER MIGHT HAVE THAT INCLUDE BUDGETS, HANDLING OF PRACTICES AND NEW ADDITIONS INCLUDING BUILDINGS AND STAFF AND PROGRAMS IN DEPARTMENT. 4TH OF JULY PLANS AND ENFORCEMENT, MADD CHATHAM CO. LETTER, TYBEE CODE ENFORCEMENT, MAYOR ON MINTER STEPPING DOWN, CITY MARKET UNDER 21 CURFEW, BEAUFORT CO. DUI CASES, HOLIDAY STATISTICS, MAYOR JOHNSON IN DC FOR GUN LEGISLATION BILL, NATIONWIDE SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE, CSCO AND SPD BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS RHPD GRANT, SPD COMMUNITY RELATIONS, BEAUFORT DUI CASES, OPERATION SLOW DOWN KICKOFF, POOLER TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT, POLICE DEPT. ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING, EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH MINTER, LIFESTAR SERVICE COMING TO HINESVILLE, CCPD ON RECENT SHOOTINGS, GCPD PAY INCREASE, DISTRICT 3 TOWN HALL ON GUNS, NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, HOMELESS POLICING, SPD POLICE CHIEF SEARCH, NEW GA GBI DIRECTOR, BLUFFTON POLICE CHIEF RESIGNS, SAVANNAH IMPACT PROGRAM, NARCAN TRAINING, BRYAN CO. NEW SHERRIF REPORTING SYSTEM WHICH TEACHES KIDS TO STAY SAFE ONLINE, LYONS PD MENTAL HEALTH, HINESVILLE TRAFFIC STUDY, SPD AND CCPD MOURNING ONE OF THEIR OWN HANDS ACROSS BORDER, CHATHAM CO. CORPORAL DEATH, SAV. POLICE CHIEF SEARCH, RINCON OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY PARADE FOLO, STATESBORO CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY, ATF ON SWITCHES, SAVANNAH VISION ZERO PROGRAM AND HOW THEY WANT, WALTHOURVILLE PD CHIEF NEEDED, HONORING 1ST RESPONDERS, EFFINGHAM CO. DEPUTY SHORTAGE, SPD OFFICER FIRED AFTER ARREST OF DV, NEW VESTS FOR K9 DOGS, CHATHAM CO. JAIL EMPLOYEE SHORTAGE
SOURCE: LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

7/1/2022 9:00:00 AM	MORNING BREAK OD 7 1	SPD: 4TH OF JULY PLANS & ENFORCEMENT	"We say it every year, celebratory gun fire is not the thing to do on the fourth of July what goes up must come down. We don't need people getting hurt, we don't need people getting shot, we don't need damage to homes, cars, businesses exedra from that." Police also want you to be considerate. We live in a military town. Police say If you plan on setting off fireworks and you know your neighbor is a veteran, have a conversation with them. Fireworks can be a trigger for some who are battling PTSD .	00:00:29
7/1/2022 4:30:00 AM	4:30AM DAYBREAK OD	CHIEF MINTER STEPS DOWN	Assistant Chief Lenny Gunther has been appointed to serve in the role in the interim. The City says they are starting the process to hire a permanent chief.	00:00:09
7/1/2022 4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	GA STATE PATROL TRAVEL SAFETY	For everybody that's ending up their work week and beginning the travel plans, take your time, have a plan. So down, be careful, and be aware of your surroundings. He definitely urges drivers to keep an eye out for the cars around you because they might not be paying attention.	00:00:16
7/2/2022 6:00:00 AM	6AM DAYBREAK SATURDAY OD	GSP HOLIDAY TRAVEL	Thanks Shea -- Meanwhile, experts also expect record numbers of drivers on the road. Triple A predicted yesterday to be the busiest travel day of the period, but that roads are still expected be crowded throughout the weekend. With Georgia continuing to suspend the gas tax, one driver says that could determine if some families take a trip this weekend.	00:00:21

7/2/2022 7:00:00 PM	WKEND 7PM OD	GA STATE PATROL TRAVEL SAFETY	<p>For everybody that's ending up their work week and beginning the travel plans, take your time, have a plan. So down, be careful, and be aware of your surroundings. Last July 4th holiday, Georgia State Patrol arrested 321 drivers for DUI, they investigated almost that many crashes. With a longer holiday period this year, they worry they'll see those numbers even higher before the holiday period ends midnight Monday night.</p>	00:00:25
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7/4/2022 7:00:00 PM	7PM OD	MADD CHATHAM CO. LETTER	<p>It was a concerned citizen that first tipped off Mothers Against Drunk Driving Executive Director Denise Brodsky that District Attorney Shalena Cook Jones' office was looking to prosecute DUI cases differently. So at the end of last month, MADD sent a letter to DA Jones, voicing their strong opposition to what they say is the proposed policy. "We want the District Attorney's Office to just listen to us, and consider that what this does, it just lessens the consequences for these drivers and inspires...could inspire repeat offenders." We requested a copy of the rubric detailing prosecution guidelines from District Attorney Jones' office weeks ago, and have yet to receive one. But in the copy MADD attached to the letter to the DA, Brodsky says the proposed policy in the rubric would reduce a first time DUI offense to a lesser charge of reckless driving if the circumstances don't reach certain thresholds. "That allows that person to continue being unsafe, and making the same mistake over and over again. And that personal choice is really going to, what we believe, is going to create more carnage on the roads." Brodsky highlighted stats from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in her letter, citing drunk driving deaths increased in Chatham County from 2019 to 2020, going from eight to 12 deaths. Looking at the effect of any proposed weakening on DUI prosecution from a law enforcement perspective, Brodsky believes it would be frustrating. "Just knowing that person may end up back on the road, I think that emotionally for an officer, weighs heavy." So far the District Attorney's Office hasn't given us a comment on the letter Mothers Against Drunk Driving sent them, and at last check, had not responded to MADD's request. In Savannah, Sean Evans, WTOG News.</p>	00:01:46
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7/5/2022 6:00:00 AM	6AM DAYBREAK OD	TYBEE CODE ENFORCEMENT	<p>"The code enforcement officers are hired to locate violations and issue citations." A full staff of 8 officers ... on patrol this 4th of July ... from sunup to sundown. "It is nothing for each officer to write 10-15 tickets, per officer, on a holiday like the 4th." NAT- "hey guys how are ya?" Sgt. Walter Hattrich with Tybee Police oversees the code enforcement division. He says they monitor about 20 beach related ordinances ... which includes the island's newest one. NAT- "We have someone smoking on the beach." "The ones that we have had interactions with have been polite, like these people here. They received a citation for smoking." Hattrich says the two most common citations they write all summer are for glass ... NAT- "No glass allowed on the beach whatsoever." ... and pets. "Everything from cats to bunny rabbits to iguanas, snakes. You'd be amazed at what people bring on the beach." Code Enforcement Officer Mac McLain ... NAT ... has been on patrol for almost two years. REPORTER: "Mac, how much was that fine?" MAC- "That is a glass on the beach fine, so that fine is \$300." "My entire life has been dedicated to serving others." NAT "I feel like I still continue to serve people by helping provide a safer, cleaner unity for them." McLain says no matter the day he has one goal in mind ... "We're not out here just to write tickets. If I can get compliance without having to write a citation, I'm fine with that." "We're out here trying to provide a safe, clean place for them to enjoy themselves with their families and not have to worry about stepping on broken glass or the sea life being destroyed by the litter." (showing monitors of cameras that overlook the beach) And when they're not on the side-by-sides on the beach, officers can still keep a watchful eye from inside.</p>	00:01:39
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7/5/2022
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD MAYOR ON " I want to thank Chief Minter and I will do that publicly as I have personally. It's easy to blame
MINTER people for stuff... it's just easy. So for those who choose to blame and never put on a uniform, I
STEPING DOWN just caution... that is is probably the hardest job in any government." Our Sean Evans will have
more on the next steps for the city coming up on The News at 6. 00:00:20

7/5/2022
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD MAYOR ON Savannah Mayor Van Johnson speaking for the first time today about the transition of Savannah's
MINTER Police Chief. You may remember, Chief Roy Minter will be stepping down at the end of this
STEPING DOWN month. He is going to focus on his nomination to serve as a U-S Marshal. Mayor Johnson
thanking him for his service today. 00:00:18

7/5/2022
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD SHEA: TYBEE There were also two arrests this weekend for public intoxication. One intoxicated person was
4TH WRAP UP caught urinating in the sand dunes and was arrested. The second person was arrested for being
unable to leave the water because he was so intoxicated. Assistant City Manager Michelle
Owens says beachgoers should let those incidents serve as a reminder not to drink too much on
the beach. 00:00:23

7/6/2022
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

LOCAL
PASTORS REAX
TO MINTER

At the first City Council meeting in June, Chief Minter highlighted a new Clergy Response Team initiative, with the goal of it establishing a team of area clergy members who can respond to violent incidents, providing comfort and restoring calm. "And I hope that we can build on that strong foundation that Chief Minter has started here." Reverend Claire Marich is a Savannah Police Chaplain for the Eastside Precinct, and says she believes Chief Minter has worked hard in his four years to develop a strong relationship with local church leaders. And she says she understands the difficulties surrounding the position of the chief of police, adding not all the issues in Savannah right now point back to that role. "Some issues that we face are not an issue of the leader, but of the system. So there are some things that the new leader, the new chief is going to need a lot of support from the City Council and from the Mayor to achieve the types of changes we need in Savannah." Rev. Marich says one of the top issues the new chief will face will be retaining officers, adding she sees a need for more mid-level experience officers in the department.

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DAYBREAK
SATURDAY
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CITY MARKET
UNDER 21
CURFEW SIGNS

"You see how busy city market is right now. It's just as busy when these shootings are happening so the owners of city market are stepping in and they put up these signs saying *DROP LOWER* people under 21 cannot be here after 11pm and weapons are not allowed" People who work at the Georgia Tasting Room are indifferent about the change "You can only do so much. People don't read signs. and if people wanna bring a gun they'll bring a gun" Charlie Thomson has been moments from possibly being a victim of gun violence in City Market "I could hear the shots and people were running and if I had gone down a different street it would've been a whole different story about me going home" His co-worker had the same experience "As soon as i rounded the corner with my co-worker i heard shots coming from right where we were so if I had left 20 seconds earlier i probably would've been in the middle of it" They question their safety and say they're at risk just getting off work at the wrong time "I grabbed my co-worker because she's like this little girl so i was trying to get between her and the action and we went to take cover" "You hear the stories but once youre kind of in the middle of it does kinda make you a little bit nervous to come out and work down here sometimes" They say the signs are a start but more police and signs may not stop the crime "I noticed when i was walking here and i think it's a start i think it could be really off putting to a lot of tourists who see welcome to city market you can come here with your kids but can't be here after 11 and bring your gun" The mayor says the city of savannah plays a big role in public safety but it's a shared responsibility and everyone needs to do their part. In savannah, alyssa jackson, wtoc news

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7/9/2022 6:00:00 AM 6AM DAYBREAK SATURDAY MORRIS HOMICIDE 7YRS SINCE

"I'm a mother who child *pause*" It's hard for Brenda Johnson Curtis to put into words the pain of her son being killed almost 7 years ago. His car was set on fire and his body was found 12 miles away near LaRoche Avenue. "It hurts...it really hurts. We have so many cold cases in the city of savannah" It hasn't gotten any easier with time "It's sad to see my 11 year old granddaughter cry ...*sigh" His seven kids only have their memories and the family is left with questions for whoever did this. "you do the crime you serve the time ...a man is a man who takes his charges...a coward is someone who runs." That's why the family has a sign with the word SNITCH spelled out -- to people who see something but don't say anything "It could save a life and a lot of times you don't even have to leave your name" Johnson-Curtis is part of the "village" it takes to help keep crime out of the city "We need some more big mamas in this world today" But she says it also takes stricter gun laws, a heavier presence from law enforcement and Black people caring about each other "We barely see a policeman in west savannah until after the fact and we hear everyday talking about BLM ..to who? When majority of murders are Black on Black crimes...maybe we need to start looking at the man in the mirror"

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7/11/2022 9:00:00 AM MORNING BREAK OD 7 11 TIM: CCSO BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

The Chatham County Sheriff's Office will host its Books, Bikes and Badges Block Party for the second year. Along with the Chatham County Police Department, they will be giving out bicycles and school supplies to children in the Carver Village community this Saturday from 10 am-2 pm. There will also be a cookout and music at this community-engagement event. The Sheriff's Office has already collected more than 50 bikes, but they invite the community to donate other supplies that they can provide for families with school-aged children.

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7/11/2022 4:00:00 PM TYLER: BEAUFORT DUI CASES 4PM OD

Sot: (Daniel Gourley - General Council, Beaufort County Sheriff's Office) "We were able to get appointments for myself and additional staff attorneys to come onto the sheriff's office to take over the DUI cases in magistrate court." // Sot: (Sheriff P.J. Tanner - Beaufort County) "Having the focus and the staff on hand to handle this, we're not going to see a backlog. Once we get this backlog taken care of, we won't see another one. We'll be dealing with cases in a very timely fashion."

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So why was it important for you to be here at the White House today as the White House commemorated this bill's signing? It was important to be here to salute the leadership of not only our president and vice president, but bipartisan senators who decided that enough was enough and decided that we could protect the Second Amendment and second graders at the same time. This is a long step. It's a long overdue step. Hopefully, it's just the beginning. So what have you seen in Savannah and how could this legislation address some of the issues that people in Savannah are dealing with? Well, Georgia is a whole challenging thing all by yourself. I think that we're really too far in terms of allowing people to have guns. I mean, I think it's reasonable that people should have background checks is reasonable that if you have a history of violent behavior, domestic violence or mental illness, that you should be red flagged. I think that, you know, it makes sense that if you are derelict in maintaining your firearm in a safe way, then, you know, you should hold some responsibility for that. 00;01;02;06 - 00;01;09;03 Speaker 2 So hopefully this helps give us that federal protection. We know it's not as far as many of us would have liked, but it's certainly a huge start. 00;01;09;12 - 00;01;14;17 Speaker 1 Is there more to go? Were you able to express any desire to go further? Eventually. 00;01;14;23 - 00;01;35;02 Speaker 2 Actually had a chance to briefly speak with the president? Absolutely. Keep on fighting. Allow us to be able to have national standards that say that we value life, we respect the rights of people to bear firearms. But on the other end of it, our country has no place for war weapons in our nation's cities. I see it all the time across the country. 00;01;35;06 - 00;01;40;14 Speaker 2 Certainly I hope it does not happen in Savannah. But we have to have universal policy for this great country. 00;01;40;24 - 00;01;53;15 Speaker 1 All right. Thank you, Mayor. Thank you for taking time to do this at the White House. David Ade, WTOC news.

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MAYOR
JOHNSON IN DC
FOR SIGNING

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"If we were to fund the request this year at the same amount of \$187,000, we would have contributed \$748,000 to a program that appears to me to have failed." Vo The solicitor says the two-and-a-half-year program was a success, and points to this graph... on the left, the conviction rate was 33% before the program started... but since it's been in place, convictions are over 68%. "Councilman McElynn and I... I think maybe we have two different views of success. If your main concern is not having a backlog, but you're willing to dismiss 2/3 of the cases, that's not a program I want any part of. It's not a program I want any of my lawyers a part of." Vo No matter your opinion on its success, the program's budget was taken away. The Sheriff's office will now prosecute DUIs ... something that started Monday with a hefty caseload. "The docket was approximately 17 pages. There's currently about 230 cases backlogged in Bluffton so that is just a small portion of what is actually still outstanding." Vo Magistrate court numbers detail the full picture of that backlog. There are four cases still pending from 2019, 15 from 2020, 120 from last year, and 184 from this year. The Beaufort County Sheriff says that'll change with his office prosecuting the cases. "If you go to jail for DUI it's not gonna be one of those DUI charges that sits on a docket for three or four years." Vo To handle the caseload, the sheriff says they'll be hiring another attorney along with Gourley to focus on Magistrate court cases. The whole shift in responsibility is something Gourley says will help everyone involved. So We'll be able to tackle the magistrate court backlog at the same time while also taking a tremendous burden off our deputies to prosecute their own cases."

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BEAUFORT CO.
DUI CASES

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7/11/2022 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD	TIM: CCSO BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT	we need helmets and notebooks and pencils and crayons and rulers and erasers and everything else. It's going to be a big event from 10-2 and we're going to be in the Culver Village. So, we're looking for big things, we and the county police got together. we did it last year, we're going to do it again this year and we're going to continue to try help the kids that are not as fortunate as some other kids.	00:00:23
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7/12/2022 4:30:00 AM 4:30AM DAYBREAK OD	DPS: 21 KILLED OVER JULY 4TH PERIOD	At least 21 people died during the 4th of July holiday travel period according to new information from the Georgia Department of Public Safety.	00:00:09
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7/12/2022 4:30:00 AM 4:30AM DAYBREAK OD	DPS: 21 KILLED OVER JULY 4TH PERIOD	They say in addition to those deadly crashes, GSP troopers investigated more than 390 crashes statewide, resulting in more than 200 injuries. And arrested more than 370 people for DUI.	00:00:11
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<p>7/12/2022 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD</p>	<p>SAUDI LEE FAMILY ON OFFICER SHOOTING</p>	<p>"He was just walking down the street." That's all the uncle of Saudi known as "Spitta" Lee says he was doing before Savannah Police officer Officer Ernest Ferguson shot and killed him. His uncle says he wasn't doing anything wrong "He was walking on this side of the street and he was crossing to get on the sidewalk when he swung the car around in front of him and shot him" Disputing the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's claim that Lee pulled a gun before running "he was intelligent enough to know better not to do that" Spitta has the community calling for justice and transparency "It's not against the law to be a Black man and have a gun. It's not and shouldn't be a death sentence for a Black man" And several neighbors gave examples of Officer Ferguson bothering people in the area for a long time... "Harrasing us...They would stop my friend's son...oh we got a description of a guy in an army fatigue." "Your window tint too dark." While advocates and family grieve and remember him "We're going through the loss of missing him. Missing him, loving him, and seeing him everyday" "This coward took our friend from us. This coward took our son from us. This coward took our nephew from us. This coward took our cousin from us" They say it's time to see what exactly happened "We need some answers. We need to know what's going on. We need to see the video"</p>	<p>00:01:18</p>
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<p>7/15/2022 5:00:00 AM</p>	<p>5AM DAYBREAK OD OTHER CASES OPEN BC OF MURDERS</p>	<p>Satterfield died at a Murdaugh residence in 2018. The investigation into her death follows a request from the Hampton County coroner and information gathered by SLED during other investigations involving Alex Murdaugh. No one has been charged as a result of either of these investigations at this time.</p>	<p>00:00:18</p>
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<p>7/15/2022 4:00:00 PM 4PM OD</p>	<p>SEAN: SPD COMMUNITY RELATIONS</p>	<p>In the days and weeks following the deadly shooting on Savannah's Avery Street, police partnered with area church leaders and community groups to re-establish relationships with those living in the area, relationships that may have been shaken by the violent act. "We had about three events since the incident, just letting them know that we are out here, we're present, and we want them to feel safe." Part of that effort included dedicating more resources to the River Pointe apartments. "One of the things that I definitely wanted to invest in was another officer to be over there. So we have two public housing enforcement officers who are dedicated to those communities." And Captain Young says improving the area is a team effort. "Team Savannah has stepped up. We have sanitation, code compliance, everyone has been a huge part in rebuilding...as far as relationships and the community over there." Even though there haven't been any arrests in connection with the deadly mass shooting, Captain Young says families living in the area check in with the department regularly for updates on the case. "Even the smallest piece of information could break the case. So we definitely would want that open line of communication." In Savannah, Sean Evans, WTOC News.</p>	<p>00:01:15</p>
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7/15/2022
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD FLYNN RHPD
GRANT

LL In: Officers say this new software means they'll have to spend less time handwriting out accident reports which means they'll have more time to be out patrolling on the roads. *nats pop: "The officers have so much more time" A technology grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety allowed Richmond Hill P-D to install new car computers with accident reporting software. A needed improvement...say officers. "It would take forever to write an accident report because you'd hand out the narrative, and if you messed up, you'd have to start all over." And while they've been using electronic reporting for some time...the department says the new software is a big time saver from the old one. "So the officers can write tickets, do all of their reports, from their vehicle which saves us a lot of time." Stand up: If you happen to be driving through Richmond Hill and do end up getting pulled over...officers say with the new technology...you'll have easier access to accident reports. "People from out of state that come through here and get a citation or are involved in an accident, they don't have to call us and wait for us to mail them a copy. They can just go online and get a copy of whatever they need." It's a move that city officials are applauding as the department ramps up patrol efforts along popular sections of interstate 95 in Bryan County. "We try to provide for everything that'll make it a safer city and I think this grant is an example of that. It'll do nothing but help the residents of the city." ...and one that officers are hoping will reduce roadway deaths. "They can be out there patrolling, stopping cars and just overall being more visible which slows people down and reduce accidents and fatalities." LL Out: The grant is expected to last through September of this year. Reporting in Richmond Hill...Flynn Snyder...WTOC News.

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7/15/2022
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD ANDERSON
YOUTH HOME
BIKE RIDE

This is the 17th annual ride and it will also commemorate the home's 60th anniversary. The group is attempting to raise \$145,000 for the home through pledges and donations. If you would like to participate, go to P-A-Y-H Bike Ride dot Com.

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7:00:00 PM 7PM OD SEAN: SPD
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7/18/2022
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LAUNCH NEW
PREOGRAM

"It creates the support system; it creates that family, so you want to make kin like relationships. You're becoming a family. If you have a strong support system, like I did growing up, and you have someone checking in on you all hours of the day and night. You're going places, doing things, you have that love and support, you're less likely to become a victim of sex trafficking." Mission I'm Possible does have their first fundraiser coming up in September at Amped Fitness. If you'd like to learn more about the program and how you can help end human sex trafficking head over to our website wtoc dot com.

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7/18/2022
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD OPERATION
SLOW DOWN

A step to slow speeding. Today Operation Slow Down is taking effect across the southeast. Officials say during the last five years of this operation in Georgia, state troopers have issued more than 55-thousand speeding tickets. You can expect to see an increase in officers on the highway in Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, Florida, and Tennessee. Our Sean Evans explains local impacts - coming up on THE News at 6.

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7/18/2022
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

OPERATION
SLOW DOWN
KICKOFF

"A lot of people aren't understanding what the GPS's are still tracking at 70, so we just really stress that people pay attention out there with the speed limits and the construction workers that are out there, and just abide by the speed limit for us." Savannah Police has three H.E.A.T. Unit patrol vehicles like this one, all dedicated to traffic enforcement and making Savannah's roads safer. They'll be joining police agencies, local and state, across Georgia this week in a ramped up traffic enforcement effort called Operation Southern Slow Down. Today in Augusta, troopers from multiple states came together to kick off the initiative, and to talk about the issues and trends they continue to combat. "We've seen, just like South Carolina, ever since COVID it seems like everybody wants to drive 100-plus miles an hour. We've seen it in the time that I was stationed in Madison, and it's every other car that we stopped was traveling 105, 110, 120 miles an hour. Now, those speeds are just ludicrous." That's a trend SPD's H.E.A.T. Unit has also been encountering. "We thought we would see a reduction during COVID, but that didn't seem to be the case. We actually saw a big increase in speed and DUIs. And we just anticipate that us getting out there hopefully reduce that. But it just seems like there's been a trend that we can't shake."

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GILLARD & CO
LAUNCH NEW
PREOGRAM

"It creates the support system; it creates that family, so you want to make kin like relationships. You're becoming a family. If you have a strong support system, like I did growing up, and you have someone checking in on you all hours of the day and night. You're going places, doing things, you have that love and support, you're less likely to become a victim of sex trafficking." Mission I'm Possible has their first fundraiser coming up in September at Amped Fitness. If you'd like to learn more about the program and how you can help end human sex trafficking head to our website- wtoc dot com.

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UGA:NOLAN
SMITH ON GUN
VIOLENCE IN
SAV

"I had about 250 kids come out, my kids camp was free. I passed out about 300 bookbags and hotdogs and hamburgers, because you know sometimes, most people don't know during the summer and stuff when your mom is at work, you've got to fend for yourself on food, and I just take a big thing in making my community better and just being that vocal point in the community and trying to turn it around and tell kids there's more to life than TikTok and doing all this stuff indoors, or even the kids that are outdoors shooting guns and stuff. I just want us to be better."

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POOLER
TRAFFIC
ENFORCEMENT

Tuesday's efforts on 95 yielded 75 stops, while there were only 25 on I-16 all day Wednesday. A Pooler Police sergeant gave his thoughts on why that number went down so much on the second day. "Honestly, I think it's because they saw us, they knew what was going on. It was posted all over the internet, and they realized it was a reality, and they decided to slow down on their own." And that's exactly the goal of Operation Southern Slow Down, to get drivers to check their speeds, especially in construction zones. On Chatham County's busiest thoroughfares, Sgt. Morrow says it wasn't only out of town drivers they were having to pull over. "From what I can recall, we got just as many people from Georgia as we did anywhere else. Mostly locals really." Speeding violations also varied in severity, according to Morrow. "Anything from north of 100 miles an hour, down to 10 or 11 over." But Sergeant Morrow says this campaign is just one example of the work they do to keep those using the roads and interstates that crisscross their jurisdiction safe. "There's nothing different. I mean we basically do the same thing that we do everyday. It's just that they ask for a specific focus and a crack-down and they ask for specific times. Really we didn't do anything different than we do any other day of the week."

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STATESBORO
POLICE DOG
TIK TOK

Coworkers of Statesboro PD's newest officer say she has big shoes to fill, or paw prints to fill at least. K9 Harley reported for duty this week to the department. The solid-black German Sheppard is trained in drug detection and tracking. Harley and handler Corporal Kyle Briley will train together until they can earn certification. I think the working relationship can be like other kinds of relationships. You bond at first, then you continue to grow that bond. It can take from a month up to a year. They're already introducing her to the social following of the Georgia Police K9 Foundation, of which Briley is a co-founder. Many already know her as Rio's successor. Talk about a social influencer- Rio's retirement video has been viewed 120 million times on the foundation's different platforms. Does Harley become that famous? We'll see. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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PW: POLICE
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SHOOTER
TRAINING

*NAT POP Simulations are one major component of active shooter trainings for the Port Wentworth Police Department "You gotta know how to get there safely. You gotta know what you gotta look for clearing rooms and then it deals with clearing the room itself. Finding the active shooter and stopping the threat of the active shooter" Captain Nathan Jentzen says they do have tactical response known to many people as SWAT, but their training is geared more toward officers on the streets "they're the people who are gonna show up first" He says officers are trained outside of the classroom basics to make every round of bullets count responding to a real threat "When we actually throw them into hands on training with simunitions you kinda get a little bit of a different respnse from officers because it's pain compliance....someone's actually there kinda thing" Discussion about law enforcement's response to recent active shootings, like in Uvalde Texas, has also been a topic among Port Wentworth police officers and Captain Jentzen says they are not trained to wait. They actually have a one-officer response protocol if they're the first on scene. "We gotta go in" "our job is to save as many people as possible" That's different than how Captain Jentzen was trained "Officers would wait, you'd have a minimum number of officers get to the scene and a shotgun or rifle with you to eliminate the active shooter threat." He says they train to respond but they're not desensitized to what's going on. "They'll see the uniform...see the patrol car, 'oh you're a police officer', but we still take the uniform off everyday we're still parents...brothers sisters aunts uncles.."

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OFFICER
FERGUSON
BACKGROUND

According to records obtained by WTOC Investigates, Ernest Ferguson was employed as a prison guard at Coastal State from February of 2020 until March of 2021. Documents from Ferguson's personnel file detail 9 Use of Force incidents in one year. The first happening in his third week on the job. In one of those nine incidents , Ferguson was reprimanded by the warden. 2 of the incidents were referred to the Georgia Department of Corrections' Office of Professional Standards.

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SPD: ON HIRING
OFFICER
FERGUSON

The Department said in a statement, quote, "An independent background investigator researches the employment history of all applicants and provides the findings to SPD. The background report indicated this particular applicant was employed by Coastal State Prison, would be eligible for re-hire and had complied with all policies and procedures."

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TIM: ANDERSON
YOUTH HOME
RIDE

Five residents of the home - and the licensed program that offers a second chance to young men in crisis - were in Flagler Beach, Florida last week for a 350-mile fundraising bike ride. They sought pledges and donations from the community for their 5-day ride - which finished-up on Saturday. By the end of it, they'd raised more than 100-thousand-dollars! This was the ride's 17th year. Organizers say it symbolizes the commitment to physical, mental and spiritual growth stressed in the Vidalia program.

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5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BRYAN CO.
NATIONAL
NIGHT OUT
B2S BASH What should people know about National Night Out? What can people expect from tonight's event? This is also a back-to-school bash...what can students who come out receive? 00:00:10

7/27/2022
4:00:00 PM 4PM OD SEAN: MINTER
INTERVIEW Max, one of Chief Minter's goals was efficiency for his department, from a budget standpoint, and an operational one. 00:00:07

In our conversation today, Chief Minter said he believes he achieved goals he set for himself when he took on the role back in 2018. That includes heading up a fiscally and operationally efficient department, and building on existing community relationships, as well as creating new ones. Chief Minter says combating crime continues to be a work in progress, as homicides in recent years have been trending up, while overall violent crime trends down. Another major task for Minter during his time in Savannah has been focusing on internal department issues and improving morale. What other initiatives, programs, have you gotten off the ground in your time here that will continue beyond your tenure with the Department? "Well, I think the big ones are not just internal, but external. I think when you look internally seeing what we can do to enhance the level of communication within the organization with members of our department...we have five business improvement teams that we're bringing on board to address anything from recruitment and retention, to communication, to health and wellness to technology." A massive hurdle Chief Minter faced while heading up the department, was the pandemic. "I think it, unfortunately or fortunately, provided an opportunity for us to step back and take a look at how we were delivering certain levels of service within the organization. It provided us with the opportunity establish a remote report center where people could call in and officers could take reports remotely." And in the midst of the pandemic, police policy and procedure became the focus of a national and local conversation following the death of George Floyd. Chief Minter talked about his participation in those discussions in Savannah. "Well, it was very important for us to make sure that we were available to not just hear the issues or concerns for members of our community and those involved in those events, but also to be able to communicate with them." Minter now awaits a U.S. Senate confirmation hearing considering his nomination to the U.S. Marshal post in the Southern District of Georgia, which includes Savannah. Minter says he has not heard what the exact date that will happen. Overall, this is what he had to say about his experience as Chief of the Savannah Police Department. "I leave here with my head held up high, knowing that I had a very great, I was very fortunate to have the opportunity to lead one of the greatest law enforcement agencies in this country."

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When people experience traumatic injuries, every second counts. That's why LifeStar Air Ambulance is adding service to Hinesville. By car, it takes around hour to get to the nearest Level 1 Trauma Center, which is Memorial Health in Savannah. But LifeStar says by helicopter, it only takes 13 to 14 minutes. "Hinesville is approximately a little over an hour drive from a local level one trauma center, and also a PCI center that treats STEMI patients, stroke patients, and the closest NICU/PICU center, so we figured that we could bring access to the community there and bring them closer to one of those facilities." Though patients won't have to wait until they get to one of those facilities to begin treatment since the helicopter is equipped with tools like a ventilator. One of the most important things the helicopter has, however- isn't a machine. Bober: We carry blood and plasma on all of our transports, and that's a huge tool that we're able to bring to the community because there's plenty of research that shows that early administration of blood products to trauma patients increases their survivability. LifeStar 2, as the new base is called, will be staffed with a critical care nurse, a critical care paramedic, a pilot, and a dedicated mechanic. It'll operate 24/7, 365. Bober: "We'll be located at the Sky Ranch Airport which is in Hinesville, which I think is a great location for this facility. We're extremely excited to be able to provide this service for a community in need." Shea: LifeStar will begin operating out of their Hinesville base tomorrow. Reporting in Springfield, Shea Schrader, WTOG News.

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LIFESTAR
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7/27/2022 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD GC: PAY INCREASE FOR NIGHT COPS "For so many years, you were able to have that person without truly compensating them and now with options you gotta take care of them...because at the end of the day they have to look out for themselves and their families first." The chief says for the first time in a while, their department is fully staffed with just a few officers going through training at the police academy. He hopes the stipend shows officers they understand how hard it is to work nights and they appreciate them. 00:00:29

7/27/2022 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD GC: PAY INCREASE FOR NIGHT COPS The city voted to give officers an extra 50-dollars every time they work on the night shift. Garden City's police chief says this is an incentive to come to work and stay with the department. He says for years police salaries have lagged behind. When there's so much growth in the city, their calls for service go up...so they want to retain the officers they need to get to a call quickly. 00:00:23

7/28/2022 10:00:00 AM CBS CUT-INS OD GC: PAY INCREASE FOR NIGHT COPS Overnight officers in Garden City will start to see some extra cash if they work a certain shift. The city voted to give officers an extra 50-dollars every time they work on the night shift. Garden City police chief Gilbert Ballard says this is an incentive to come to work and stay with the department. He says for years police salaries have lagged behind. When there's so much growth in the city, their calls for service go up. So they want to retain the officers they need to get to a call quickly. Chief Ballard says for the first time in a while, their department is fully staffed with just a few officers going through training at the police academy. He hopes the stipend shows officers they understand how hard it is to work nights and they appreciate them. 00:00:45

7/28/2022
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD GC: ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING
Garden City Police had around 12 officers working inside a school building. The chief says the training is done in waves to make sure the majority of the department's officers are trained. The active shooter training not only applies to school campuses, but other scenarios where large groups of people gather, such as churches. He asked the community for help to prevent the next mass shooting. 00:00:24

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"We just ask that our community work with us closely and be aware of those signs that someone could potentially... if they post something on Facebook or Tik Tok or some of these things where we need to know about these things because we'd rather be proactive about these things and prevent them then have to react to one." 00:00:19

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4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD SPD NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
"It helps build that relationships with the community. Let them know that we can be talked to, we're humans just like anybody else. We have similar issues because we're all in the same area, we all have the same problems. So as long as we have that same understanding that we're all in this together it helps just make everything else work." Corporal Flynn also wants to remind you that it will be hot and to please drink lot of water and have had something to eat. 00:00:27

7/29/2022
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD BOOKS, BIKES AND BADGES Also happening this weekend - Chatham County law enforcement is hosting Books, Bikes and Badges. It's happening tomorrow at the Carver Village Community Center. Chatham County deputies are teaming up with the Chatham County Police Department. They'll be giving out bicycles and school supplies, along with hosting a cookout and music. We have more details on WTOC dot com. 00:00:22

7/29/2022
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD CCPD ON RECENT SHOOTINGS "It's concerning." Chief Hadley referring to the ongoing shootings. He says he believes last Thursday's shooting at Westlake Apartments was an accident. But he says it's a different story for the most recent shooting that left one man dead this Tuesday night on Skidaway Road. "You got people with guns solving problems with weapons and it's hard to get your arms around that." He says a shortage in new police recruits is making it a lot harder to stop the gun violence. C-C-P-D has a 22 percent vacancy rate, according to Chief Hadley. "When you can only be reactive, we can't be proactive. We can't do things that we may normally do with a fully staffed department. We want good officers. The city of Savannah wants good officers. Everybody wants good officers." But he says everyone in the county could be doing more to help stop these crimes. He believes police need to build a stronger rapport with the community. "We have to be in partnership with them, we have to have the relationships in tact to solicit information or make people feel comfortable and trust us to come forward and say lets solve our problems together." Hadley is hopeful the police shortage will get better. "We just got to keep our nose on the ground and working hard." 00:01:12

8/1/2022
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD SPD NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Looking ahead to tomorrow night-- The Savannah Police Department is inviting you and your family to their National Night out! Events will be taking place in different neighborhoods through out the evening. You can see some of the specific times and places on your screen now. You can also find all of them on our web site - WTOC-dot-com. Just look for this story. 00:00:21

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TOWN HALL
FOLO "We have too many guns on our street, and we have a law that allows guns to be everywhere. And so therefore, when guns are everywhere, they show up everywhere, and we're seeing them everywhere. As of June 30th, we had 110 guns stolen from cars in the City of Savannah - a hundred of those were unlocked. One hundred of those. That's one hundred opportunities for guns to be on the streets in the hands of someone who should not be there." Mayor Johnson says domestic violence and a lack of mental health resources from the state are also big drivers of violent crime in our community. 00:00:34

8/2/2022
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD NATIONAL
NIGHT OUTS Check it out! Several communities in the coastal empire hosted National Night Out tonight! You're taking a look at the events in Savannah, Garden City and Statesboro. The nationwide event aims to strengthen relationships between police and the people they serve. Garden City's Police Chief Gilbert Ballard says they were excited to be back in person for the event after the pandemic. 00:00:23

8/2/2022
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD NATIONAL
NIGHT OUTS "It's exciting to be out and create that environment where people can coordinate and see us, see what we're all about and have those great conversations. So we wanna communicate and be amongst our community and friends when there's not an emergency." 00:00:15

?One business owner told me her business, and others she's checked in with nearby, have had issues with people defecating and leaving garbage at their front entrances overnight. Tonya Rintye - Owner, Locally Made Savannah "Just the past couple days I've talked to just five or six that all tell me the same thing...having to call 911, hag to clean up the doorways." Tonya Rintye says in other instances, people police believe are homeless have started fights directly outside her business, and even broken the glass at the front of te store. Tonya Rintye - Owner, Locally Made Savannah "It's just not a good look for our City, and it can be very dangerous if you come upon that, you don't know what kind of state of mind they're in when they're fighting. So obviously I've had to call 911...someone was threatening to shoot people on the sidewalk." Rintye says on several occasions, her employees have had to ask people to leave that fall asleep at their tables, which are for customers, only to be yelled at. Tonya Rintye - Owner, Locally Made Savannah "I don't know if it's more patrols that need to be happening during the middle of the day too, to be on the lookout for this. Because by the time you do call 911, and by the time police officers can respond, they've already moved along. And then they're just back the next day kind of doing the same thing." Helping to address some of the issues and concerns is Corporal Janessa Stalter, who specializes in tourism-oriented policing and quality of life in the downtown area, which routinely involves the homeless. Cpl. Janessa Stalter - Savannah Police "Lately we've had a few homeless that like to break storefront windows and go inside the businesses and burglarize them. And we figured out who that was and arrested him. So he has numerous felonies." Cpl. Stalter says she's also aware of the issues business owners like Rintye are facing, and is working to educate them on what steps police can, and cannot take. Stalter says when possible, officers also try to link people they encounter when responding to these calls to services, like mental health care. Cpl. Janessa Stalter - Savannah Police "We try to network each of those individuals that need that assistance into that area. And sometimes we'll give them rides there so they can go in, because some of the facilities are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

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SPD HOMELESS
POLICING

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"Of course it's doable." Savannah Mayor Van Johnson has seen his fair share of police chief searches, and even been involved in hiring one when he worked for Chatham County. "The selection of a police chief is probably the most anticipated, most weigh-in search in a municipal government other than the city manager." As for the search criteria sent to Council by City Manager Jay Melder, Mayor Johnson called it a well thought out process, and commended Melder on the selection of the search firm named Police Executive Recruitment Forum. "It is probably the gold standard as it relates to, that's what they do. And police chiefs are connected to them because obviously they are really good at connecting chiefs with cities." Mayor Johnson pointed out PERF is actually the search firm that brought former Savannah-Chatham Metro Police Chief David Berkow. As for the process, Melder's outline calls for community engagement through online surveys and community meetings starting next week. Ultimately interviews would begin in November, with a permanent chief being named by the end of December. As for City Council's role in the process, Mayor Johnson said this. "We'll provide input in terms of what we would like to see, but ultimately, the decision is the City Manager's. We cannot hold the City Manager responsible for a decision that we made for him." In Savannah, Sean Evans, WTOG News.

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SPD CHIEF
SEARCH

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8/5/2022 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BEAUFORT CO. MISSING PERSON THANKS RESCUERS

Nat "Good morning gentlemen. He's the cause, im the result and you're the heroes." Vo As first responders met a man whose life they saved, emotions were flying. "So... I'm glad to be here of course." Vo He was searching for his dog Beaux in the woods back on June 18th, when he fell into a ditch and got stuck. After pulling himself and Beaux out, he was exhausted. Sot: "At that point, no more steps in me, I just laid down there." Vo A missing persons call made up to the sky, and soon a Beaufort county sheriffs office chopper Nat Vo Was circling overhead. Sot "Even when I saw the helicopter all I could do was waive once or twice." Vo The sheriffs office says the aviation program proved it's worth that day. "We've caught bad guys, we've recovered stolen vehicles, but Mr. Teague is the first life we have saved." Vo The chopper couldn't land though, so the next step in the rescue came on foot with off the duty Bluffton PD officer you see here, Sargaet Criag Karafa. "I saw the helicopter hovering, I had hopped a six foot fence with barbed wire and made it back to him another 100 yards." Vo The emotions up above at that moment... Sot "It's an incredible feeling. Jeremy and I were high-fiving up in the helicopter." Vo They knew they'd saved a life, and as they all met him today... healthy... those feelings came back. Sot "Just to see him emotional and be happy to be here today and just to see the emotion from him, it really hits home." Vo For Teague, the gratitude is unspeakable as he poses with the people who allow him to walk hand in hand with not just his wife, but his life too. Reporting in Beaufort County, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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8/8/2022 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD BLUFFTON PD COMMENTS

The goal is to verify the department follows best practices when it comes to law enforcement standards. The department has been accredited since 2009. The public comment session is happening on Microsoft teams at 6 p-m. The department says they've posted a link on their social media. It will last until the last person who joins shares their thoughts.

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REPORTER: "Expectations are high, as they should be. You know, everyone wants to live in a safe area and all of that. What are some things, if you have a bulleted list per say of how you're going to meet those expectations?" "So, I have several focus areas going forward. You know the community, of course, one of their main concerns is crime. We have to be able to develop crime reduction strategies that not only reduce crime, but also strengthen our communities. That means having the community involved in our strategies. Even as a child you're told not to talk to strangers. Even as an adult, if passing an adult and you really don't know that person you're not going to say anything. The same thing goes for our community. They've got to know us to be able to feel comfortable to communicate with us and, you know, we have to understand that."

REPORTER: "I know you know more than anyone else there's so much gun violence and I feel like it's just every single day it feels like. Specifically, just a few weeks ago district three had like five shootings in a matter of a short span of time. How do you plan on addressing that?" "It's an issue in our community that effects everyone. Taking a closer look at gang and group associated activity in our community. Taking a closer look at our repeat offenders. Working with our local state and federal agencies bringing everyone to the table to address these issues. Working with our office of neighborhood engagement and safety. Understanding it's a wholistic approach to addressing crime in our community and really understanding it's a shared responsibility. The most important thing is for everyone to come to the table and have input on the strategies. Yeah, I take responsibility being the leader of the Savannah Police Department initiating the primary strategies going forward to address and reduce violence."

REPORTER: "If someone from the community said, 'are we in good hands? Is the City of Savannah in good hands with Lenny as the interim chief right now' what would you say?" "You're in the best hands. It doesn't get any better."

REPORTER: "Why's that?" "I'm committed. I'm committed. I'm all in. I'm all in. I know the posts of the Savannah Police Department. I know the posts of Savannah. I'm invested in what I do and the love and the passion and the dedication that I have for the best for our community and what's best for the Savannah Police Department is second to none."

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<p>8/9/2022 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD</p>	<p>SEAN: SAV IMPACT PROGRAM</p>	<p>Officers across all precincts have gotten the program up and running over the last year, just without a central location to offer services to those getting out of the prison system, or in other at-risk categories. "It's very important it's a one stop shop. A lot of them will come out and not really have transportation, they have to dabble around all over Savannah. This is going to be that one place they can come, get all their needs here." Lieutenant Tim Lewis says SIP offers mentorship, cognitive behavioral programs and job skills, and brings together officers from around the city, as well as staff from juvenile justice and Department of Community Supervision. "So basically if someone comes out, re-entry back into society, we work with them to get them back into being a productive citizen again." One other community partner that will be close by, is the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement. "It's perfect, it's just the perfect setup for us to have a main resource like that next to us. We'll also reach out to the other city services which can utilize this location." The city anticipates the Savannah Impact Program staff will be able to move into this building once it's completed sometime this fall. Reporting in Savannah, Sean Evans, WTOC News.</p>	<p>00:01:15</p>
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<p>8/9/2022 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD</p>	<p>SAV US ATTORNEY POTENTIAL PARTNERS</p>	<p>Mayor Johnson says the potential partnership with the U.S. Attorney's Office here in Savannah is part of a three-pronged approach to curb violent crime in the City: prevention, intervention and prosecution. "The great thing about this is that we will have someone on board, all the time, with their mind solely focused on the City of Savannah while making sure they have the federal resources behind them to make sure that they do real time." Mayor Johnson says if repeat offenders face federal sentences that come without the possibility of parole, they might think twice before doing so, and be more willing to give up information on unsolved cases to investigators to avoid federal time. "I'm hoping that from that, we'll be able to solve some of these other other unsolved homicides here in our city." The Mayor was asked if partnering with the feds indicates local prosecution efforts aren't effective enough when it comes to keeping violent criminals off the streets. "It says nothing, other than we have a criminal justice system that is overwhelmed. And we have individuals that are more prolific than others, and that can be addressed through the federal system."</p>	<p>00:01:09</p>
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<p>8/10/2022 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD</p>	<p>SAV POLICE CHIEF COMM. SURVEY</p>	<p>They've posted an online survey to ask what people want to see in the city's next chief. They also want to know what priorities you all want the police department to focus on in the next year. That's available on the city's website right now through September 23rd.</p>	<p>00:00:15</p>
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<p>8/14/2022 WKEND 6:30:00 PM 6:30PM OD</p>	<p>SHEA: NARCAN TRAINING EVENT</p>	<p>((SOT)) "it's about bringing awareness to faith leaders about the opioid crisis in our country and equipping us with tools we can use to help other people." Anyone who missed the training can still learn how to use NARCAN- Unity of Savannah livestreamed the event and archived it on their website. We'll have a link to that on WTOC.com.</p>	<p>00:00:19</p>
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8/14/2022	WKEND	SHEA: NARCAN TRAINING EVENT	Unity of Savannah hosted an event today to train people how to use NARCAN, a highly effective overdose reversal drug. 50 people also received a free dose of NARCAN to have on hand. During Unity's Sunday service this morning, a congregation member who is a decade into recovery from opioid addiction also shared her story. Reverend Dale Worley says this event all started as a project for a group he's in- the Empowering Faith Leaders program. He says it's important because opioid addiction can affect anybody.	00:00:30
8/15/2022	5PM OD	KEMP APPOINTS NEW GBI DIRECTOR	Former Cobb County Police Chief Mike Register will step into the role. Former GBI Director Vic Reynolds left the Bureau to serve as a Superior Court Judge in Cobb County. Governor Kemp says current Assistant Director John Melvin will serve as interim director until Register's appointment is approved by the Board of Public Safety.	00:00:20
8/16/2022	5PM OD	BLUFFTON POLICE CHIEF RESIGNS	As for what's next - the town says Price's last day will be on or before September 15th. City leaders say they're starting the process of searching for a new police chief now. WTOC will bring you updates as that process plays out.	00:00:13
8/16/2022	6PM OD	BLUFFTON POLICE CHIEF RESIGNING	In a meeting Monday morning, Chief Price let the town manager Stephen Steese know she was resigning. The police department and town pointed us to Steese for comment, and while he wouldn't say why Price is stepping down... he says the focus quickly shifts to filling her role. So: no need for lower (phoner graphic) "I feel that we have a great opportunity to get someone in here that will be a great fit for the community and be what we need to take the police department forward." Vo Price has been chief since October of 2020, and spearheaded the effort for a mental health garden at the department, among other things. The town manager says they hope to continue her work on that front, and they have a list of things they're looking for in her replacement. So "We always value someone who's invested in our community. We're not necessarily the biggest community, but we're growing and we have people that love the police here and they value police officers that are out in the community and involved... so that will be one. We always look at communication, involvement and we also want to make sure they're going to be someone that can grow the police department." On cam tag The town says Price's last day is on or before September 15th, and they've named captain Scott Chandler as interim chief. Reporting from Bluffton, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.	00:01:17
8/16/2022	7PM OD	BLUFFTON POLICE CHIEF RESIGNS	As for what's next - the town says Price's last day will be on or before September 15th. City leaders say they're starting the process of searching for a new police chief now. WTOC will bring you updates as that process plays out.	00:00:13

8/19/2022 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BRYAN CO. NEW REPORTING SYSTEM The Bryan County Sheriff's Office just started a program that they say teaches kids how to stay safe online. It's called the 'Choosing Healthy Activities & Promoting Safety' program... also known as "CHAMPS." They say the 20-week program helps kids avoid drugs, alcohol and violent behavior. This weeks' focus was internet safety. Deputies visited some Bryan County Schools to share online safety tips with students. It comes as Georgia's Internet Crimes Against Children unit is working on 10-thousand tips - about possible crimes against kids. 00:00:32

8/19/2022 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BRYAN CO. NEW REPORTING SYSTEM "So it goes hand in hand that if we can have children learn how to keep themselves safe, it's hopeful that we can decline the numbers of those tips and that the children are taking the forefront to protect themselves." Deputies say the program will also focus on preventing bullying and peer pressure. 00:00:18

8/23/2022 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD ALYSSA: MOU DEBATE "If she feels it's not legal, then sue us." Mayor Van Johnson talking today about Chatham County District Attorney Shalena Cook Jones' concerns about the city bringing in a federal prosecutor.. Cook Jones' made the comments on a Facebook live conversation with two city council members last week.. We reached out to the DA following the Facebook live conversations.. Cook Jones stood by what she said.. *PHONE GRAPHIC* "I think the statements I made on those shows are pretty clear." Cook Jones further explained her stance in a statement today saying in part quote -- GFX "...it is legally unenforceable because unless it involves federal property or violates a federal statute, such violent crimes can only be prosecuted by the local District Attorney." The DA also says she's working with the city on a collaboration now...the mayor says those efforts happened after city council had already voted on the agreement.. "We have voted, the agreement has been codified, we are going to hire, the person is going to go to the U.S. Attorney's Office and we're going to prosecute federal crimes. Period, point blank end of story." 00:01:06

8/23/2022 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD RINCON CITY COUNCIL PRESENTS VALOR AWARD Those applause are for Officer Ian Gallagher. The department honored Gallagher with the Medal of Valor for risking his life, to protect others earlier this summer. Back on June 25th, Gallagher was working the city's Independence Day parade when a driver went through a barricade - and started driving right toward the parade. Police say that's when Gallagher drove head-on into the suspect's car - potentially saving numerous lives. 00:00:26

8/23/2022 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD RINCON CITY COUNCIL PRESENTS VALOR AWARD "You protected the citizens of Rincon by putting yourself in harms way. By going head-on with an offending vehicle, you were able to stop a mass-casualty event. Without your actions that day, it's certain many would have been seriously injured if not killed." Here's a look at some pictures the Rincon Police Department posted earlier today from the ceremony. The medal of Valor is the highest national award for a public safety officer. Police say the driver Gallagher stopped - 38-year-old Anthony Rodriguez - was arrested and charged with aggravated assault. 00:00:33

8/25/2022 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SAVANNAH POLICE CHIEF SEARCH The city of Savannah is set to take the next step tonight in the search for a new police chief. Council will be asked to approve 45 thousand dollars to hire a search firm to get the position filled sooner. It will considered an emergency purchase. The goal is to fill the position by the end of the year. There's a few other purchaes on tonight's agenda. The meeting starts at 6:30. 00:00:22

8/25/2022 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD LYONS PD MENTAL HEALTH With the money from the grant each police department will get to hire and pay a full-time clinician to be on staff to assist their police force. VO The Co-Responder Emergency Program is now in place thanks to the \$2 million grant. Paige Williamson, the Director of Toombs County Family Connection says it was a collaborative effort between her organization, the police departments, and Leigh-Anne White and Company. All of which work closely with the community every day when it comes to prevention, treatment and recovery efforts. Williamson says it's a four-year grant. The Vidalia and Lyons Police Departments will get \$50,000 per year to pay the clinician they hire. SOT "This person that is being paid through the grant will have a lot of experience with de-escalation, with handling crisis situations and they can also do case management." LLTAG Williamson says the grant opens up for them on September 1. They have already got the ball rolling, so they hope that each department will have someone hired by October 1. In Toombs County, Mariah Congedo WTOG News. 00:01:03

8/25/2022 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD BO: SAV SHOOTINGS THIS YEAR This comes as WTOC continues to follow a local rise in violent crime. Savannah has had over one hundred shootings so far this year. According to police that's an increase of nearly 30 percent compared to last year. 00:00:13

8/25/2022 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD ALYSSA: POLICE CHIEF SEARCH The search for Savannah's new police chief is picking-up. Tonight, city council voted 8 to 1 to hire a new search firm to help them fill the position. The emergency purchase will cost the city 45-thousand-dollars. City officials say it's needed so they can fill the position by the end of the year. The city posted a survey on its web site if you'd like to share what you want in a new police chief. That will be up for another month. 00:00:25

8/26/2022 5:00:00 AM 5AM DAYBREAK OD ALYSSA: POLICE CHIEF SEARCH The emergency purchase will cost the city 45-thousand-dollars. City officials say it's needed so they can fill the position by the end of the year. The city posted a survey on its web site if you'd like to share what you want in a new police chief. That will be up for another month. 00:00:16

8/26/2022 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD CAMILLE: CNT (sot) "It is so powerful, it's killing people instantly." During his presentation, Counter Narcotics Team or CNT Director Michael Sarhatt says there have been 47 drug overdose deaths. He says after the 20 percent increase compared to last year, it will most likely only get worse. "The volume of drugs that are coming across the southwest border...we've never seen that kind of volume." Chatham Emergency Services CEO Chuck Kerns says the most disappointing part of these high overdose numbers is their ambulances are called to the same homes multiple times. "There are some people that have an addiction problem and that's the most frustration for us because we know this stuff can kill you and it can kill you easily and quickly." And fentanyl continues to change. Sarhatt says just last week his team discovered a purple colored fentanyl. He says with it being purple, it should be easy to spot if the fentanyl it gets mixed into other drugs. They're also keeping their eye out for fentanyl that look like colorful candies. Those haven't been found in Chatham County yet but CNT worries those kind of drugs may be targeted towards minors. "I don't know exactly if that's what it's marketed for but you're hard pressed to think that it's anything other than that." Sarhatt says people dying by overdose are typically between 18 and 45 years old. He's visited public schools before and says he will continue spreading awareness at private schools in the community in the next few months. "Twelve months after these kids have been through either private or public systems within twelve months they're in that high risk category and I think the more I can do to bring awareness and get to these kids at an earlier age the better of we hopefully will be." Spreading awareness to hopefully save lives. Camille Syed WTOC News. 00:01:46

8/26/2022 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SAV CITY COUNCIL CHIEF SEARCH VOTE In Savannah - an 8 to 1 vote by city council approved the hiring of a search firm. The emergency purchase will cost the city 45-thousand dollars. City officials say it's needed so they can fill the position by the end of the year. The city posted a survey on its web site if you'd like to share what you want in a new police chief. That will be up for another month. We have a link to that in this story on WTOC dot com. 00:00:24

good to go, just missing lower third info LL INTRO: Elma G. Miles Parkway is one of the main roadways through Hinesville, and it can get pretty busy. Now that the study has concluded, county officials have potential solutions on how to make this roadway safer and help traffic flow better. The proposed changes to the road are divided into three categories: short term, medium range, and long term improvements. In the short term – the study recommends three new traffic signals... including one at Arlington Drive. "That's been a difficult intersection for a long time. You have probably about more than 100 homes there that access E.G. Miles, and E.G. Miles is a four lane road with a high capacity." The total cost of all proposed changes is \$35 million. The county has about \$1.4 million earmarked from TSPLOST funds for the improvements... and will need to pursue other funding for the rest of the recommendations. "We can do some of the smaller cost items in the short term, like traffic signal optimization, which will help with the flow of traffic, or at least make it flow as good as it can given the design of the road." Longer term changes include adding street lights, a median, and a multi-purpose trail along the road to help with pedestrian safety. Ricketson says all of these recommendations will be plugged into the overall metropolitan transportation plan to prioritize funding for the projects. LL TAG: Ricketson says some of the short term projects could be completed in the next five years, while the county continues to look for funding for the longer term projects. In Hinesville, HB WTOC NEWS.

8/26/2022 HINESVILLE
 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD TRAFFIC STUDY 00:01:35

An 18-year-old gunman killed 19 children and two adults at robb elementary in may. The protesters in austin are asking the governor to call a special session to raise the age limit to purchase certain weapons. Many of them, who lost children in the mass shooting , say the action should have been taken more than three months ago. There's been no response from the texas governor's office to the rally reported yet.

8/27/2022 WKEND
 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD TX: UVALDE PARENTS MARCH 00:00:24

Savannah Police say 23-year-old officer Reginald Brannan was driving home from work last night on Highway 21 in Garden City when his car collided with a tractor trailer. He died from his injuries. Georgia State Patrol is now investigating the crash. We have a statement from S-P-D posted along with this story right now on WTOC dot com.

8/29/2022 SPD OFFICER
 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD DIES IN CRASH OFF DUTY 00:00:20

<p>8/29/2022 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD</p>	<p>SPD PROCESSION FOR OFC. BRANNAN</p>	<p>It was silent except for the sound of rain... as the Savannah Police Department, medical staff at Memorial Health, and several Aldermen honored Officer Reginald Brannan. ((nats)) Brannan was heading home after work around midnight last night.. when his car collided with a tractor trailer on Highway 21 in Garden City. It's shocking. Anybody that loses their life in the city under any circumstances, it's shocking to us. But when it's an officer, worked the shift, and lost his life just that easily, it's heartwrenching for us." Which is what these participants said made this procession so important. Alderman Nick Palumbo was also there- and he says that officers put their lives on the line every day- but you don't expect to lose them like this. To see, especially an officer at the beginning of his career at 23 years old, to lose his life doing something we get the chance to do every day: going home. After a job well done, serving his community. In that final mile to lose his life, it's just really tragic. So the least we could do is be here and pay our respects and certainly be there for the family. Speaking about the rest of the police department, these city leaders say at a time where the police department is understaffed and recruitment is difficult- it makes it that much more important to support everyone else through tragedies like these. Palumbo: It's so important every day to honor the memory of our heroes, and honor the officers we have with us here. To show our respect for them, which is why we continue to stand by our police department. But right now it's to be there for the family and for our entire Savannah Police Department family, to know that we're there for them too." Brannan's body was taken from Memorial Health to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation crime lab in Pooler for an autopsy. The Georgia State Patrol is investigating the crash. Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.</p>	<p>00:01:52</p>
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<p>8/30/2022 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD</p>	<p>CCSO OFFICER DEATHS</p>	<p>In a statement to WTOC the Chatham County Sheriff's Office says corporal Ava Lucas passed away on Sunday. Her death was not in the line of duty and was not work related. No other information has been released. Corporal Lucas had been with the department since 2007. She was promoted to corporal in 2020. In a statement, the Chatham County Sheriff's office says the department is remembering her as a valued member of their team.</p>	<p>00:00:25</p>
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8/30/2022
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER FRIDAY Here's a look at video from campaigns in years past. While the handshake is happening at the I-95 Welcome Center - the effort is statewide all week long. expect to see sobriety checkpoints from law enforcement in both states this week. 00:00:14

8/31/2022
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD CAMILLE: CHATHAM CORPORAL DEATH "Flowers and pictures of Cpl. Ava Lucas sit on her deputy car as she's remembered for this smile and her selfless personality." Always putting a smile on others faces.. (sot) "One great lady." honored as officer of the month not long ago in June.. Cpl. Lucas passed away unexpectedly on Sunday after being admitted to the ICU. Sending us these pictures while in Florida preparing for her funeral, Lucas's sister Angela Lucas-Stillis talked with me on the phone and says Lucas was a giver who loved taking pictures... she says Lucas leaves behind a son who she cherished.. Serving Chatham County since 2007, Sheriff John Wilcher says many are mourning her loss. "It's a hard one. You know people who you work with day in and day out, she's been here 15 years, people who work with her are going to miss her." Sheriff Wilcher says one of her proudest moments was being promoted to Corporal in 2020. Her main mission--pushing others to be the best they could be. (sot) "When she came to talk, she never talked about herself. She always talked about how can we push this person forward to be a better officer. How can make her better? How can we make him better?" Lucas' family will be laying her to rest in Lakeland, Florida. Sheriff Wilcher says he along with Grand Marshalls and others who want to remember her will make the drive to pay their respects.. (sot) "She was apart of our family." (camille) "And her car will sit here until next Friday for family, friends or coworkers to drop off flowers in remembrance to be delivered to family. Reporting in Chatham County Camille Syed WTOC News." 00:01:31

8/31/2022
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER FRIDAY You can expect to see more officers out on the roads this week. It's all part of the 31st annual Hands Across the Border campaign to prevent drunk driving. Officers from Georgia and South Carolina will ceremonially shake hands in Port Wentworth Friday. While the handshake is happening at the I-95 Welcome Center - the effort is statewide all week long. The Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety is set to give an update on the campaign Friday. Ahead of that - expect to see sobriety checkpoints from law enforcement in both states this week. 00:00:32

9/1/2022 5:00:00 AM	5AM DAYBREAK OD	SPD MEMORIAL FOR FALLEN OFFICER	A memorial for a fallen Savannah Police officer continues to grow. The community and fellow officers are paying their respects to Officer Reginald Brannan. He died in a crash over the weekend on his way home from work. Police say his car collided with a tractor trailer overnight Sunday on Highway 21 in Garden City. He leaves behind two young children. His memorial is set up at the Northwest Precinct -- on Lathrop Avenue --- for anyone who wants to pay their respects.	00:00:28
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9/2/2022 4:00:00 PM	4PM OD	CCSO MEMORY WALK	The Chatham County Sheriff's Office and the community continue to mourn the loss of Cpl. Ava Lucas who passed away unexpectedly on Sunday. Today she was honored with a memory walk. It started at the Chatham County Juvenile Court where she spent much of her time as a courtroom deputy. And then ended at her sheriff's office car where more flowers and balloons adorned the memorial. Sheriff Wilcher reiterating how much she will be missed.	00:00:26
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9/2/2022 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	GA DPS SAFETY WARNINGS	Drive the speed limit. Follow traffic signals. Wear a seatbelt. Be courteous on the roadways. And don't drive distracted or impaired. The travel period opens up in just a few minutes at 6 p-m. WTOC will make sure to bring you updates from law enforcement throughout THE News this weekend.	00:00:17
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Rincon K-9 officer Ian Gallagher says he had only seconds to decide how he was going to stop the suspect's vehicle as they drove straight towards him and others on the parade route. PKG: A morning at Rincon's "Let Freedom Ring" parade quickly turned dangerous for participant officer Ian Gallagher and hundreds watching along the parade route in June. "At some point in time, I heard someone yelling on the radio that a vehicle had gone around a road block." It was then...that officer Gallagher saw a car plowing through the route...narrowly missing onlookers...and heading straight towards him and many families. : "So, at that time, I yelled at the people on the side of the road to get away from the side of the road, back up to where they'd be safe. I didn't want the car to veer off the road and hit a bunch of kids or something." Gallagher...now hailed as a hero after making the split-second decision to drive his car head on into the suspect's vehicle...putting himself in danger but stopping the dangerous drive. Ian Gallagher/Rincon Police Department K9 Officer: "I never really thought about what I was going to do, it just kind of happened. The car came, and I was behind a firetruck where he couldn't see me. I waited until the last second and then swerved out into the vehicle's line of traffic and hit it head on. I didn't want him to see me because I was afraid he would swerve again into the crowd that was on the side of the road." Rincon's police department says without Gallagher acting...the incident could have ended as a mass casualty event. "When I realized my daughter was on the side of the road maybe 100 feet from where I hit the car. That's when it all kind of hit me what could've happened. I don't even have the words for how I would feel if something happened to my kids or anybody else's kids out there." And now a new honor for officer Gallagher. He recently received the Medal of Valor...the nation's highest award of valor for a public safety official. "I know several people that I feel have done a lot more to earn it, but I'm glad to have it. I'm honored that the chief and city council were willing to put in the work to get me that. It means a lot to be appreciated like that." And after treatment for shoulder and neck pain...officer Gallagher and his K9 partner are expected be ok. 38-year-old Anthony Rodriguez is accused of driving through the parade route. Rodriguez is due in Effingham County Court in mid-November. Reporting in Rincon...FS...WTOCN.

9/6/2022 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD RINCON OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY PARADE FOLO 00:02:23

(sot) Statesboro's Citizens Police Academy gives folks the chance for a "behind the scenes" look at what it takes to serve and protect the community. (vo) The academy started back in 2014, but canceled the past two years due to covid. The six-week program lets people learn about officer training, see some of the equipment used by police, and even go on ride-alongs with patrol officers. Organizers hope it gives community members an insight into what police do and how they do it. (sot) Citizens can get educated to some extent on what officers are doing day in and day out. the painstaking processes of what it takes to process a crime scene, understanding a traffic stop from the officer's perspective. (vo) The chief says it also gives officers feedback from citizens about how the police may be viewed in the community. Classes can handle 20-25 members and spaces will go first come/first served. (sot) This year's academy will start Sept. 28, but the deadline to register is Sept. 20. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

9/7/2022 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD DAL: STATESBORO CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY 00:00:59

You can also now get a look inside the role of a Sheriff. The Chatham County Sheriff's office is starting a new program where residents can learn exactly what it's like to serve and protect in their area.

9/7/2022 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD CCSO CITIZENS ACADEMY 00:00:12

9/7/2022
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD CCSO CITIZENS ACADEMY
The department says the 12 week program will give 25 people a fun and educational in-depth look at their jobs. The program will include hands-on demonstrations, live classroom instruction and one-on-one learning experiences. Those selected will join the department every Thursday from September 22 to December 15th. Sheriff John Wilcher with the Chatham County Sheriff's office says its important for the community to understand why they do what they do. 00:00:27

9/7/2022
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD ATF ON SWITCHES
NAT: gunfire The switches, which are illegal across the country, attach to handguns, making them automatic weapons that can fire up to 40 rounds in a matter of two seconds and wreak havoc in the community. "Accuracy is extremely difficult. The rounds, the bullets are haphazardly shooting in multiple directions, and it's hard to keep the weapon on target. So you can see how it would be a problem for law enforcement, obviously, but it's a problem public safety-wise with criminals that are taking out everybody except the people that they're trying to go after." And ATF Special Agent Matthew Beccio says those switches aren't hard to get. "It's quite easy, actually." Special Agent Beccio says the automatic switches found locally are largely coming from overseas, and at this point, not much can be done to restrict those imports. "We haven't made many strides in terms of getting the kind of assistance that we need overseas." Beccio says since they can't get to the people making the devices, agencies like the ATF are turning their focus on disrupting those who sell them on local streets. "We have had, in my discussions with law enforcement here across the county, we've had multiple encounters not only with Savannah PD, but with jurisdictions in the county as well." 00:01:15

9/7/2022
7:00:00 PM 7PM OD ATF CHATHAM OFFICE
A-T-F agents say - they are getting more involved in Chatham County. They say it's due to an uptick in gun crimes - and a jump in the county's population. A portion of the ATF's Savannah office will now focus on working with local police departments to stem violent crime. They say their efforts are "data-driven." 00:00:18

9/12/2022 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD FLYNN: 9 11 FIRST RESPONDERS LUNCH

LL: Flanders Powell Funeral Home here in Pembroke wanted to recognize first responders. And they did just that by serving some lunch to those who serve. VO: The funeral home hosted its annual North Bryan County First Responders Lunch. Owners say that during this time of year they want to honor the sacrifices of first responders. They do it by offering up pulled pork sandwiches and baked beans to emergency personnel. The home says they work closely with first responders especially in recent months as they work to repair lingering tornado damage. They say it was important for them to give back to their local heroes. SOT: Tommy Perry Flanders/Owner, Flanders Powell Funeral Home: "We're trying to just bring to the forefront what our first responders do for us every day. It's kind of gotten lost over the last few years. We've kind of gotten away from remembering them. So, we're trying to bring that to the forefront today and do something special for them that they don't normally get to receive." LL: Owners say they've been hosting the free lunch for at least 7 years. Reporting in Pembroke...FS...WTOCN.

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9/12/2022 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD BLUFFTON POLICE CHIEF FEEDBACK

The Town of Bluffton is asking for your feedback tonight. The town has launched an online survey as they search for a new police chief. The survey is your chance to let the town know what your priorities are for the department. If online isn't your thing, you can also fill it out in-person at Town Hall. The deadline for both is Wednesday, September 21.

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9/14/2022 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD SAVANNAH VISION ZERO UPDATE

On average -- Savannah has 22 traffic deaths a year on the streets...that number is unacceptable to city leaders "For so many of the streets we have... and they are public rights a way that all of you own. They were designed to bring us together and connect us but they've acted as barriers for far too long" So they took a pledge at the beginning of the year to have 0 deaths in the city by 2027...and tonight they presented a draft of how they're going to do just that "We can start understand forensically where these incidents are happening around town...why and what cause them. We know that rate of speed is a determining factor on the severity of an injury when an injury does happen" The city manager says they'll be putting funding toward updating crosswalks, curb bump outs and basic infrastructure. All of what they do will be based on data... Melder says they want safer streets for all and some residents want them to start in their neighborhoods "I've begged them to come by and slow the traffic down so the kids could get to school safely meanwhile there's a person parking illegally and the traffic cop does nothing about it" A long standing issue for some -- people who ignore the speed limit. Some of them say the city can start there "I don't know why we can't just go ahead and reduce the speeds we can to 25 all the way from white bluff and eisenhower on down...to hell with people if they don't like it"

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Interim Police Chief Chris Reed says his focus is building upon the foundation set forth by former Chief Al Hagan. Hagan accepted a position with the Liberty County Sheriff's Office. Reed has been with the Walthourville Police Department for three and a half years and has a 17-year-long background in law enforcement. He's also a military veteran, having previously been stationed at Fort Stewart. Reed was assistant police chief before becoming the interim chief, a role he says he's expected to fill for the next six months while the Walthourville mayor and city council conduct the search process. Reed also says he'll continue to focus on community-based policing, while maintaining an open-door policy. "It's an honor to serve the citizens of Walthourville. Just mayor and council having the trust in me to bear this position, it's a great honor for me." The department has 10 officers and serves about 3,500 Walthourville residents. Interim Chief Reed says he plans to apply for the permanent position when the application process opens. In Walthourville, HB

9/16/2022
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"Sheriff Jimmy McDuffie tells me he has only half the jail officers and deputies he needs here at Effingham County Sheriff's Office limiting some of their efforts." "It's difficult. I mean it's a lot of extra work." In the jail, Sheriff McDuffie says they only need 32 officers to be fully staffed, yet they're staff is cut by more than half with 18 officer vacancies. "In the jail, we've actually had to go to an almost mandatory overtime position." Sheriff McDuffie says out of 32 deputy positions, he has 14 vacancies for men and women out on the street. Despite the shortage, they're getting the same amount of calls—about 6 thousand a month. The shortage is also keeping them from patrolling neighborhoods as a precautionary measure. "It has limited what we can do as far as what we call 'free patrol' because they're riding calls and their going from call to call and that stopped a lot of that. A lot of people just like to deputies in their subdivision, in their area and their part of the county but it's been difficult." Camille stand up "He says they will have some recruiting events starting in October. More information will be on our website WTOC dot com. Camille SYed

9/19/2022
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CAMILLE:
DEPUTY
SHORTAGE

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In a statement on their decision to fire Roland, S-P-D writes, "The conduct uncovered in this investigation aligns with neither SPD's values nor its ethical standard. Consequently, the determination was made to end Roland's employment with the department." WTOC will update you if more details are released.

9/19/2022
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD

SPD OFFICER
FIRED AFTER
ARREST

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9/20/2022 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BRYAN CO. K9 VESTS LL: Deputies at the Bryan County Sheriff's Office say the new vests will include crucial supplies like Narcan and medical kits. VO: The new bullet proof vests will be donated to the department by the Georgia Police K9 Foundation based in Statesboro. That's a non profit that aims to protect law enforcement K9s. Deputies say traffic and patrol K9s will wear the vests while on duty. They say the added Narcan and medical kits are also essential as many crime scenes are unpredictable. "We have so many instances, unfortunately, where weapons are involved. We want to protect not only ourselves as we would wear our vests, but we want our dogs protected too. LL: The sheriff's office say all four of the K9s are set to receive the new vests. Reporting in Bryan County...Flynn Snyder...WTOC News. 00:00:47

9/20/2022 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD SPD OFFICER ARREST DV FOLO I've requested the arrest report from Chatham County Police, since they're the agency investigating the domestic violence allegations involving now ex-Savannah Police officer Keith Roland. And while we're waiting on that to learn more about the case investigators are building, I sat down with Safe Shelter Executive Director Cheryl Branch to talk about her experiences helping spouses of police officers in domestic violence situations. "It's already a bad situation, I think it just makes it that much more difficult." Branch says in her experience, she's seen members of law enforcement use their knowledge and training against their partner to keep them from reaching out for help. "The abuser convinces the victim all the reasons she can't tell anybody, and he knows everybody, he plays golf with with the judges. You know, the whole bit." Branch says combat training and the presence of guns in the home could also escalate an already dangerous situation. "You've got more of that just by virtue of the job they have." In any case of domestic violence, a victim can apply for a temporary protective order, which Branch says gives the victim separation from the abuser. "However, if the respondent violates the protective order, then it can become a criminal matter and become aggravated stalking." Branch says so far this year, her agency has helped about 300 victims apply for temporary protective orders. In Savannah, Sean Evans, WTOC News. 00:01:26

9/20/2022 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD SEAN: SAV NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC. CRIME MTG "We can understand exactly what the policy is about arrests. Staffing is a problem for all the agencies. But as a resident and a taxpayer, we have problems, and you can't just ignore crime because you don't have the people to do it. Your job is to enforce the law and regulations, make arrests, hold the prisoners and prosecute." 00:00:19

9/20/2022 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD DEATH PENALTY WITHDRAWN WTOC Investigates has confirmed Chatham County District Attorney Shalena Cook Jones has withdrawn the death penalty notice in the case. The murder case goes back to September of 2016 when 24-year-old Dominique Powell died after being shot in the Tatemville neighborhood. In November of that year, police arrested Arthur Newton, Artez Strain, Timothy Coleman and Tyriek Walker on murder charges for the death of Powell. Prosecutors have said the men conspired to kill Powell to prevent him from testifying in an armed robbery case involving Newton. Former District Attorney Meg Heap sought the death penalty in the murder case. 00:00:38

9/20/2022 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD TONY THOMAS ARRESTED WTOC learned a former long-time Savannah Alderman has been arrested for stealing. Tony Thomas has been charged with felony theft. Pooler Police arrested Thomas at the Parker's off Godley Station in Pooler around 11 o'clock today. He was booked into the Chatham County jail just after noon. According to the Chatham County Sheriff's Office - Thomas was the store's manager. He's already bonded out. His bond was set at 24-hundred dollars. Thomas - who represented Savannah's 6th district for more than a decade - lost his bid for re-election in 20-19. 00:00:32

It was a packed room at the Coastal Georgia Center for a sit-down with city and county law enforcement and the district attorney. Crime is a big issue in this community....the chief of police citing more than 200 guns stolen since the start of the year. But another problem -- a shortage of police officers "We have over 100 vacancies in the savannah police department right now. How do you have an impact on what we want to achieve and what the community's expectations are." He says decreasing violent crime starts with their relationship with the community.... district attorney shalena jones says recidivism is another contributing factor, according to her, chatham county is number one for that in the country. "The markers and stigma from being in the criminal justice system make you unemployable. You often can't get federal pell grants or other forms of assistance to get you into college...you can't advance your education you can't get social benefits you can't get medicaid you can't sign up for many benefits or get public housing" Sheriff John Wilcher says they've been accepting limited misdemeanors since last year. They are locking up DUI's and domestic violence suspects though. It's Partially because of jail capacity, the cost to keep them and being short 189 employees "It takes a minimum of 42 officers to run that jail in the daytime nighttime weekend and everything else. We're playing lieutenants sergeants corporals privates and correctional officers time and a half to work overtime and you got some correctional officers on 41-thousand dollar job making 60,70 80 thousand dollars for the overtime they're working" The district attorney's office recently hired virtual ADA's to help with their mounting case loads. She says of a 28,500 case backlog, they've gotten rid of 7-000 cases "One of the things I implemented when I came in was quality control...that's the big part of it. What cases did we have that could be disposed of another way...how many cases do we have where the witnesses are no longer available or the officers are no longer with the police department because they're gone. Can we prove this case without a reasonable doubt at trial and if we can't then we have to find a way to dispose of it. So alot of that number was us doing an assessment to see which cases were legally viable"

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SAVANNAH DNA
MEETING

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SETUP: SPD
CRIME STATS

The latest data from Savannah Police shows a 9 percent rise in violent crime from this year to last. That's for the week of September 10th. The department's numbers show the city saw the same increase from 20-20 to 20-21.

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			LL INTRO: Deputies with the Evans County Sheriffs office are now National Child Passenger Safety Seat Technicians. Sheriff Mac Edwards says he hopes this will help ensure the safety of children in the county. Sheriff Edwards says a huge issue in traffic citations – is children not being properly secured in the car. The four deputies who completed the course are now able to install and inspect car seats to ensure they're being used the right way. Instructors showed how car seats are made, how they prevent injuries, what seat is proper for what ages... and how to secure it in the car properly. Sheriff Edwards says the next step – is child safety events in the area. "To be able to be a part of the community and show our citizens, show our community the right way to put seats in so that the kids are safe and the parents are safe. They don't have to leave the jurisdiction worried about their child or leave the jurisdiction worried about getting a citation." LL TAG: Sheriff Edwards says they hope to have their first safety events scheduled in the coming weeks. In Claxton, HB WTOC NEWS.	
9/21/2022		HAYLEY EVANS		
4:29:00 PM	4:30PM OD	CO CHILD SAFETY		00:01:04

			One organization decided to show their thanks to first responders by providing them free lunches and more earlier today. The Harris Lowry Manton law firm held their annual First Responders event back in person after 2 years due to Covid-19. They gave out free lunches and t-shirts. One organizer says that this is the least they could do to show their appreciation.	
9/23/2022		FIRST RESPONDERS		
5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	LUNCH		00:00:22

			All this comes - as a state of emergency is about to go into effect in Georgia ahead of Ian. That starts at 7 A-M on Thursday. This frees-up state resources to be made available to assist before, during and after the storm. It will expire at midnight on Friday, October 28th.	
9/27/2022		GA STATE OF EMERGENCY		
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In a jail with a population of 1,286 inmates -- Chatham County is short a lot of the people they need to run it. "It's not just us...it's everybody" Sheriff John Wilcher and his recruiting team have been working to get fully staffed since COVID started "20 in the streets, when you get in to the jail the rest of them in the jail I think we got about 80 correctional officers short and about 40 certified officers that need to be in the jail to come up to that total." That's 140 vacancies. Corporal Joshua Lee said it doesn't bother him. "we're ok with it" Sheriff Wilcher realizes he has staff that can push through it -- but he knows it's something they shouldn't have to do "After a while you get burnt out. It's kinda like a string you light it on both ends and when you get to the middle it's burnt out and they burn out!" It's gotten to a point where sheriff wilcher says employees are getting much bigger paychecks with all the overtime they're covering "Josh how much money did you make if you don't mind me asking? He was on a 38-000 dollar a year job and he made about 74-thousand dollars" the sheriff says he thinks a lot of people just don't want to work. So they've had to make adjustments going from four shifts down to two "... sometimes we have to work longer hours to make up for that shortage but as i stated down the hall were like a family here. We might be short but we pull together." Though the county has raised pay to incentivize more applicants and match the competition -- that's not always enough "You can't make a horse drink when you lead him to water. You can get all the applicants you want..if they don't meet the criteria. We don't really set the criteria...GA Post sets the criteria. You can't be convicted of this you can't have this or have this and so forth and that knocks a lot of people out"

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CHATHAM CO
JAIL SHORTAGE

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"My main concern and my staff's main concern is this jail." *BUTTED "We can live in here about 60 days on food and everything that we got *LONG PAUSE* and again everything is ready wer're ready to go hopefully it doesn't hit as hard as it says" they're looking out for more than 12-hundred inmates and he says they have everything they need in case they're impacted.

9/28/2022 5AM
5:00:00 AM DAYBREAK
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CHATHAM CO
JAIL STORM
PREP

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ISSUE3-ROAD SAFETY AND OTHER HAZARDS AND PRECAUTIONS-ALERTING THE COMMUNITY ABOUT ROAD HAZARDS. ALSO LETTING THE COMMUNITY KNOW ABOUT WEATHER. BOATING AND SWIMMING SAFETY, TYBEE HURRICANE RESEARCH, COVID VACCINE, MONKEYPOX, FIREWORKS AND PETS, SC RARE TICK INFESTATION, NATIONWIDE SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE, FIREWORKS, COVID VACS, TYBEE ISLAND SINK HOLE, BEACH SAFETY INCLUDINGH JELLYFISH, HEAT SAFETY, VACANT HOMES, SUN CITY GATOR ATTACK, SAVANNAH HOSPITALS NURSE SHORTAGE, LABOR DAY TRAVEL, HOW IMPORTANTS FLU SHOTS FOR KIDS ARE, BOAT SPEED LIMITS, SOURCE: POLICE DEPTS, STATE OF GEORGIA AND SC CDC, etc

7/1/2022 9:00:00 AM 1 MORNING BREAK OD 7 SARAH: BOAT SAFETY For the first time, Marine patrol is teaming up with Chatham County Police Officers to help keep you safe on the water. 4th of July is usually their busiest weekend, so the extra manpower is much-needed. The coast guard and DNR will join the patrols as well. One of the most common hazards on the water is running a boat after dark without any lights. It's a hazard that comes with a *big fine. 00:00:23

7/1/2022 5:00:00 AM 1 5AM DAYBREAK OD SARAH: BOAT SAFETY Sgt. Daniel Walker - Chatham County Marine Patrol "Make sure all your lights are on. We will be out issuing citations and if you get caught with your lights off, that's a thousand dollars." Sergeant Walker says they will be checking for drunk drivers out on the water as well. 00:00:16

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7/1/2022 MORNING
9:00:00 AM BREAK OD 7 SARAH: SWIM
1 SAFETY

If you are heading out to the beach and plan to swim... officials want you to keep safety in mind while you're in the water. Drowning is the second leading cause of death for children in the U-S between the ages of one and 14. The Assistant Director for Recreation and Leisure Services in Savannah says it's the number one thing parents need to keep in mind when kids are in the pool.

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1 SAFETY

(Peter Maierhofer/ Assistant Director for Recreation and Leisure Services Dept. - Savannah) "the most important thing that parents can remember when they are out on the water with their kids is make sure you are with them, make sure they are on top of the situation and that they are keeping an eye on them. I think one of the hardest things is when you go to a backyard party and someone always thinks someone else is watching the person swimming in the pool. So figure out right in the beginning who is that designated person who's keeping watch and keep an eye on them." He also recommends life jackets for young children - regardless of their swimming capabilities.

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7/1/2022
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CHD CHILD
SHOTS IN
GLYNN CAMDEN

The COVID-19 vaccine is now available for young kids in Coastal Georgia. The Coastal Health District says they started the roll out for kids as young as 6 months old in Glynn County this week. Starting next week - the vaccines for the under 5 age group will be available in Camden County, too. The health district says look for that availability to open up closer to savannah in the coming days as more shipments come in.

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7/3/2022 6:30:00 PM	WKEND 6:30PM OD	FLYNN: FIREWORKS	<p>As officials prepare for thousands to descend on Savannah's riverfront for fireworks displays.... *nats pop: "It's going to be a rocking night."* Local adoption experts are sounding the alarm over this noise... *nats pop of fireworks boom* ...that could potentially scare your pet...causing it to get loose. Jennifer Miller / Renegade Paws Rescue: "We're going to see a lot of dogs in the shelters." Volunteers with Renegade Pw Rescue urge pet owners to leave their animals at home this Independence Day...as fireworks shows can cause anxiety in dogs and cats. Jennifer Miller / Renegades Paw Rescue: "So, for first time pet owners who haven't seen this behavior before, you might see your dog pacing. You might see them escape into the bathroom, into a corner in the house to frantically try to get away." To help ease the nerves of your pooch...volunteers say to give your animal a quiet space with access to white noise. Jennifer Miller / Renegades Paw Rescue: "So, dishwashers, washing machines box fans, A/C units, exhaust fans...all of those things, even a TV could really help your dog in that situation." They say it's also important to have your pet microchipped...or at the very least wearing a labeled collar...to help shelters reconnect animals who do runaway with their owners. Jennifer Miller / Renegades Paw Rescue: "They will become incoherent and run into traffic and jut around the neighborhood, jut around the town until they're in search of a place that's safe for them." *nats pop of chew toy* Surrounding your pet with toys and treats is also another way to help calm your pet as fireworks are set to light up the sky.... Jennifer Miller / Renegades Paw Rescue: "Let's just try to plan ahead for our animals." ...and the community comes together to celebrate America's birthday. Tyler Gray / Plant Riverside District: "The best part is we've got visitors from all over and we're bringing them into the Savannah community and it's always a great time."</p>	00:01:53
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7/5/2022 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	TYBEE HURRICANE RESEARCH	<p>Researchers at UGA say they need your help! Next week, they will hold a workshop on Tybee Island to show people how to prepare and respond to risks from hurricanes and storm surge. It's part of a larger project. They say they will use the information from the study to help people better understand the risks hurricanes pose. The session is happening next Tuesday morning, from 10:30 to noon at the Tybee island Guard House. They will pay you 20-dollars for your time. You can find the link to sign-up on our web site, WTOC-dot-com.</p>	00:00:31
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7/7/2022 ISLANDS EXPRESS "It's very convenient and I guess I didn't live here when it was a draw bridge but we come over about twice
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD WAY LANE SHIFT TONIGHT a week and it's just really nice and it's convenient if we're going out to Tybee or we make a right and go out
to Wilmington or whatever." GA-DOT officials recommend taking highway 80 tonight and avoiding the
area while the traffic patterns change. 00:00:20

7/8/2022 SC FIRST "we should pay attention to it but not be overly alarmed. this is a worldwide outbreak, but it's not a
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD MONKEYPOX CASE pandemic. so the scale of this compared to covid for instance is very low. so that's two cases in
south carolina. I think we've had one and a half million cases of covid. i think the scale of this is
very low. additionally, this is something that is much harder to transmit and catch than covid. so i
think people, if they take reasonable precautions, should not be overly concerned about this thing
becoming a pandemic or that this is going to be a significant threat to most people's health or
life." 00:00:35

7/11/2022 5AM Parents -- you have a choice of 2 vaccines for this age group. Chatham County will offer the
5:00:00 AM DAYBREAK SARAH: COVID Pfizer vaccine to anyone 6 months of age and older -- that is a three shot series of the COVID-19
OD VACCINE vaccine. Bryan County will offer the Moderna vaccine for anyone 6 months of age to 5 years old --
that is a two shot series of the vaccine. The Coastal Health District says the timing of this is
important -- because of kids start the vaccine series now -- they will have immunity right as the
new school year starts up in a few weeks. 00:00:30

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GA SC COVID
LATEST DATA

We're also seeing COVID-19 cases rise in Georgia and South Carolina. Georgia is recording a seven-day moving average above 3-thousand cases for the first time since the beginning of February. The state has now surpassed 2 million confirmed cases since the pandemic started. Cases are up more than 12 percent in South Carolina this month...with a seven-day average of 17-hundred cases.

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SC: RARE TICK
INFESTATION

This species, the Asian longhorned tick – has been found in around 17 different states. While this isn't the first time they've been identified in South Carolina – health experts say this is the first time they've found so many of them in one place. } "So the risk is there. What this ends up being, we're not quite sure, but a situation, again, we want to closely monitor." Smaller numbers of these ticks were found about two years ago -- on dogs at shelters in Pickens and Lancaster counties. Last month – a large population of them was identified on cattle in a farm pasture in York County – with DHEC saying their numbers were in the thousands. While these counties are closer to North Carolina – these same ticks have also been discovered in Georgia – so health officials say they could be present but not yet identified in more parts of South Carolina. "The concern really is that this tick could overwhelm livestock or dogs or people, so you could be out walking in the field with your dog, and you could get hundreds of ticks that bite on you. They're very aggressive feeders." State health leaders say while these ticks haven't gotten any humans sick in the U-S so far – they should still take precautions – like using EPA-registered insect repellants – and checking themselves and their family for ticks after they've been outdoors. They should be careful with pets too – saying standard tick prevention appears to be effective against this species. "If you're anywhere near any brushy areas, if there's wood or anything else like that, just go ahead and check the animals over as well as yourselves." If people suspect they've found one of these ticks – they're asked to send them in a vial or zippered storage bag to a lab in Columbia – along with some information including where and when they discovered it – and if they found it on a human or an animal. Reporting in Columbia, I'm Mary Green.

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ALYSSA:
CARVER
VILLAGE
FLOODING

The roads and parking lots in Carver Village were flooded with water "I went through every street in carver village trying to get a connection to get here and i could not get through this is ridiculous" Jeannette Brown-Howard was one of many residents who had to figure out a safe way to get home "I have never seen this before" Residents and the chairman for the Chatham County Board of Commissioners say drainage has been an issue for years and the city won't do anything "It's been ignored" Chester Ellis was ready to lead Carver Village's monthly community meeting but people couldn't get through...you can see a car right outside the center stuck in the water "All streets leading to the community center are flooded" Carver Village is less than a mile from the arena and he says this conversation isn't new, the community wanted streets finished before it was built "We first started planning with the administration that was under mayor jackson and stephanie cutter...the drainage was in the plans in the beginning. The street paving and things were in the plans in the beginning before they started construction of the arena but when mayor deloach came he put all that aside and put the arena first" He says the city of savannah has been relying on ditches... but today's flooding showed that isn't effective. So he will take his concerns to the city again "I took pictures on my phone and had others take pictures on their phones so they can see what we're saying. You have to take care of the drainage in carver village, cloverdale, brickyard those communities that directly connect to the arena"

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7/12/2022
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TYBEE BEACH
ADVISORY FOR
NORTH BEACH

It impacts North Beach. Starting at Lovell street and extending to the North jetty. According to the Health Department, Bacteria levels are high in that section of the beach - and could make you sick. The beach is still open, but swimming is *not* recommended.

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7/14/2022
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MORNING
BREAK OD 7
GATOR
CATCHER

*NAT POP "He say "ssssss" This was the moment Marquell White dragged a 7-foot-long gator by the tail in Bowles Ford Park "My first reaction was what am I doing out here" White says It was hiding behind the swing set and he didn't want anyone to get blindsided and attacked... He might have hesitated but nothing stopped him from grabbing it with his bare hands "It was a healthy fear I respected the power I knew the gator had" The tracks of the gator from being dragged across the playground are still there and Trapper Jack, a licensed catcher for the state of Georgia saw the evidence the next day "We could tell something had a fight with the gator in that fenced in area" Trapper Jack got a few calls in the past week of gator sightings and agrees White was lucky the gator did not attack him "That is very, very dangerous to them and whoever else may be watching" White says people might joke around about him catching it, but there's a bigger problem that needs attention from the city of savannah "It wasn't just the fact the gator was there. Gators come and go...you couldn't see the gator because of grass and foliage" Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely agrees and says she's been pushing for the city to maintain the park for years "This park should've been developed back in the '80's. Somebody dropped the ball" She says the lack of upkeep puts citizens at risk "Look at the greenery...look at the trees I mean *sigh*" Since gators are no stranger to this park, Alderwoman Miller-Blakely and Trapper Jack want people to think before approaching or taking matters into their own hands "Nobody else can do that legally. When somebody messes with a alligator anywhere...they breaking the law"

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7/15/2022 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD	NATIONWIDE SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE	<p>"They'll connect with 988 and feel like someone actually cares." "Just three digits, being able to dial 988 instead of a ten digit number to reach the suicide and crisis hotline can save a life according to experts. "and the truth is if someone's going through a mental health crisis, remembering where they placed that number trying to recall it can be very difficult" 3.6 million people called the ten digit hotline in 2021, according to US Health and Human Services. (sot) "and already you're creating an inability to reach the services someone needs." Clinical social worker Dr. Laura Julius thinks, with 988, that number will increase tremendously. (sot) "Think of how many people who are actually going to reach out and receive services when they actually can recall the number and then have reached the support that they need." You'll be connected to a someone local who can help and if the line is busy, you'll be connected to someone nationwide. Julius says people in need can text the number as well. (sot) "Whether it's like here's a place that provides free or cost affective counseling or here's a support program or here's a recovery place that's taking folks or stay right there we're sending help to you right now." Dr. Julius also believes less people will come to the emergency room because of 988. (sot) "a mental health disorder will make you feel that way but if it's not a life threatening emergency that needs to be stabilization by the hospital, you're going to be sent out the door and unfortunately that create for someone feeling there's a stigma, they're not being supported when the truth is it's not the righ level of care." She encourages people to spread the word about 988 (sot) "I'm really feeling like it's going to be life changing for folks." A big step for mental health all over the nation. Camille Syed wtoc News.</p>	00:01:45
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7/18/2022 6:00:00 AM 6AM	SARAH: HOTLINE DAYBREAK OD NUMBER	<p>The new phone number just launched over the weekend. Anyone can call or text the three digit number 9-8-8 to be connected to a trained counselor who will talk to you about the situation and help you with the next steps on how to stay safe. While there have always been crisis hotlines -- they were long 800 numbers and mental health professionals like Vira Salzburn from the Safety & Resilience Program say it is time to make it an easy number for everyone to remember.</p>	00:00:27
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7/18/2022 6:00:00 AM 6AM	SARAH: HOTLINE DAYBREAK OD NUMBER	<p>Vira Salzburn / Safety & Resilience Program Director "In the thick of it when you are struggling with thoughts of suicide or mental crisis or intense emotinal pain, it is so hard to focus and remember where to find the help so making resources memorable makes them also accessible" Salzburn says when you contact the help line -- it will go to a local crisis hotline but if that one is busy -- it will be transferred to a national help line.</p>	00:00:26
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"Dr. Ben Spitalnick at Pediatric Associates of Savannah tells me they aren't seeing enough kids coming here to get vaccinated against COVID-19." Dr. Spitalnick says roughly half of kids ages 12 to 6 are getting their COVID vaccine but the number is lower for kids 5 and under at about 20 to 30 percent. Children 5 and under who get the pfizer vaccine have to take three doses opposed to two for the Moderna vaccine. He says as more little ones in the age group come for routine checkups, he expects more parents to get their younger kids vaccinated. "It's not as many as we hoped. We are seeing with each age group that's eligible for the vaccine, a slight drop off based on a few reasons." He says the main reason is because there are less COVID cases than when the vaccine first became available. However, the CDC shows Chatham County is currently a high-risk area. "When the vaccine started, schools were in quarantine and people had to mask up and so the intake was high. Now, that we've relaxed a lot of our lifestyle back to normal, people don't see the need for the vaccine as much as they were, but we're still seeing a very good uptake." With school doors opening soon, Dr. Spitalnick reminds parents that if your child has COVID, it's important they are isolated for five days so other kids don't get sick. And if symptoms lighten up, then they can return to normal activities. If not, it may be time to call the doctor. Camille Syed WTOG News.

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COVID SHOTS

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COVID LOCAL
OUTLOOK

(nat) "It certainly still is a pandemic." (sot) "Do you still feel like we're in a pandemic? In a weird way no." Frida Gonzalez Rivera lives in Savannah now, but is from Chicago where her relatives still live. "In the city, we still have a few places that still are only doing takeout and things like that. This down here is way more relaxed than it is in Chicago." While life for many in our area returns to normal, COVID cases are on the rise again thanks to yet another variant. BA. 5. (sot) "It's much more, much more contagious." COVID cases are up 30 percent in Chatham County according to Coastal Health District Director Dr. Lawton Davis. He says the community transmission index is around 290. But that number is likely higher because at-home tests aren't included in that number. "We may be 1,500 on our old community transmission index. So it has not gone away by any stretch of the imagination." "While some people have what doctors call pandemic fatigue, Doctor Tim Connelly at Memorial Health tells me it's hard to say when this won't be considered a pandemic anymore." "I will say that once the numbers go down and they stay down for a period of time anywhere from six months to a year and it becomes an unusual disease to see then we can definitely have a big sigh of relief to say that it's unlikely that it's going to come back but there's no guarantees that at some point in the future we might see another surge of COVID that's a completely different strain of what we've seen in the last few years." Many wonder will the COVID shot become an annual vaccine, Dr. Davis still doesn't know. (sot) "Whether that turns out to be every four months or every six months or every year, that remains to be unseen." About two and a half years later, yet many questions remain. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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REMINDER: VAX
FOR YOUNG KIDS

It's a message we've been repeating for more than year - health experts remind the best way to protect yourself is to get vaccinated. For the first time since the pandemic started - that now includes kids under 5. Only a handful of counties in the Coastal Health District are giving out the shots right now. For more details on where you can get your family vaccinated - head to WTOC dot com and look for the Tracking the Vaccine Tab.

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7/19/2022 LOCAL COVID
 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD HOSPITALIZATIONS

"There are more than 50 people in Savannah hospitals with COVID 19 but a Memorial Health doctor tells me they're more prepared to treat these patients than they were two years ago." Out of the 28 people admitted in Memorial Health, 21 of them are in isolation and three are on ventilators. (SOT) "The virus continues mutate and that's the biggest challenge that we face." The latest mutation making up about 60 percent of cases in Georgia is the BA 5 variant, according to the Coastal Health District. COVID cases are up 30 percent in Chatham County and the community transmission index is around 290. But that number is likely higher because at-home tests aren't included in that number. Dr. Tim Connelly says majority of people in Memorial's Intensive Care Unit are unvaccinated. "I will say that we've had a large decrease in the number of people dying from COVID. We're certainly far better prepared to manage those patients than we were in the past. We have all the appropriate medications. We know these medications are effective and we have better resources than we've ever had before to deal with COVID right now." The health department will release newly updated numbers on Wednesday. Officials expect the case count to be even higher because of fourth of July gatherings. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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7/21/2022 TYBEE ISLAND SINK
 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD HOLE

As you can see behind me, this section of Jones Avenue right at the corner of the BP gas station is closed. There's a sinkhole that spans the width of the two-lane road and the city tells me this is the second time this has happened in the same spot. City Manager Shawn Gillen says the manhole at this location connects different sewer lines throughout the city. He says these sewer lines are constantly monitored with cameras. He says the area was damaged by water and erosion, which happens because the island is built on sand. He says they were close to being done with repairs from previous erosion when more damage happened and the manhole collapsed further. It then broke a water main, which made the hole grow even more. Gillen says crews have made significant repairs so far, so the gas station parking lot isn't being affected. Jones Avenue is a golf cart route, so there is a detour that has been set up for them. Other drivers can access Jones starting at 2nd Street. Right now, there's metal holding up the sides of the sinkhole. Gillen says a new concrete manhole will be put in and that's a slow process. "They have to get around and pump the water out because the water table is so high and they have to bypass the sewer lines that are unconnected right now. They'll get the manhole down in there, they'll get everything hooked back up and then they'll get everything filled back in with a method that hopefully you won't see that sinkhole forming in the same area again." The contractor working out here with Savannah River Utilities tells me before they pull out of here, they will make sure that everything is done the right way. He says it's not a project you can rush and so they appreciate the community's patience. They hope to have it done in the next few days. On Tybee Island, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

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7/21/2022 TYBEE: COYOTES
 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD RAIDING TURTLE
 NESTS

Volunteers with the Tybee Sea Turtle Project say the animals have ravaged several nests. Causing them to lose more than 100 eggs. They say it's a new issue for Tybee, so they are making changes. Volunteers say they're removing the yellow caution tape around nests and marking the area with a wooden stake. They're also putting metal fencing over the nests for protection. They hope it will help disguise the nests. If you see this stuff on the beach do not touch it.

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7/27/2022 SAV ANGELS A Savannah day care had a surprise visitor this morning... An alligator found its way to the front porch of
12:00:00 PM DAYCARE GATOR Angels Day Care and Enrichment Center off Stiles Avenue. Luckily, all the kids were inside when the gator
NOON OD CAPTURE arrived. Savannah Police were called, and Trapper Jack Douglas was able to wrangle the six or seven foot
gator. The gator will now be relocated somewhere else. 00:00:22

8/2/2022 SHEA TYBEE
4:00:00 PM 4PM OD SANDBAR
"There was a strong easterly wind, that's wind blowing east to the west towards Tybee Island offshore, so it's likely there were schools of jellyfish out there offshore, and they blew in there with the wind and the weather over the past couple of weeks." Jellyfish are really at the mercy of the tides, Jones says. They don't really swim so much as float around- so when they'll leave Tybee Island is up to nature. Jones: "Eventually the tide will come in high enough that it'll carry them out. And it's possible that they'll also be food for other animals in the ecosystem, so shorebirds, crabs, things like that that'll eat the carcasses of the jellyfish that are left on the beaches." In the meantime, the jellyfish have been keeping beachgoers out of the water, for fear of being stung. "Yesterday at this same location a little boy was stung in the face by a jellyfish. A few minutes ago I went to the edge of the water and that was the first thought, was that little boy yesterday, and I didn't want to ruin my vacation with a possible jellyfish sting." "We've seen at least three families leave because they've been stung by jellyfish. I didn't think the threat was a big deal, but now I'm a little bit concerned as a guy from Iowa who knows nothing about jellyfish." The jellyfish aren't stinging swimmers to be malicious, Jones says. They're often just startled- or trying to eat. Jones: "Some of the larger, more potent jellyfish will be able to sting fish and things like that so they can eat them, but no, they're not actively thinking they're trying to come get you or anything like that." 00:01:32

8/2/2022 BROOKLET: 2 Bulloch County Coroner Jake Futch says Mary and Larry Greer we're found in their home on
5:29:00 PM DEAD FROM Monday. Both were in their 80s. According to the coroner, the home had no air conditioning and
5:30pm OD HEAT the temperature inside felt like at least 110 degrees. Several of the couple's cats were found dead
with them. 00:00:17

8/2/2022
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SAV VACANT
HOMES

In this beautiful neighborhood, with Victorian Style homes.... some properties are causing a nuisance. This home at 221 W. 36th street has been vacant for years... "We got this garage building back here that's caught fire in the past. We got people staying in it doing God knows what in it. We got all kinds of illegal activity going on and we're just really concerned" Ivy, overgrown plants and trash are making the property an eyesore and neighbors have been complaining for years.... "Since 2018, there's been one call each year by the neighbors saying there's an issue with this property" WTOC learned from code compliance that there's been an open code case on this home since 2019. They've been cited for numerous violations, but since the homeowner passed away, the heirs to the property have been attempting to get the probate process complete. "This situation here has gotten so bad that I don't even go this direction anymore I go around the other way then walk 36th street down the other side." Right next door is another property that code compliance says didn't have any violations until they came out today...we noticed from outside that the unsecured property had someone living in the lower level. Rick Pryor has lived in this neighborhood for more than 40 years and says he's seen how homes like this affect the quality of life "In the period of time I've been here it's watching the destruction not only of the properties but also the flavor of the neighborhood" He says the vacant home is a public safety issue "people can't sleep...they're worried about break-ins...they have all that stuff then it's the drug dealing the prostitutes" Alderman Detric Leggett says the homes being unsecured does pose a safety threat "You never know what time people come home. You don't know whose going to run up on you." But he assured neighbors the city is keeping an eye on it and possibly adding more of a police presence for safety.

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8/3/2022
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD

CHD
MONKEYPOX
VAX PROGRAM
EXPANDING

A WTOC update-- The Coastal Health District says they will now be giving out the Monkeypox vaccine in Glynn County. They will be giving out the shots at the Glynn County Health Department in Brunswick starting Friday. You will need to make an appointment. The coastal health district says appointments are expected to fill up quickly. And you will need to meet a certain criteria. For more information, you can head over to our website WTOC.com.

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8/15/2022
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SUN CITY GATOR ATTACK LATEST Maj. Angela Viens - BCSO "Just being aware of your surroundings. If she's a resident, I don't know if she is or not, living around a pond or lagoon or any body of water for that matter, just being conscious and aware of what's going on in your surroundings."? 00:00:15

8/15/2022
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD DEADLY SUN CITY GATOR ATTACK ? "Oh they're very fast, anywhere from 15 to 30 miles an hour...on land. And they can climb." "And you've got to be real careful where you walk your dogs, you don't leave your dogs out at night." 00:00:11

8/15/2022
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD DEADLY SUN CITY GATOR ATTACK ?And others I spoke with said they got alerts from the sheriffs office that there had been an attack. Right now, very little is being released about the victim in this attack, other than it's a woman who may be a resident of Sun City. At last check the county coroner was still trying to reach the victims family. As for the Sun City community, a sheriffs deputy I spoke with earlier says there are around two hundred lagoons and ponds back here, and that the assumption should be there are alligators in most of those bodies of water. Several residents I caught up with earlier said they're very aware of that constant danger, and always have an eye out for gators. 00:00:39

8/17/2022 5AM SARAH: DEAN The new intersection includes pedestrian crosswalks and flashing yellow arrows in the left turn lanes to make it safer and more efficient. This is the second new traffic signal to be installed along the Dean Forest Road this year – a few months ago – they installed one just down the road at the intersection of Pine Meadows Drive. With more than an estimated 20,000 vehicles a day passing through this area – drivers that frequent this stretch of road are optimistic about all the changes.

5:00:00 AM DAYBREAK OD FOREST RD LIGHT 00:00:29

8/17/2022 5AM SARAH: DEAN Wayne Williams / Statesboro "It may be a little slow down but other than that I think it will help out with traffic and all, people trying to get out and get on Dean Forest Road...getting out without the light, sitting for a little bit, with the light it does help." Israel Magana / Pooler "There is definitely progress, especially with all the construction on 16, I think once 16 gets done, in my opinion it probably will get better." It will still be over a year until the widening project is complete on Highway 16 – and the intersection at Dean Forest and 16 is also scheduled to be complete next year.

5:00:00 AM DAYBREAK OD FOREST RD LIGHT 00:00:35

8/18/2022 5:53:00 PM COASTAL HEALTH DISTRICT ON COVID BOOSTERS LL INTRO: While those new booster doses haven't been approved in the United States just yet, Dr. Lawton Davis of the Coastal Health District says they're already taking steps to preorder those doses for when they do get approved. He says he expects that the new booster will target specific subvariants of the vaccine... with Pfizer's vaccine expected to be available to people 12 and up, and Moderna for 18 and up. Dr. Davis says the Coastal Health District should be included in the initial roll out of the new booster shots... which could come as soon as September, but there's not an exact timeline available just yet. However, Dr. Davis says if you need a booster dose now and are eligible for one, you shouldn't wait. "If you're relatively high risk, or you're taking a trip that would place you at a higher rate of exposure, and you're due for a booster, I'd probably go ahead and take the booster that's available, they work well at protecting against severe illness and hospitalization, they still work well." The new booster doses would also use mRNA technology, like the original Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. LL TAG: Dr. Davis adds that COVID transmission remains high in all of the counties in the Coastal Health District, so it's always a good idea to get vaccinated if you haven't already. In Savannah, HB WTOG News.

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8/27/2022 6:00:00 AM	6AM DAYBREAK EFFINGHAM SATURDAY OD FLOODING ISSUES	<p>"If you can see in my yard, this is where all the water would've been. After this morning it went down. But you couldn't even see the driveway or the road last night at about...ten to probably midnight." "We're gonna have to go get sandbags, I guess, and put them up against the front door to make sure the water does not come in if it gets this high again." ?The county manager says there are two other neighborhoods in Effingham that have similar issues, and for one of those...Westwood Heights...they've awarded the design contract to resolve their drainage problems.</p>	00:00:33
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9/1/2022 9:00:00 AM	MORNING BREAK OD 9 1 TRAVEL	SARAH: PREPING FOR LABOR DAY	<p>Georgia State Patrol and South Carolina Highway Patrol have been teaming up for over 30 yeras for this initiative -- starting tonight they will begin sobriety check points in both states... They will have as many troopers as possible out on the highways and backroads starting Friday evening and going until Monday at midnight. While drunk driving prevention is their priority, they will be keeping a close eye on distracted drivers as well. They are asking anyone who gets behind the wheel this weekend to watch your speed, wear your seatbelt and pay attention. Cprl. Dante Williams / Georgia State Patrol "There is going to be a lot of traffic out there on the interstates, there is going to be a lot of 18 wheelers, make sure not to follow them too closely and give them plenty of time to get where they are going." Trooper Nick Pye / South Carolina Highway Patrol "The other thing is driving the speed limit, we see people driving way too fast on our highways and unfortunately, we can't be everywhere at one time. Drive the speed limit and the more you reduce your speed, the lower your chances of being in a collision and ultimately a fatal collision." Also, make sure to slow down and get over for emergency vehicles and any town trucks on the side of the road, car issues are expected to happen but local mechanics say it's important to check your battery and your tires before heading out on your trip. It's not only important for safety to have tires fully inflated but also helps your gas mileage efficiency. Gas prices for the unofficial end of summer are much lower than they were to start, The average for Georgia and South Carolina is around 3.40 a gallon. In Port Wentworth, SW, WTOC News.</p>	00:01:40
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9/1/2022
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CAMILLE:
OMICRON
BOOSTERS

"The first of its kind, A booster vaccine targeting the Omicron Variant. Dr. Tim Connelly here at Memorial Health says it's vital for limiting the spread of COVID 19 this fall and winter." (sot) "It's very likely if enough people get it to significantly lessen the blow that we may experience." 58 percent of people in Chatham County are fully vaccinated. 46 percent of people fully vaccinated have gotten an additional dose including a booster, according to the Center for Disease Control. The new vaccine, according to Dr. Connelly is about 5 percent more effective than the previous one with a roughly 90 percent efficacy rate of not being hospitalized with the virus. (sot) "The tweaks are very minor to the vaccine that we're getting." The vaccine recently approved by the FDA is made up 50 percent of the original vaccine and the other half is geared towards the Omicron subvariants says Dr. Connelly. The Omicron BA.5 and BA.4 variants are still the most prevalent variant circulating right now but with new variants mutating often... "We can get different variants and the shot's likely to be very effective against those variants. The only reason we needed to update is after approximately two years of COVID finally we found a variant where it actually beat the vaccine in terms of having a slightly different spike protein." COVID cases in Memorial and our area on a downwards trend according to Dr. Connelly. He says they have one person in the ICU and less than 30 people hospitalized overall. He says it's important to wait two months between each booster shot to prevent illness. And adds it's safe to get the flu and COVID vaccine at the same time. "Dr. Connelly says the vaccine could be available across the Coastal Empire in about four to six weeks. Reporting in Savannah Camille Syed WTOC News."

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9/2/2022
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SAV CITY HALL SUS
PACKAGE

Here's what that scene looked like just a few hours ago. The Savannah Police Department says someone reported the package near the ramp there. City Hall and the Hyatt Regency were evacuated for about three hours and river street was also closed off. Both buildings are back open now. Tourists also told WTOC they were also evacuated from a nearby business.

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9/2/2022
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD HHI LIGHTNING STRIKE INJURY Hilton Head Fire Rescue tells WTOC the strike happened near marker 90 on the beach just before 10 this morning. The woman was taken to a Savannah-area hospital. No details on her condition at this time. Other individuals nearby felt the strike but did not go to the hospital. 00:00:16

9/2/2022
7:00:00 PM 7PM OD SAV CITY HALL SUS PACKAGE The area around Savannah City hall is now clear - after a call about a suspicious package raised the alarm bells this afternoon. Here's what the scene looked like earlier. Police say someone reported the package near the ramp there. City Hall and the Hyatt Regency were evacuated for about three hours and river street was also closed off. Both buildings are back open now. Tourists also told WTOC they were evacuated from a nearby business. 00:00:26

9/6/2022
7:00:00 PM 7PM OD SC DHEC EXPANDS MONKEYPOX VAX ELEG Eligibility is now open to men who have sex with men, as well as those who identify as gay, bisexual, transgender, gender fluid or non-binary. It will also include anyone receiving H-I-V PrEP treatment. Currently, the vaccine is not recommended for other members of the general public or health care workers. There are currently 115 cases of the monkeypox virus in South Carolina. DHEC lists 26 cases in the Lowcountry. 00:00:25

Check this out! "Big cat" sightings like these, caught-on-camera in other states, have people in Georgia talking. Some *insist* - they've seen them here! "Some critter came through a hole and got in there and killed both of the cats." J.R. Gill and his wife live in Midway. Earlier this summer, Gill woke up to find *something had killed two of his cats. To him, the *damage left behind - from the claw marks to the broken screen - pointed to *one thing. "I turned in the complaint as a cougar attack, and that got everyone a little excited." Gill says the DNR set up cameras on his property that day. They later told him they thought a wild dog did it... NOT a "big cat." "They all deny that we have wild cats in this region, and I know we do. Because people have seen them." A wildlife biologist with the Georgia DNR tells us, there are two kinds of "big cats" *near* our state... Florida Panthers and Tennessee Mountain Lions. They say last year alone, there were 65 *reported* "big cat" sightings across Georgia... but NONE confirmed. And they *insist*, there are NO "big cats" in the Peach state. The DNR put out a similar statement on Facebook last year... and it got a LOT of backlash. One person posted an article from 2008, where the DNR confirmed *this* Florida Panther was shot-and-killed in Troup County, near the Alabama border. The DNR's web site even states that, in the last 25 years, there have been "3 *credible* mountain lion sightings" in Georgia. The department later edited the post. And listen to this. Our team found, in 1993, Florida researchers released 19 Florida Panthers along the Florida-Georgia border as part of a re-introduction study. One of those panthers was captured later that year... in Statesboro! "It was not anything like I had ever seen or ever heard of." Lifelong Liberty County resident Clay Sikes says, he's spotted mountain lions TWICE. Sikes runs the page "My Georgia Coast." With more than 80-thousand followers... "big cats" are a hot topic... and Sikes thinks their sightings, are underreported. "The thought of reporting a cat sighting to DNR has never crossed my mind, and it probably doesn't cross many other people's minds." But local wildlife experts are skeptical. "In this area, I've never actually seen one myself. I've never even seen the track of one here." Bulloch County Humane Enforcement Director Joey Sanders says he's seen almost everything in his 20-plus years on the job. But he's never seen a "big cat." He thinks people are confusing smaller, native cats to Georgia... like Bobcats... for "big cats." "If someone does have a picture, I wish they'd come show us." But, until that day... "The debate rages on."

9/15/2022
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WTOC: BIG CATS IN
GA

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"Pediatric Associates of Savannah have been administering the flu vaccine for about a month now and Dr. Ben Spitalnick says they aren't seeing enough people coming to get vaccinated." "After two years people having less immunity because we've not been catching the flu, it could be a bad year." While Dr. Spitalnick would like to see more people getting the shot, he says they're close to giving out a thousand shots in one month. He says this flu season, expected in the winter, is projected to be overwhelming. That's judging off data from Australia, since the U.S typically follows their flu trends. Australia is in the southern hemisphere, so their winter season happens during our summer time. That lets American doctors have an idea of what to expect here. Australia has seen one of their worst influenza seasons in decades. "We've been talking so much Coronavirus vaccines, it may have people start to forget about the importance of flu vaccines. Before the pandemic, the flu was the number one vaccine preventable cause of death in the United States. We did not see a flu season the last two years which has been great because of masking, because of social distancing." Health departments across Coastal Georgia are also administering flu shots and nasal spray vaccine. "He says in the coming week they hope to start having weekend vaccine clinics for those who can't make it to get the shot during the week. Camille Syed WTOC News."

9/22/2022
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PEDIATRIC FLU
SHOTS SAVANNAH

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9/23/2022	5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	HHI RIP TIDES	<p>Lifeguards on Hilton Head Island are still allowing folks to swim today, but should you choose to enter the water, there are a few things you should know. ((VO)) If you're being pulled into a rip current, you'll feel like you're being pulled away from the shore. When this happens, sometimes people instinctually try to swim against the current- which can easily tire you out and lead to drowning. Instead, Alan Reece from Shore Beach Services tells me, the best thing to do is relax and swim parallel to the shore and work your way back to it. If you're struggling, Reece says to flag down a lifeguard- and don't be afraid to check in with them before you decide to swim. "When you're coming to the beach, when you hear the advisories on the weather, on the television, just check with the local authorities, check with the lifeguards especially, before you enter the water if you've got any questions. Even on the calm days, the lifeguards are here. We've got the current scoop of what's going on, so just give us a holler and we'll steer you in the right direction. As of this afternoon, lifeguards on Hilton Head haven't had to enter the water at all. The rip current warning is set to expire at 8:00 tonight, but could easily be extended in the days to come. Reporting on Hilton Head Island, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.</p>	00:01:16
9/27/2022	4:00:00 PM	4PM OD	COASTAL ELECTRIC	<p>The cooperation says they did a simulation last week and this week they have sent out their right-of-way crews to monitor the streets. Crews are looking for trees that could fall onto a power lines and cutting them down. Mark Bolton with the group says while they don't expect a wide-spread power outage they are expecting to see some lights go out.</p>	00:00:20
9/29/2022	4:00:00 PM	4PM OD	DAL: HHI	<p>The surf has gotten heavier throughout the day. Lifeguards closed the water. But that hasn't stopped people from coming to look at the storm as it slowly gets closer. In addition to the locals, many of them are part time residents. Many of those that I spoke with were already here when Ian changed direction and put the South Carolina coast in its sights. They're also watching and waiting, deciding what to do next.</p>	00:00:24
9/29/2022	4:29:00 PM	4:30PM OD	CAMILLE: HHI	<p>Lifeguards are encouraging people not to get into the water and they tell me the tide is expected to keep rising. I've ran into people visiting on vacation mostly who tell me their bracing for the impacts that may be felt here. Some mentioned changing their plans and leaving today to beat what may be ahead tomorrow. A couple who planned this trip months in advance is visiting from California. They say the next stop on their trip is supposed to be Charleston where Ian is expected to touch down also.</p>	00:00:29

9/30/2022 SAV 311 AVAILABLE The city of savannah is reminding residents there is a number you can call if you find yourself in need of
7:00:00 PM 7PM OD FOR ASSISTANCE help. Call 3-1-1 to reach the city help line. This is the non-emergency number available 24 hours a day. 00:00:12

ISSUE 4-FIRE SAFETY-ALERTING THE COMMUNITY OF FIRES IN THE AREA MAKING THEM MORE AWARE OF PREVENTING FIRE IN THEIR HOMES AND BUSINESSES. STATESBORO FIRE TRAINING, JESUP ARSON INVESTIGATION, TYBEE ISLAND EMS LICENSE, BAXLEY BRUSH FIRE, PEARLS SALTWATER GRILLE FIRE, LIBERTY CO. NEW FIRE STATION, TYBEE FIRE CERTIFICATION, SOURCE: FIRE FIGHTER, SAV. FIRE DEPT AND OTHER AREA DEPTS

7/5/2022 STATESBORO
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD FIRE TRAINING
(sot) As buildings get taller and taller in Statesboro, fire crews need the skills to be able to work on those two and three-story levels just like a single story home. (vo-nat) High in the air, Statesboro firefighters practice the cuts they would use to open up a roof to deal with smoke and flames. Statesboro Fire and Georgia Southern teamed up to give crews the chance to tear through actual roofs, walls and windows. (sot) I would say this is one of the most valuable training opportunities we could have. This is "real world", just like if we came to an actual call and have to use these techniques. (vo) They're training inside University Villas. Southern closed the complex and will tear down the 148 apartments. But before the demo..... (sot) It benefits them, but it benefits us at Georgia Southern because they're more prepared for anything they may respond to. (vo) With more buildings on and around campus going to multiple stories, scenerios like this could happen. (sot) The building landscape has changed. Used to be, it was all one and two stories. There's more three and four stories... (vo) It was just a year ago, the city had a fire at a complex similar to this. While they hope they don't see another one, they have to stay ready if or when they do. (sot) And contractors will start the demo work here next week. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news. 00:01:17

7/8/2022
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HAYLEY: ST.
CATHERINE'S
ISLAND FIRE
OUT

Georgia Forestry officials say the fires on St. Catherine's Island in Liberty County are finally out. Last month, lightning struck the island more than 150 times.... Causing several fires that burned thousands of acres. Georgia Forestry was called in on June 15th to help battle the fire. Our Hayley Boland brings us the latest.

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7/11/2022
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

JESUP ARSON
INVESTIGATION

This arson investigation has left many people I spoke with today speechless. Juanita Holsey with the Holsey Law Firm says this was her first office space that she opened back in 2017 and today she took her first look at what's now just a pile of ashes. Juanita Holsey, Owner and Attorney at the Holsey Law Firm wiping away tears as she looks at the destruction for the first time. "I can still smell it, ya know? It smells like disappointment. It's hard to see that everything I worked so long for is in ashes. It's really tough." Holsey's business along with Harris Real Estate now roped off with yellow tape as officials work to investigate who's behind this. "The initial call I was pretty much sick. Like, gosh what am I going to do from here?" Jesup Police were dispatched to a burglar alarm at Holsey Law Firm around 4:30 a.m. Saturday. That's when they saw flames shooting from the roof and the entire building full of smoke. Holsey says she was asleep and missed a call from ADT, but luckily picked up when her mom called. "She said Juanita there's a fire and I was like 'my office is on fire? Not my office we don't have anything to catch on fire.'" After about two hours, fire officials said the fire was under control and they worked hot spots on both floors for hours after that. Holsey says she moved into this building in 2017. "This wasn't forever, but I wasn't ready to move this quickly. Sometimes things happen and it forces you to do things you're uncomfortable with and I'm in an uncomfortable moment and maybe there will be some growth from it." The Georgia Fire Marshal's Office ruled it arson after seeing signs of forced entry and items missing from the business. Holsey says she's sad for Harris Real Estate as they too work to pick up the pieces. "I'm certain that just like me they kept important things from their personal life in their office because you don't expect to have a fire in your office." Holsey says she's lived in Jesup her whole life and is already getting so much help from the community. "It took a village to get me here and so it'll take a village to rebuild, but I feel like I have the support of the community and it's encouraging especially today." The fire chief tells me there are no suspects or a motive at this time. If you have any information, you're asked to call Georgia Arson Control, we have a number for them on our website wtoc.com. A reward of up to \$10,000 is being offered. In Jesup, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

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LL Vidalia fire says this house and another one about a mile away were both set on fire within 30 minutes of each other. VO The first house that went up in flames is this one on West Second Street. Chief Brian Sikes with the Vidalia Fire Department says that call came in around 1 am Sunday. Then around 1:30 am the fire crew had to split up because they were sent to a second fire at this house on Montgomery Street. Sikes says the fire on West Second Street was under control in about 4 minutes. The Montgomery Street fire took about 45 minutes. Both homes were destroyed. Sikes says the state fire marshal's office has ruled both fires as arson. Chief Sikes says he's not surprised by this because both homes had been abandoned for a while and there was no electricity going to them. He says they're still looking into how the fires were started. Sikes says he doesn't want this string of fires to continue, so he's glad police are already working leads. SOT "The Vidalia Police Department has a person of interest and we're hoping that this will stop the arson that's going on right now. We just ask the public to just always be aware of their surroundings. Always be aware of the surroundings in your neighborhood, always keep your eyes out no matter where you live just to make sure because both of these fires were called in by people who that saw them." LLTAG If you have any information about either one of these fires you're asked to call the Vidalia Police Department or the fire department. In Vidalia, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

7/14/2022
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD MARIAH:
VIDALIA
ARSONS

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Over the last six months, Fire Chief Jeremy Kendrick says they've been working for this license. The process involves bringing in a medical doctor who oversees the program, makes sure they have proper medical equipment and properly trained personnel. Once final inspections were done, the department got its license. Chief Kendrick says the license allows them to carry lifesaving drugs and treat patients who might be experiencing a heart attack or seizure, for example, before an ambulance arrives. Kendrick says they have several people in the department who are already certified, and others who are working toward their certifications, to administer these drugs and use things like their new intubation kits and defibrillator device. "Prior to this the only thing we could do was really take a blood pressure, check your pulse, give you a little bit of oxygen and if you had low sugar we could give you glucose but that was really about it. Nobody could really work to their scope of care and skills until we got this licensing." LLTAG Kendrick says as they continue to move the department forward it'll be a program more people will want to work for. He says they will begin operating with the new license by August. On Tybee Island, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

7/15/2022
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD TYBEE ISLAND
EMS LICENSE

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((PKG)) Harris Real Estate and the Holsey Law Firm in Jesup have both moved to new locations after their office building on Cherry Street in Jesup burned down the morning of July 9th. The fire is being investigated as an arson- and now there's a new lead in the case. ((VO)) Officials are asking for help in identifying this car- which is believed to be a 2019 to 2021 Toyota Rav-4, likely gray or silver in color. The car became a vehicle of interest after officials reviewed video of it in close proximity to the fire, and even driving past it multiple times. Tony Pritchett, Chief Investigator with the Georgia Department of Insurance asks that anyone who may recognize the car contact Georgia Arson Control at 1-800-282-5804. He says any and all information is important to the investigation. "Our staff is working diligently, around the clock down there in that area to try and figure out who's responsible for this crime, and we'll continue to do so until we hold those responsible for damaging this property." Shea: Pritchett adds that anyone with photos or videos of the fire, no matter how insignificant they may seem, should contact Georgia Arson Control. There is an up to ten-thousand dollar reward for any information leading to the arrest and convicted of the person who committed this arson. Reporting in Jesup, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

8/1/2022
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD JESUP ARSON FOLO

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8/5/2022
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD VANN ST
VIDALIA ARSON

Fire Chief Brian Sikes says it only took about 15 to 20 minutes of being on the scene to determine this was an arson fire. VO "Chief Sikes says this house, on Vann Street, sat abandoned for about 6 years and now it's a total loss."The roof is missing and what was inside is now a pile of ashes. The fire started just past noon and Sikes says it took about three hours to put it out. Folks who live in the neighborhood say they've seen homeless people around the home and living in it, but Sikes says no one saw who started the fire. This is the third arson being investigated right now in the city by the police and state fire marshal's office. Two other abandoned homes went up in flames, on the same day, just three weeks ago. No arrests have been made in connection to either of them. Chief Sikes says luckily no one was hurt in any of the fires and that the fires didn't spread to neighboring properties. SOT "When they set these fires they have no concern about anyone else around them. It's just out of, I would say, just being mean or mischief because the first thing the neighbor said is 'hey is it going to get to the neighbor's house? Will it get to the property behind them?' That was their concerns in a neighborhood like this." As of right now police say they don't have any leads on who could have started this fire. They're asking people in the area if they have information to call them. In Vidalia, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

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8/9/2022
4:00:00 PM 4PM OD DAL: BAXLEY
BRUSH FIRE

(sot) You can see some of the damage behind me from this fire. City leaders say the community came together Saturday to keep this from getting even worse. (vo) This is what it looked like as Baxley firefighters got the call around 2pm Saturday. It was burning through woods toward Patterson Road. (sot) A fire that big, and as hot as it is, it dries the fuel out ahead of it and gets even worse with the wind driving it. It can get away from you pretty quick. (vo) He says the city called for back-up from Appling County, Georgia Forestry, and others. They eventually had 100 firefighters on site. Forestry crews cut breaks to contain the fire and keep it away from dozens of homes and businesses. While the fire remains under Georgia Forestry investigation, Herrin urges anyone who's preparing to burn trees or brush to make a phone call first. (sot) Call Georgia Forestry and check with them. They keep up with conditions on a daily basis. They know the weather and know what the conditions are. (vo) Herrin also credits neighbors and others who stepped in Saturday, even for small things like shuttling water to the fire crews. (sot) There's still smoke back that from some of the hot spots. Fire crews are continuing to check on this to make sure it doesn't come back. In Baxley, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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8/11/2022
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD PEARLS
SALTWATER
GRILLE FIRE

According to a Chatham Fire chief who spoke to a person that built this deck says they've built over the original deck multiple times which is a reason it's been so difficult to put the hotspots out. Chatham Emergency Services CEO Chuck Kearns the fire alarm went off at 12:17 this morning and officials believe the fire started in kitchen.

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8/11/2022
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PEARLS GRILLE
FIRE FOLO

"Devastation, overwhelming. It sad to see the flames and the smoke and just know that there wasn't nothing they could do to save it. It's just sad. It was an inferno." The Chatham Fire CEO says they are still investigating how the fire started. He says it's been dangerous to put out because the restaurant is over water, which is also the reason they aren't calling this a complete loss just yet. Two fire fighters were taken the hospital with minor injuries and are okay.

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MARIAH: VIDALIA
FIRE FOLO

LL Police Chief James Jermon says the lead they do have is only for the Vann Street fire. In fact, the person of interest will be here at the station today for their second interview with investigators. The chief says he hopes this person also has information about the other two arson cases. "We want to get a handle and get an arrest as well as a conviction as soon as we can, but we know it takes time." Vidalia Police Chief James Jermon says they did have a lead for the fire that happened at this house on Montgomery Street and the fire that happened here on West Second Street. The two fires happened on July 10 within 30 minutes of each other. But the chief says that lead has fallen through and now ... they're at a standstill. "We're not having a whole lot of more witnesses coming forward. We're not having any calls coming from the community, which you know we really do need their help. I hope we don't have a fourth before we catch the person or persons who's responsible for it." The chief says one person did call with a tip that led them to the person they're interviewing now. He says this person could be responsible for the third, and latest, fire that happened on Vann Street earlier this month. He says this person is someone they call a 'squatter.' "If we sit down and we get an opportunity or if we even meet them on their ground somewhere away from the homeless community or the 'eyes,' I'm sure they would tell us something." Chief Jermon says three arsons in less than a month's time is concerning. However, he says he doesn't think there's a threat to the community. "It's very frustrating for the simple fact that this is my community. You don't know if your house is going to be next, but the pattern right now is that they're being homes that have been dilapidated." The chief says it's normal for these investigations to take time. They are working every day alongside the state fire marshal's office. He reminds the community to stay vigilant and watch for any suspicious activity. "What makes them look suspicious? If they're walking down the street and they have on a heavy jacket. It's 100 degrees outside, why they wearing a big jacket? Or they got a bookbag or something and they're not a student. Be that nosy neighbor." LLTAG Chief Jermon says they don't have any surveillance video from the surrounding homes that can help in their investigation on these three arsons. He says if you do have any information you can always stay anonymous. We will continue to follow this story and will bring you the latest updates. In Vidalia, Mariah Congedo WTOG News.

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Fire Chief Brian Sikes says the inside of this station was completely stripped down to the studs and that the damage was hard on everyone including the community. Just a few months ago the station looked like this. A torn-up roof, blown out garage doors and a caved in ceiling. For a month, the department worked out of the EMS station and then they moved into a temporary space on station 1's property. Chief Sikes says it was heartbreaking to see, but the repairs are done and they're fully-functional. The building has a new roof, ceiling, paint job, walls and floors. Chief Sikes says it's important that the community sees what they've done because it was devastating for them to drive by and see how the station looked. While their response times never suffered, Sikes says this station is here for a reason and it needs to be operational. "This station is here and it's important because we can get to all the local communities around here. We have schools and churches. We can get to many areas at a certain amount of time within 5 minutes. It brings joy to my heart to go inside now. To see the new paint, the new floors and it's just a fresher place to live compared to what it was." Chief Sikes says because the community stepped up to help after the storm ... he wants to invite people to come and check out the renovations. He says they will have an open house in the fall, but a date hasn't been set just yet. In Vidalia, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

8/15/2022
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VIDALIA FIRE
STATION FIXUP

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LL INTRO: As you can see behind me, construction is already underway for Liberty County's Fire Station One. Officials say this project is years in the making. The new location on East Oglethorpe Highway in Midway will become the headquarters for Liberty County Fire Services. It will house seven fire trucks, 12 firefighters, administrative offices, the training division and the fire marshal's office. Officials say this location is in a critical spot for the county. "The original fire plan was done about 15 years ago by Liberty County. It specified station locations where these stations needed to be set. So, it's finally good to be here." The project is expected to cost more than \$8 million, and is funded through American Rescue Plan Act dollars, local sales tax, and some private funds. The building will be around 24,000 square feet. Chief Brian Darby says it'll be a game changer for response times. "This is going to drastically change response times. Approximately right now, the fire station responsible for this area would be about a 15 minute response time because of where they're traveling from. This will drastically change that response time so it'll be about six to eight minutes." Chief Darby says this fire station should improve the insurance rating of surrounding homes as well. LL TAG: The project is expected to be completed sometime in July. In LC, HB WTOC NEWS.

8/12/2022
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HAYLEY: LIBERTY
CO. NEW FIRE
STATION

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Covered Sot "I'm a little overwhelmed, there's a lot of people here. It just shows I have great support and this proves to me that hopefully I'm the right guy for the job." Vo The new chief's journey to this new role has been a long one, loyal to this department. Sot: (Chris Blankenship - Fire Chief, HHI Fire Rescue) "I started here as a college intern in the summer of 2001 with fire rescue, went back finished my senior year of college, and was brought on full time in may of 2002." Vo Now that he's in the position, his focus is set on improving what he says is an already effective department. Sot "Going forward over the next five years I'm going to be looking to evaluate our response model and how can we better serve our public and our visitors every day." Vo Reporting from Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

9/16/2022
4:00:00 PM 4PM OD

TYLER: HHI FIRE
CHIEF SWEARING
IN

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LL Special Operations Captain, Matt Bowen, says having these tools and capabilities has made the crew here more confident when responding to medical calls and that they've been able to help people much better. PKG "The community is actually really, I would say, impressed with what we carry now and what we can and can't do." The license took six months for the department to secure. But, it didn't take much time at all to prove its value to the island. "It helps us to provide much better care than what we could previously provide." Captain Bowen says it pays off on things like diabetic emergencies, which he says are one of their most frequent calls. "When their blood sugar drops relatively low, we now carry medications in our trucks that can bring that blood sugar back up and we can have them alert and talking in a matter of minutes." And there's so many other types of medications they carry now as well, like pain killers. Bowen says one of the things that's been great on calls are their new cardiac monitors. The monitor helps them stop big heart problems early by checking for irregular heartbeats. "We can now put them on that cardiac monitor and if it is a heart attack or something to that extent we can now tell earlier and let EMS know and let the hospitals know." All of these tools are to help them stabilize patients before an ambulance arrives. Bowen says this work makes a key difference when they hand patients over to Chatham Emergency Services who run the ambulances that take patients to the hospital. "When we first actually kicked off the program and started carrying our IV supplies and things like that, they would actually be happy that we had already established an IV or already given medication or already ran a cardiac strip they were happy that we were able to do that." Bowen, who was at the department before they had the license, says he's seen first-hand how beneficial this has been for his own department. "It also gives the firefighters and EMTs a little boost of confidence as well because they're now being able to use those skills that they trained for and got certified in and can now show off that talent and that knowledge." LLTAG Bowen says they do now require everyone on staff to be a certified EMT at the bare minimum. They can then choose if they'd like to climb up the latter to get more certifications and reach the paramedic level. On Tybee Island Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

9/19/2022
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MARIAH: TYBEE
FIRE
CERTIFICATION

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Liberty County Fire Services has mutual aid agreements with plenty of bordering fire departments, but they just now added one with Richmond Hill. ((VO)) This means that if there's a fire one of the departments needs help dealing with, the other department will come and help, free of charge. Liberty County Fire Services Chief Brian Darby says the Richmond Hill Fire Department just built a new fire station off Belfast Keller Road, an area that used to be serviced by Bryan County Fire Services. He says they still have an agreement with Bryan County- but that this new one with Richmond Hill beefs up everyone's capabilities. ((SOT) "These mutual aid agreements create a SWAT team to come out for the fire departments. We all band together, we all know what the mission is. It's life, property, environment. We all come out and do that one job and it just brings us all together. Shea: Chief Darby adds that he can think of several times of the last couple of years that he's used these mutual aid agreements. That's why he's so happy to have one with Richmond Hill: because he believes it'll make both communities that much safer. Reporting in Liberty County, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

9/26/2022
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SHEA: LIBERTY CO.
& RH MUTUAL AID

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Sot: (Col. Neil Baxley - Emergency Management Division Commander, Beaufort County Sheriff's Office)

"Our fire departments and EMS have an appropriate augmentation of their staffing beginning this afternoon this evening and through the rest of this storm." Sot: (Mayor Joe DeVito - Port Royal)

"Communicating back and forth has allowed us all to get prepared very early and to be ready for this storm band we're ready to deal with things starting tomorrow." Sot: (Mayor Stephen Murray - Beaufort) "Our public works crew were out this morning at 4 a.m. making sure ponds were pumped down, ditches were clean, we've removed the floats on our flap gates at Mossy Oaks so I think we're in the best position that we can be." Sot: (Mayor Lisa Sulka - Bluffton) "My prayers go to Florida. I am watching sheriff, it's what we could live and will live one day."

9/29/2022

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TYLER: BEAU CO.

SAFETY ROUND UP

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**DESCRIPTION OF WTOC (TV) PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST
SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES.**

EDUCATION

JULY 1, 2022– SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

CBS NETWORK PROGRAMMING

FACE THE NATION

- 08/07/22 **Guests:** Senator Rick Scott (R-FL) (1); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner, Pfizer board member (2); Mary Daly, president and CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (3); Representative Gregory Meeks (D-NY), chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee (4); Hsiao Bi-khim, Taiwan's representative to the United States (5); Representative Peter Meijer (R-MI) (6)
Correspondent: Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (5)
2) Topics include: support for the CDC loosening COVID guidelines for schools
- 08/14/22 **Guests:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (1); Jeff Pegues, CBS News chief national affairs and justice correspondent (1); Scott MacFarlane, CBS News congressional correspondent (1); Representative Adam Schiff (D-CA), chairman, House Intelligence Committee, author, "Midnight in Washington" (2); Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), former FBI agent (3); Representative Michael McCaul (R-TX), former federal prosecutor (4); Imtiaz Tyab, CBS News foreign correspondent (5); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News foreign correspondent (6); Alberto Carvalho, superintendent, Los Angeles Unified School District (7)
7) an interview with the L.A. superintendent on how he's addressing the teacher shortage and bringing kids back into the school system
- 08/21/22 **Guests:** Miguel Cardona, U.S. secretary of education (1); Dr. Deborah Birx, former White House coronavirus response coordinator, Trump administration (2); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (3); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH), ranking member, House Intelligence Committee (4); Rikki Klieman, criminal defense lawyer, CBS News legal analyst (5); David Laufman, former chief, Counterintelligence and Export Control Section, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice (5); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign

correspondent (6); Amy Walter, editor-in-chief, *The Cook Political Report* (6)

Correspondent: Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (1) (2)

Guest Moderator: Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent

1) Topics include: nationwide teacher shortage / need to provide better salaries and working conditions / states lowering standards for qualifications with teachers / Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program / bringing kids back into school systems

60 MINUTES

07/17/22

“Deep Springs” – a report on Deep Springs College, a two-year college on a ranch in California that combines rigorous academics with farm labor. Students are also responsible for governing the school, which is meant to foster autonomy. Includes interviews with Ziani Paiz and Alice Owen, students; Padraic MacLeish, director of operations; Tim Gipson, ranch manager; Sarah Stickney, dean; and Sue Darlington, president. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: David M. Levine) (OAD: 10/10/21)

08/14/22

“Hope Chicago” – a report on Johnson College Prep in Chicago and the scholarships offered to students from Hope Chicago. Funding tuition for graduating seniors with limited financial resources, the program is also the first of its kind to offer free tuition to the students' parents. Includes interviews with Jonas Cleaves, Principal of Johnson College Prep; Ajani Cunningham, and Kavarrion Newson, students at Johnson College Prep; Pete Kadens, founder and co-chairman of Hope Chicago; Janice Jackson, former CEO of Chicago Public Schools and head of Hope Chicago; and Yolanda White, mother of Ajani Cunningham. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Nicole Young) (OAD: 05/22/22)

WTOC NEWSCASTS

ISSUE 5-SCHOOL SAFETY-HOW SCHOOLS ARE PROTECTING THEIR STUDENTS AND WHAT MEASURES ADMINS HAVE TAKEN. HOW LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE PLANNING TO KEEP KIDS SAFE WHEN THEY GO BACK TO SCHOOL. CORONAVIRUS SAFETY IN SCHOOLS, BRYAN CO. BTS HEALTH CLINIC, SCHOOL COVID REQUIREMENTS, MENINGITIS VACCINE CLINICS, GUYTON ELEM SCHOOL TRAFFIC SAFETY, SCCPSS ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING, SCCPSS SCHOOL SECURITY, LIBERTY CO. SAFETY CHANGES, SCCPSS TRAUMA CHANGES, SCHOOL DRIVING SAFETY WITH SPEED CAMERAS, ATHLETE SAFETY, STUDENT WITH GUN IN SCREVEN COUNTY, EFFINGHAM CO. SCHOOLS NEW EMERGENCY RESPONSE, SCREVEN CO. SCHOOLS EMERGENCY PLAN, FMR. ROTC INSTUCTOR INVESTIGATION, EVANS CO. CLEAR BAG POLICY, MEMORIAL STADIUM SECURITY, SCCPSS HELP WITH MENTAL HEALTH, GSU COVID KIOSKS, LOADED GUN FOUND AT WHALE BRANCE MIDDLE, TEEN DRIVING SAFETY, CANCELLED SCHOOL DUE TO HURRICANE IAN, SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS IN EFFINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHHOOLS, BC DV AWARENESS GAME, SOURCE: CAMPUS POLICE, DR. ANN IEVETT BEAUFORT AND OTHER CO. SCHOOLS, GSU ETC

"I'm a little bit concerned about what will happen." With parents getting their kids ready for school with school supplies and checkups, The possible spread of COVID 19 in schools is leaving Dr. Lawton Davis with the Coastal Health District uneasy. He says the numbers aren't reflecting the true burden of virus in our community. But the availability of COVID vaccines for kids 6 months and older gives him a little bit of relief. "Fortunately every school aged kid is now eligible for a vaccine and the vaccines when tested in the younger kids is proven to be very very safe and very effective." While that vaccine is not required, students who are going to a Georgia school for the first time are required to have a vision, hearing, dental and nutrition screening. The Coastal Health District is offering these screenings for free tomorrow from 8 am to 5 pm at the Chatham County Health Department location on Eisenhower Drive. Not only is it a requirement, but it helps the health department care for children that may have missed trips to the doctor. "We have a pediatric dentist on site who can check the children's teeth and then refer to her own clinic for treatment and then we also get to see these kiddos. We can check their BMI, see if they need some nutritional counseling and refer them to our own registred dietitians and nutritionists as well." No appointment is required and doctors recommend parents get there as early as possible. There will be more free health clinics in counties in our area. Date and location information will be on our website WTOC.com. Camille Syed WTOC News.

7/6/2022
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD
BACK 2
SCHOOL
CLINICS

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CHATHAM Chatham County have availability starting Monday. If you're looking to get your family vaccinated in Bryan County appointments are only available on Thursdays. All this comes about three weeks after the F-D-A first authorized the shots for young kids...marking the first time since the pandemic started that children this young could get a vaccination.

7/8/2022
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BRYAN
COVID
VAX KIDS

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BRYAN The Bryan County Health Department is set to hold its back-to-school clinic tomorrow. The clinic is happening at the health department's location in Pembroke from 8 a-m to 4 p-m. Students will be able to get vision, hearing, dental and nutrition screenings, along with any shots they need to go back to school. You will need to make an appointment online of call (912) 756-2611.

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Health officials here in North Bryan say they've seen a steady flow of parents coming in with their children to make sure they have all the required vaccines and health screenings before schools open again at the beginning of next month. VO: The Coastal Health District office here in Pembroke offered those vaccines as well as vision, dental and nutrition screenings. The state requires those screenings for any student entering a Georgia school for the first time regardless of age. That means your child will need those screenings if they have never been enrolled at a Georgia school at any point in their life. And health officials I spoke with say that they've seen an increasing number of children needing those first time screenings and vaccines as more families move into this growing county. Every year, we see more and more and more. I try to predict how many vaccines I need to order. It's hard to do so because we just have so many folks, but if they'll be patient with us, we'll get them taken care of." If you missed today's clinic...there will be another one on the south end of the county in Richmond Hill on July 19. But you might want to act fast as nurses are recommending appointments and say slots are filling up fast. Reporting in Pembroke...Flynn Snyder...WTOC News.

7/12/2022 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BRYAN CO. BACK 2 SCHOOL CLINIC 00:01:15

Savannah-Chatham says to start off the new school year -- the COVID rules and regulations will be the same as they were when the school year ended in the spring. They will continue to track COVID trends each week and follow the same guidance from Georgia DPH for isolation after a positive test and quarantine periods after COVID exposure. The district's interim district cluster nurse says that at home testing will play a key role this school year to slowing the spread inside of the schools.

7/13/2022 6:00:00 AM 6AM DAYBREA K OD BO: SCHOOL COVID REQUIRE MENTS 00:00:29

Victoria Stewart / SCCPSS Interim District Cluster Nurse "So if somebody wakes up and they have symptoms and they don't know what to do, they can do that at home test and very often I have had employees say I didn't think I had COVID and then I took that test and realized that my symptoms that I thought were allergy related were actually covid related." The district says are not concerned about a spike at the start of school but continue to encourage vaccination -- and want to remind parents that masks will again be optional this school year.

7/13/2022 6:00:00 AM 6AM DAYBREA K OD BO: SCHOOL COVID REQUIRE MENTS 00:00:32

The Savannah-Chatham County School district says COVID rules and regulations to start the new school year will be the same as they were when the school ended in the spring. The district will continue to track COVID trends each week and follow the same guidance from Georgia DPH for isolation after a positive test and quarantine periods after COVID exposure. The interim district cluster nurse says parents should continue to monitor children for symptoms and if they you're unsure -- give them an at home test before they go to school.

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7/13/2022 6:00:00 AM 6AM DAYBREA K OD BO: SCHOOL COVID REQUIRE MENTS 00:00:30

LIBERTY
 CO. BTS Back to school clinics kick off in Liberty County tomorrow. The county health department
 CLINIC will hold the first of two clinic days for screenings. Those include vision, hearing, dental and
 7/13/2022 TOMORR nutrition. Your child will also be able to get the vaccines they'll need to head back to class.
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When it comes to older kids - the Chatham County Health Department is offering meningitis
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DR ON COVID BEFORE BACK 2 SCHOOL

But, Pediatric Associates of Savannah says they aren't seeing enough kids get their shots. Dr. Ben Spitalnick says roughly half of kids ages 12 to 6 are getting their vaccine. However, the number is lower for kids 5 and under at about 20 to 30 percent. He says as more kids 5 and under come for routine checkups, he expects more parents to get their children vaccinated.

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DR ON COVID BEFORE BACK 2 SCHOOL

"It's not as many as we hoped. We are seeing with each age group that's eligible for the vaccine, a slight drop off based on a few reasons." Dr. Spitalnick says the main reason is because there are less COVID cases than when the vaccine first became available. However, the CDC shows Chatham County is currently a high-risk area.

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4:59:00 PM 5PM OD G 1 Applying County schools start in less than two weeks. Also starting August First - Long, Bacon, Montgomery, Tattnall, Bulloch and Screven County schools. WTOC is reaching out to all the districts in our area to make sure you have the information you need. 00:00:15

GUYTON
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TRAFFIC SAFETY A heads up to Guyton drivers - speed cameras will be implemented at Guyton Elementary school when kids go back to class this fall. Drivers will get a citation in the mail if you go more than 10 miles over the posted speed limit in the school zone. There will a 30 day warning period where you won't have to pay a fine. The system says they are implementing the program after a study found 684 people sped in the school zone over a 5 day period.

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(sot) School leaders here in Screven County hope their district and others around the country can move past these two and a half years of pandemic and refocus on classroom teaching. (vo) Screven County's school superintendent says they hope the positive momentum of the spring carries into this Fall. (sot) There's definitely an attitude of "let's pick up where we were and continue making progress. (vo) He says they'll have contingency plans ready if they see a rise of covid cases and will have measures in place to prevent a spread. But their primary focus will be on teaching students and reaching classroom objectives. (sot) We have an expectation of getting back to normal. We have it. School administrators have it. I think teachers have it. (vo) At the same time, they know some students have not made the progress needed. Thompson says they had a large response to summer school instruction the past few weeks and they'll offer tutoring during the year thanks to some special help. (sot) You take someone who was in a classroom for 30 years, and bring them back, in a tutoring role for "extra help" and they can do wonders. (vo) He hopes this year can help narrow the gap between where some students are...and where they need to be. (sot) And classes resume Monday August 1. In Sylvania, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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"What we've found through the years, during school hours people speed." A statement backed up by data collected during a recent speed study in front of Guyton Elementary. During the course of the 5-day study in March of this year they recorded 684 speeding violations...a number Guyton PD is now hoping to bring down. "We want to get the information out to tell our citizens, the people who visit Guyton, please slow down in the school area." And now they're getting a new tool to help encourage drivers to do just that. "You do something wrong, there's a consequence." That consequence, a ticket from a speed camera like this. "And from talking to other agencies that have these cameras, it's actually worked really well." "But what makes Central Blvd. in Guyton unique for a school zone camera is that the posted speed limit and the school zone speed limit are both 35mph. Meaning drivers shouldn't have to slam on the brakes to avoid getting a ticket in a school zone." "It's a deterrent. Again, children are some of the most important things we have in this world. I mean, that's our future." The cameras will be active from an hour before school starts to an hour after it lets out. The money from the tickets will be divided between Blue Line Solutions, who installs the cameras, and the City of Guyton. While the Chief says that money can be put to good use, in all honesty, he wishes they didn't need to do this just to get people to do the right thing. "It's a shame we have to have a device like this to assist us. It's not about the money it's about the children, please slow down." In Guyton SB WTOC News.

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Under the new agreement, coach Smart's annual base salary and supplemental compensation for the upcoming 2022 season will be \$10,250,000 with annual increases, culminating at \$12,250,000 during the 2031 season. Kirby and the Bulldogs held day 3 of media day on Wednesday as they look ahead to the upcoming season.

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Jasper County students are counting down to upcoming school year. School starts Monday - marking an earlier start than ever before. This year open house is still a few weeks away on August 11th. The district tells WTOC they've put out informational letters for parents as the first day approaches. We have a link to that on our website - WTOC dot com.

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PM 11PM OD JASPER CO. BACK TO SCHOOL This is the earliest that Jasper County schools have ever started. This comes as the district is shifting to a year-round schedule. With the first day already here, the district has put out informational letters for parents that are available on their website. There will also be an open house for all Jasper County schools happening next month. 00:00:21

7/26/2022
4:00:00 PM 4PM OD RICARDO: SCHOOL COACH CLINIC Chatham Orthopaedic Associates hosted their annual All Sports Coaches Clinic at Jenkins High School. Nearly 200 local coaches were there for the physical-led talks on things like concussion prevention and heat illness treatment. Trainers also gave advice about proper conditioning and warm-up techniques. It was a chance for many of the coaches to brush-up on best practices. 00:00:23

"We're always asking the question, Are we doing enough?" Savannah Chatham County Schools are taking a proactive approach to protect students and staff in the case of an active shooter. Resource officers are going through active shooter training alongside Savannah Police for the upcoming school year, so they are all on the same page just in case. "If I don't have an SRO at a school, I know that that beat officer will be ready to go in render the services to immediately neutralize a threat as needed." He says they are also doing this to cut out any time wasted by waiting for backup to arrive. Chief Enoch also says they have resource officer positions to fill still so they have trained civilians at schools that don't have an resource officer. Teachers are in taking active shooter training ahead of the school year. "When teachers walk into a the classroom the first day of school, they'll already be briefed on what to do in case of a safety crisis but the chief is encouraging parents to start the conversation at home." "If you find something's out that's concerning, share it with us." Enoch says to check your kids bookbags. "We're set up that you bring things to our attention we have support services, we have solutions. We have ways to do some early intervention to make sure we help your child and make sure your child doesn't harm anybody else." He also encourages parents to monitor your child's social media. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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Of the 55 schools – they will all have a sworn in school resource officer or a civilian school security officer in the building. Chief Terry Enoch says they are constantly learning how to better their response in case of an emergency. He says they have been training with all 7 municipalities they have schools in throughout the county to be prepared for situations like an active shooter – that included an immediate response – not waiting for backup. Even though they are prepared for the school year – he is asking parents to get prepared too and start the conversation of safety at home.

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			Chief Terry Enoch / Board of Education Police "Go to their social media sites, see what they are posting, if you see something that is concerning, whether your kid posted it or someone else, share that information out. I can tell you we address so many incidents through this method of engagement with parents or students that helps us be proactive and prevent us from things happening. Chief Enoch says they have support services and other intervention strategies in place they can use in those situations.	
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			The Savannah-Chatham Public School System begins classes one week from today. The board of education police are getting ready for the students to be back in the building. All 55 schools will have a sworn in school resource officer or a civilian school security officer in the building. Chief Terry Enoch says they are constantly learning how to better their response in case of an emergency. He says they have been training with all 7 municipalities they have schools in throughout the county to be prepared for situations like an active shooter – that included an immediate response – not waiting for backup. Sarah Winkelmann has more details at 9 a.m. on Morning Break..	
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Superintendent Chris Roppe says while most things will look just as they did last year, they have an even stronger focus on safety and mental health for the 2022-2023 school year. "We are very adamant that we want our kids at school. We want those connections and those relationships built." Superintendent Chris Roppe says they're going into this new year like they did in pre-pandemic times with minimal COVID-19 protocols in place and, hopefully, 180 days of face-to-face instruction. "Last year was a big focus on trying to regain some of that time back instructionally with our students. This year with things being a little more calm when it comes to the pandemic, at this point, we're very excited." With that said, Roppe explains they haven't eased up on safety. "When your child arrives we are going to have their safety in mind." In fact, Roppe says students can expect to see new school resource officers at their school. "We are anticipating, maybe, two more additional SROs this year. We do feel that SROs are very vital to our school safety and the protection of our staff and students." Students will also have additional active shooter drills this year. Roppe says they plan to do so without overly alarming the students. "We're going to try to do everything humanly possible to make sure nothing happens." Roppe says for the first time, the district has hired an in-house mental health counselor. He says this person will be a good resource for parents and families who would otherwise have to travel to get these services. "Your rural districts just are having a hard time with that just because the lack of providers in the area." Before the bell rings next week, Roppe asks that all high school parents fill out a meal application form. This form is to make sure that your student can continue to get free or reduced lunch at school. During the pandemic breakfast and lunch was provided with help from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, but Roppe says they will not be getting that help this year. "We ask that all parents fill out the form even if they feel they wouldn't qualify." The school district will be holding an open house for each grade level. Make sure to check on your specific school's social media site for that schedule. Those will be held on August 4. The first day of school is August 5. In Jeff Davis, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

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"It's always an exciting day, the first day of school!" And it's just around the corner on August 5. Staff says there are minimal COVID-19 protocols in place for the year and everyone will be back for face-to-face learning. "We are moving into, what we can see as the most normal as we've been in a while." With that said, what has changed are the school hours. Take a look here at what the new start and dismissal times are for each grade level. Staff says the time changes are only about 10 to 15 minutes different than what they were. No instructional time is impacted by this. Toombs County High School: 7:40 a.m. – 2:40 p.m. Toombs County Middle School: 7:50 a.m. – 2:50 p.m. Toombs County Elementary School: 7:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. (car riders)/3:00 p.m. (bus riders) Lyons Upper Elementary School: 7:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Lyons Primary School: 7:50 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. When the bell rings next week, students in grades k-8 will also start a new program. "Superintendent Barry Waller says they're implementing social, emotional learning into the curriculum this year by teaching 'The 7 Mindsets.'" "We get so caught up with test scores and teaching standards and just pouring information into our students that many times the whole child is being left out." Waller says 'The 7 Mindsets' is a full online curriculum for students in grades k-8. A new mindset will be introduced each month with a lesson that goes with it. Students will complete the various assignments during a specific time in the school day. Waller says with the current mental health crisis ... there's no better time than now to continue investing in the children and their futures. "We want to teach our children our kids how to be resilient and how to cope with anxiety." Not only is mental health top of mind, but so is safety. Waller says the schools now have a crisis alert system ready for use. "It allows our teachers, with a touch of a button, to alert our school administrators to possibly go into a lockdown situation." Waller says the button is on a badge that staff will always wear around their neck. He says he wants parents to feel comfortable knowing their kids are safe the second they get on and off the bus. "We do feel our schools are safe. We keep things locked down during the middle of the day with all of exterior doors and we do have a law enforcement presence on campus." Mariah Congedo WTOG News.

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alarm going off ... It's a sound your child might not have heard for months. And the first day of school shouldn't be the first time they hear it again. "the best thing to do now is to make preparations, one of these is to help them regain their normal sleep cycle. And that is not as simple as setting a bedtime. SouthCoast Health pediatrician Dr. Keith Seibert says re-establishing school-time routines is as important as getting kids their back-to-school check-ups. "a lot of studies have that some of the symptoms of attention deficit or inattentiveness, certainly of mood changes and irritability come when kids are sleep-deprived. One of the best ways to prepare your child for success in the classroom is to be sure they are getting a good night of sleep. Parent can help prepare children for that earlier in the night - * by limiting kids' screen time well before bedtime * by serving a healthy meal at dinner * and by creating a quiet sleep environment "I think one of the most important ways to start the process now is, after dinner to have ideally some time as a family that does not involve screen time as a way to recap what happened during the day, to anticipate sleep and then ideally start the process with some bedtime reading, especially for younger children before bed. And even for older children to have limits placed on when video games, Ipad or movie time is turned off. Those should be turned off about an hour before the expected time of sleep to allow the stress hormones and neurological activity that comes with screen time to slow down enough to allow god rest. A father of four, Dr. Seibert said his kids fell out school-day routines within the first week of summer break, but that parents might have to be patient for those habits to be relearned. "one or two weeks as well to return. And so, certainly, this is not something to wait until the night before school returns to start again ... a lot of kids need a couple of days of being in school and fully active before they're tired enough to fall asleep at a good time and that's the prerequisite for waking up at a good time.

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this is live in the bandroom. Liberty County Superintendent Dr. Franklin Perry showing off the new cameras that are installed in every classroom in every school. With a touch of button, they can pull up any classroom with video and audio. We have every building, every room, we have those cameras and that's live, the advantage to that is. You take that situation in Texas, I could have told them where that shooter was, what's going in the classroom, that's live. Under new security plan, school teachers & staff members will have panic button on ID badges. We have equipped all of our staff members, with badges, Every school employee will have a badge with a button they can push if there's an emergency. That will immediately alert school police and administration where the alarm is going off. It's pretty simple, the school administrator or staff members pushes the button, this is a lockdown. If the Panic button is activated, You will see lights, you will hear messages, different communcations. Essentially if I have found myself, if there is some sort of immediate threat, I can literally get in touch with the front office through the use of my badge. Dr. Perry calls this an important investment in school security. 5:08 It's an educational tool, it's a safety tool, and it protects our teachers and our students if something happens, if somebody attacked them we can go back and actually see it. 5:20 But Dr. Perry says technology is not enough, he wants parents, students, faculty and community members to be proactive. We had to go to them and say we need you. if you see something say something. If you see something on instagram, or snapchat, that you think will be harmful to someone let us know immediately. 52:55 You are not a snitch, that's how we protect each other. 53:00 Dr. Perry also wants to see more compassion, stop bullying and try and get students the help and resources they need. 51:13 If we see somebody who may be depressed we need to jump in there and help that person. We are focusing on our teachers, students and parents to show a little more love. We think that will make a big difference, we really do. 51:31

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"Trauma has no face, no name. Trauma is different for every child." In a district of around 37-thousand students, Dr. Quentina Miller-Fields heads a team of 23 social workers who intervene when a child experiences trauma. "Students need to know that we care about them. We care about them as a person. Not just a student in the building but call them by name." In fact, Savannah-Chatham partnered with the Savannah Police Department's eastside precinct last year to get students the help they need sooner. When police are called to a scene or an incident and they notice a child is involved or a witness, they use an app called "Handle with Care". It was created by the district so police can notify them about a student's encounter with law enforcement. Since its launch, the district has received 56 notifications from the app...when they see the student at school the next day, they reach out. "Hey, Little Johnny. Little Mary are you ok? If they elaborate about the traumatic experience, then we offer the student and or their family available community resources." For the teachers who are often the go-to for students, she says they're affected too. "The clinician needs a couch sometimes." As the upcoming school year gets closer, Dr. Fields says they are more than ready to meet students where they are and 'handle with care'. "We're here for our students. We're here for our staff. We're here for the community. And again, we do our best job, our best work."

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SCHOOL "During the summer some bad habits because well schools out, I don't need to slow down.
DRIVING We'll starting today... you need to slow down." Superintendent Doctor Ann Levette and
SAFETY campus police Chief Terry Enoch also spoke at today's event.

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RICARDO: They want to remind you it is the law to slow down in school zones, stop when bus lights are
SCHOOL flashing, and to stay off your phone - especially in school zones. Robert Hydrick with the
DRIVING Governor's Office of Highway Safety says data shows that drivers create bad habits over the
SAFETY summer.

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Kids in the Wayne County School System are set to return to class on Friday, but James E. Bacon Elementary School is under construction and won't be able to house students. As a result, student will be spread out across three separate campuses, which one parent I spoke to says raises major concerns. "With me dropping off five children in four locations, you can say it's easy all day long, but do they want to ride with me to drop off and see how that goes? I mean, it's just chaos." Under contingency plans released by the Wayne County School System, Kindergarten, 4th, and 5th graders will be in designated classrooms on the James E. Bacon campus. Pre-K and 1st graders will be in classrooms in the Coastal Plains Charter School Campus, and 2nd and 3rd graders will be in classrooms at the Jesup Church of God. She's also concerned about the safety of her children- two of which she says have major health issues- and their access to a school nurse. Surface: "There will be one nurse, and they will be able to go to each campus, but then again I have two that have major health issues, so even as much as five minutes is scary for me." The most frustrating part, Surface says- is what she feels was a lack of consideration for parental input. She said she asked if there was going to be a meeting with parents- and was told no. Surface: "They have to do what they have to do to do the best contingency plan that they can come up with, but I do feel like parents should've been involved a little bit more." Shea: Wayne County hasn't responded yet to my requests for further comment. Reporting in Jesup, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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LL In: With more than 10,000 students expected to enter the classroom tomorrow...Bryan County officials are urging parents to get their child vaccinated. VO: The department recently made covid vaccines available for anyone aged 6 months and up. Bryan County Health officials say that they're vaccinating roughly more than half a dozen children aged 6 months to 5 years old a week. They also say they've seen a steady demand for those aged 6 to 11 years old. "Pleasantly surprised! But I still have them come from all over, from neighboring counties. So we are covered now and have enough vaccine in stock to be able to take care of , for Moderna, 6 months and on up." LL Tag: As you heard there...Bryan County is offering the Moderna vaccine...but today staff told me that they hope to soon start offering the newly approved Novavax covid shot as well. Reporting in Bryan County...Flynn Snyder...WTOC News.

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Authorities want to remind drivers to to stay alert as students head back to the classroom. The Governor's Office of Highway of Safety, Triple A and the Savannah-Chatham County School District are teaming up for the annual "Schools Open-Drive Carefully" campaign. They are urging drivers to slow down, and stay alert in neighborhoods and school zones. They also want you to watch out for pedestrians.

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"Georgia is a home of champions. We got home state championship teams with the Atlanta Braves, World Series Champions, Georgia Bulldogs, National College of Football. We need another said team. A championship team. A public safety team. And we need everybody to be on board. And that is to make sure our children get safely to and from school each day."

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"I guess we're going on a bus ride again now." (nats) Walking to the bus a day early, (nats) As incoming 8th graders, Corey Zacharias and William Parish are getting ready for their last year at Rice Creek K-8 School. "I'm gonna miss this school and I'm excited to be a freshman. I'm going to miss most of the teachers." Anxious for their last first day as middle schoolers, they're getting a head start learning their bus routes since it is one of their favorite parts of the school day. "You get to be social on the bus, you can make some friends, some of the people me and him know since third." "this is how we met a bunch of our friends last year" But this isn't the story for a lot of kids this year As there just aren't enough bus drivers for each kid in the Savannah-Chatham County School district to ride the bus. "I prefer riding the bus instead of being a car rider cause I don't have to be in that mess in the middle of the road near the school." As they arrive to their school on their first ride of the year... "They're most excited this part...Getting off the bus and getting dropped off right here at Rice Creek where they can see their favorite teachers, their friends, study their favorite subjects during a school year with less COVID protocols." "The best part is meeting all the teachers and learning, that's about it. And riding the bus, riding the bus is pretty fun." On their way home they're reminded of the best part of this trial run... "We get to meet our new bus driver, we get to know the routes all over again." Despite a shortage of people behind these wheels, their bus driver doing all she can to make this school year one Corey and William will remember. "Thank you Miss Shannon. You're welcome." Camille Syed "Have a good day."

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kids will start 100 percent in person but there are some other things that have changed with covid since the first day last year.. Some of the factors that district nurses think will help are that vaccines are now available to all school aged children and at home tests are easily available to parents, students and staff. Throughout the school year, the district will track the numbers of cases but they will follow the same guidelines for quarantine after a positive test and isolation after exposure – that they did to end the school year last year. Savannah-Chatham Public School System has a full staff of nurses to start off the school year and say they are ready for whatever covid decides to do next.

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Victoria Stewart / Interim District Cluster Nurse "I'm very excited, it's unfortunate that covid is still with us, we were all hoping it would go away but we are excited to be entering the school year with open schools, I also am encouraged the hospitalizations seem to be low so even though we do have covid with us, it is not as severe, we still need to be ready and vigilant." Remember – parents if you are at all confused about what to do with quarantine or isolations – the district has created a flow chart which says what are the next steps to take incase of a positive test or exposure to Covid.

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CAMILLE:
SCCPSS "Where we get the most citations is on Whitemarsh in front of Whitemarsh plaza just passed Islands Expressway going westbound towards Thunderbolt. That's only 2.3 miles that school zone but we continue to see numerous violators." You only get a ticket if you're going 11 miles over, Chief Hadley says you'll only be saving 15-20 seconds by going that far over and it's just not worth it.

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SCCPSS There are speed cameras at Georgetown, May Howard and Marshpoint Elementary
B2S Schools....Coastal Middle school and St. Andrew's School. The speed cameras run an hour
5AM SPEED before school starts and an hour after school ends. They issued 24 thousand tickets with a
8/3/2022 DAYBREA CAMERA fine last year. The first fine is \$100 and each one after that is \$150. Chatham County Police
5:00:00 AM K OD S Chief Jeff Hadley says the problem area is near Coastal Middle School. 00:00:25

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WITH The school system says administrators and law enforcement immediately responded - and
GUN IN that the student was detained without incident. They say they recovered the gun - and that
8/3/2022 SCREVEN the student didn't have any ammunition. Everything we know about this story is posted right
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD COUNTY now on WTOC dot com. 00:00:17

LL: Officials with the Hinesville Police Department say with students back in school, it often means more cars on the road, which is why it's so important to be a safe driver. Assistant Chief Tracey Howard says it's important to look for school zones, indicated by flashing lights. The Hinesville Police Department has eight officers to assist with directing traffic in the school zones. Howard also says to remember to stop for school buses when the stop sign is out, even if you're in a lane going the opposite direction. And above all else... remember to slow down. "People know they're in a school zone. A lot of times, what we'll see is traffic accidents occurring further along the highway where people are trying to reestablish their speed and gain their position in traffic." Something else to remember... is to not follow the person or bus in front of you... too closely. LL TAG: Howard also says to always be looking for students who are crossing the street, especially outside of sanctioned crosswalks. In Hinesville, HB WTOC NEWS.

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(sot) A generation ago, people in rural communities would have thought a "school safety director" was something for the big cities. Now, more and more of them recognize they need for one in these times. (vo) Hundreds of elementary school students walked straight lines outside for a fire drill on the third day of school. It's the kind of emergency plan that Screven County's Safety Director says helps keep schools safe and prepared. On his third day on the job, he says the reception has been good. (sot) The thing that impresses me is the commitment level of the faculty, the students. (vo) He's the first full time safety director, where past staff members have covered the duties along with other tasks. The superintendent says they must be prepared for a host of challenges, from a school shooter to severe weather and anything in between. (sot) I think it's important that we have somebody who is solely dedicated to keeping that on a front burner. (vo) Greene says his goal is to find the balance between a school that's safe for children and adults, but also welcoming enough students want to come here to learn. (sot) ..the teachers...sitting down with them and asking how we can better interact and improve things without impeding their ability to teach. (sot) In Sylvania, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

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The Savannah- Chatham School District says they started investigating an incident involving Harry Drayton Jr. back in December of 2021. Drayton was a JROTC instructor at Beach High School since 2018. This is video of him at a competition three years ago. The district says when they were made aware of a possible incident with a student he was immediately reassigned to another location with no student contact during the investigation. Public records obtained by WTOC Investigates show on January 6th Drayton was mailed a notice of termination. Saying "the district is in receipt of several video recordings of you interacting with a student in an inappropriate manner. During these recordings, you are using expletives that should not be used when conversing with students. The recordings show proof of you sharing with a student how "fine" she is and taking part in very sexually suggestive conversations with the student." When WTOC Investigates requested those recordings, an attorney for the district responded "the recordings will not be produced at this time. They were secured by police and are subject to non-disclosure during the pendency of the criminal prosecution of Drayton." The mailed notice goes on to say a student was possibly going to testify at a dismissal hearing about "suggestive comments to her" including that she was "fine" and inquiring about social media posts concerning her. It went on to say Drayton used "s" and "f" words that embarrassed her. And she got several recordings of their interactions. The district says Drayton even used his personal accounts to send her texts and communicate which violates the district's ethical standards and policy. The notice says the school administrator Craig Daughtry could also testify in the hearing about his review of the investigation and determined that Drayton's conduct was inappropriate. The January 26th hearing never happened because Drayton resigned on January 19th. Court documents are sealed right now unless the court orders for them to be released, that includes the indictment, any witnesses, the board of education's police report and any recordings due to the nature of this investigation involving possible child abuse.

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Superintendent Yancy Ford says they will be offering a new emergency response system that will be up and running this fall. They also have installed new lock systems to doors in classrooms and other key areas of the schools to make sure students and staff are secured in the event of a lockdown. Also, Dr. Ford adds that they encourage all students, staff and parents to report anything concerning to the district or law enforcement.

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Dr. Yancy Ford / Effingham County Schools Superintendent "To make sure we continue to plan and partner without local law enforcement agencies to make sure that we don't leave any stone unturned so that we can protect our staff, students and families that come in our buildings." The district is partnering with Effingham County Sheriff's department and the other city agencies to provide school resource officers in all of the elementary schools for the first time this year. They will also continue to have an SRO in all middle and high school buildings.

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Some drivers tell us they feel cameras like these are really just speed traps. But the police departments that put them up say, it's about keeping kids safe and saving taxpayer money. Here's a detailed look at what's going on behind the lens. School zone speed cameras have people in our area talking. "I do believe it's a trick. I think it's a scam." "I just have never seen any kids walking around." "It goes down so quickly, with very little warning." The Chatham County Police Department activated cameras last fall at several schools in unincorporated Chatham. Less than a year later, county records show the cameras have brought in more than 2-million-dollars in revenue across 6 school zones. One of the busiest cameras is off highway 80 on Whitmarsh island, near Coastal Middle School and Marshpoint Elementary. Some drivers feel it's a speed trap, since the camera is placed on a busy road *near the schools... but *NOT right in front of them. "I understand school zones, definitely protect your kids. But I don't see them. I don't know. It's very frustrating." Nancy Davila got two speeding tickets there. She says it's hard to tell when they're on, and how fast you can go. "I really think they need to be smarter about making the signs clearer." We counted 18 different school zones with speed cameras in Chatham, Effingham, and Bryan County. The speed limits - hours of operation - and fines vary across these school zones. But they all have one thing in common: they are maintained by Blue Line Solutions, a speed enforcement company based out of Tennessee. Blue line sets-up the cameras at no cost to taxpayers. But they also get a cut of the proceeds. County records show last year Blue Line pulled in more than 170-thousand in Effingham County.. and 700-thousand-dollars from its cameras in Chatham County. Trish Holt used to drive by the camera next to Bloomingdale Elementary on her way to work. She quit driving that way after she got her *second ticket. "There is so much that is written on one itty-bitty sign, that I had to pull over and stop to read it all." We found that sign meets state requirements... but Holt insists there was no way she could read it all while driving. "It's very frustrating, because I agree with the law. And if I understood what I needed to do, and when I needed to do it, I most certainly would." Holt lives in Effingham County. She feels the signs for their school zone speed cameras - are marked more clearly. "Basically, it's a deputy in a school zone that we ain't gotta pay for." Effingham County Sheriff Jimmy McDuffie says - the cameras save taxpayers money, and help keep kids safe. McDuffie says a lot of the people who get tickets are surprised, because they think the cameras are only active during pick-up and drop-off. That's not the case in Effingham County. "That is a school zone all day long with kids are in that school." While the cameras upset some drivers... others admit, they are effective. "I've gotten caught before, so I now follow the speed limit in a school zone." Police say the data shows - these speed cameras do make people slow down. Take a look at these numbers. Speed studies show the cameras set up by Blue Line Solutions have reduced speeding as much as 93-percent in Chatham County... 94-percent in Effingham... and 95-percent in Richmond Hill. We have details on WHEN all of these cameras are active... and how fast you'll have to go, to get a ticket in each place. That's posted right now on our web site. Just look for this story.

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SCHOOL New at 7 - Smiley Elementary will be closed tomorrow. The Long County School System
CLOSED says that's due to water and sewage issues. The school system says students should *not*
TOMORR report to class - that's just at Smiley. All other schools will remain open. WTOC will update
8/9/2022 you if that closure extends beyond tomorrow. 00:00:18
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Behind me is the bus stop where LaToya Jordan's 5-year-old daughter was supposed to get off last Tuesday afternoon. But when she didn't show up, Jordan began to panic. ((VO)) Jordan says that she contacted the police, New Hampstead K-8 campus police, and the school office to find her daughter Bella. It was over two hours before she was located safely in the school with an after-school care program. Jordan says she doesn't understand how this could've happened, as each student is given a color coded tag on their backpack to show if they are bus-riders, parent pick-ups, or after school care kids. She no longer feels confident in sending her daughter to school, and is currently keeping her home while she figures out what to do. ((SOT)) "I would never wish two and a half hours for a parent to not know where their child was. It only takes two seconds for a parent to be in a panic of not knowing where their child is. We send our children to school every day. They're responsible for the safety of our children. And with everything that's going on in the world today, we have to feel like our children are safe. And for two and a half hours, I didn't feel like I would ever see my kid again." In a statement released to WTOC, Savannah Chatham County Public School System says "We take the safety of all students very seriously and continue to work closely with our students, staff and families to ensure all have a full understanding of school procedures that account for the whereabouts of our students at all times." You can read the full statement on WTOC.com. Shea: Reporting in Chatham County, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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			Latoya Jordan says she contacted campus police after her daughter, Bella didn't show up to the bus stop last week. Two hours later, Bella was safely located in the school with an after-school care program. Jordan says she doesn't understand how this could've happened, as each student is given a color coded tag on their backpack to show if they are bus-riders, parent pick-ups, or after school care kids. She plans to keep her daughter home while she figures out what to do.	
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			Officials I've spoken to have described this situation as a mess. They say that around 5:30 this morning a driver along route 119 struck those two poles shutting off power to just over 200 people and the schools here in the county's north end. And the outage is impacting thousands of students and their families as Bryan County schools decided to cancel classes. As for the driver...law enforcement says that early morning tiredness and speed appear to have played a role in the collision. The driver was headed to work at Fort Stewart according to police on scene and she was taken to the hospital with injuries.	
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For students here at USCB, they're not just looking forward to the first day of classes, but more specifically looking forward to the first day of what they're hoping is a normal year with the college experience. "I'm looking forward to getting back to pre-COVID times, back when things were fun and exciting. Not that it hasn't been, but you know." Vo University leadership is hoping to be back to normal as well, and they know how their students are feeling. "They're excited to be back in a post COVID paradigm, in a post vaccine paradigm... they want to be back in classes, they want to be back on campus." Vo He says 75% of classes will be in person, but many students have become accustomed to online course work... so that will be accommodated as well. Sot "We do have increased demand for more flexibility from our students, they kind of expect that as they've been away and taking classes online." Vo As the structure of classes has changed over the last few years, so have the on-campus guidelines. USCB will be following the newest CDC instructions and students say that's a weight off their shoulders. "Since our guidelines are very different it kind of allows students to not have that stress and just worry about college instead of worrying about getting sick." Vo With welcome week in full swing, many undergrads are ready for the semester to begin and those worries to go away. Sot "You always have to be a little bit cautious when it comes to stuff like this, but I am not anywhere near as nervous as I was last year." On cam tag Reporting in Bluffton, Tyler Manion, WTOC News. 00:01:32

8/18/2022 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SAFETY MARIAH: FIRE SAFETY

The students went around to the various stations set up by Effingham Fire and Rescue. This is part of a partnership school officials say started about a year ago. The idea is to give the students an opportunity to see how algebra, for example, can be used in a real-world scenario. For instance, the firefighters showed them that there are different calculations they use for the hoses when putting out a fire. Students got to extinguish a fire and learn about the tools used to cut someone out of a car. 00:00:30

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"So many students say 'why am I learning about this or why am I learning about that?' This really shows them the application of it and really if they do decide to go into firefighting then we're just helping Effingham Fire and Rescue. That might be a career that they haven't even looked at." // "Putting smiles on peoples' faces, in general, is always fun and just allowing them to see what we actually do." 00:00:23

THE PANDEMIC HAS AFFECTED ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE -- INCLUDING SCHOOLS -- AND CHILDHOOD VACCINATION RATES -- Dr. Julie Morita, Pediatrician, CDC Advisory Committee to the Director/"If you think back over time there were diseases like measles, mumps, chicken pox, whooping cough were fairly common. We no longer see these diseases that often and that's because of immunization program." IN C-D-C DATA RELEASED IN APRIL -- RESEARCHERS COMPARED STATE AND LOCAL IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMS ACROSS THE U-S -- IN THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR -- THEY FOUND VACCINATION COVERAGE DECREASED BY ABOUT ONE PERCENT FOR *ALL* VACCINES -- WHEN COMPARED TO THE SCHOOL YEAR BEFORE. Dr. Julie Morita, Pediatrician, CDC Advisory Committee to the Director/"That's the first time we've seen a dip like this in a long time." DR. JULIE MORITA, A PEDIATRICIAN AND MEMBER OF THE C-D-C ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE DIRECTOR SAYS IN ORDER TO KEEP VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASES AT BAY -- WE HAVE TO KEEP THE LEVEL OF ROUTINE VACCINATIONS HIGH. SHE SAYS PART OF THE DECREASE CAME FROM DOCTORS OFFICES NOT BEING OPEN DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE PANDEMIC -- Dr. Julie Morita, Pediatrician, CDC Advisory Committee to the Director/"But on top of that there was a bit of spillover because parents had questions and concerns about the Covid vaccines they seemed relatively new and there were questions about safety and the effectiveness of the vaccines and there may have been a bit of spillover into the other routinely recommended childhood vaccines. While we have strong evidence that the Covid vaccines are safe and effective, there's even more evidence and even longer duration of use of these other vaccines so we know they are safe and effective and they prevent really serious diseases." FOR HEALTH MINUTE, I'M MANDY GAITHER.

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(sot) "It was scary for a lot of people." Ronald Cooper took his 17-year-old daughter Rahnie and her friends to the Benedictine versus Jenkins football game at Memorial stadium Friday night. "People just started running from different directions." Here's video from the stadium on Friday. While Savannah Police say a fight was brewing, some people that were in the stands claim they saw someone with a gun which caused Rahnie and may others to panic. "When my daughter did get to me like I said she was crying already, shook up a little bit and I'm asking her what happened and she said she don't know she just heard somebody say something about a gun." The incident bringing a bigger concern to her father's attention. "We got in and walked straight in. Nobody checked us. We didn't go through any metal detectors." While the Savannah Chatham County school district usually has their own metal detectors at games their schools host, they couldn't set up security at the stadium because they weren't the home team and didn't rent out the facility. They only had School resource Officers with the Jenkins High team. Cooper believes there should always be security checking people before they can enter the stadium. "Some people come to cause confusion and trouble so that's something that they should be worried about during whatever event that they have in the city." "Memorial Stadium is owned by Chatham County. County Commissioner Dean Kicklighter tells me after hearing these safety concerns he plans to recommend some changes to these entrances." In a statement sent to WTOC, the District 7 Commissioner Dean says in part that it would be the best interest of public safety for the county to by and require the use of their own metal detectors at all entrances for all future events, that's instead of expecting whoever rents out the facility to do so. He goes on to say he will make a motion for the changes at this Friday's commission meeting. "I think they should make a change." Camille Syed WTOC News.

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LL: School leaders say they understand this new policy might be an inconvenience to some...but they say safety is the goal. VO: The district already had a clear bag policy for high school football games. But now...visitors at ALL middle and high school athletic events will have to use a clear bag. The change comes as the school system already required students to use clear backpacks starting this year. The Evans County school superintendent says that recent chaos at Memorial Stadium during a football game in Savannah underscores the need for this change. "Unfortunately, as we've seen in the recent days, there were some events at athletic events not 70 miles from here that lead to a lot of concern. We're trying to be proactive and avoid anything happening at a game, and not be reactive to something that has happened." LL: School leaders say the change isn't in response to any incidents that have happened at Evans County Schools but is more of a preventative measure. The district announced the policy change a few days before games started last week.

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"Pediatricians say now that school is back in session there are more children coming into these rooms at the doctor's office with COVID." "Doctor's offices are quite busy." According to COVID data from the Savannah-Chatham County school district, last week 416 students were positive with COVID and 468 students had to quarantine. 101 employees tested positive and 42 had to quarantine. Dr. Ben Spitalnick at Pediatric Associates of Savannah says there have been some kids coming in with COVID and the Flu or COVID and RSV. He says it isn't a surprise to him that cases are so high because there are less COVID protocols. "We've seen a lot of COVID and what we're seeing is mostly mild symptoms. Symptoms including cold symptoms, runny nose, low grade fever, mild headaches, some sore throats, even in some case diarrhea." The two Savannah Chatham schools with the most positive cases in the last week are Rice Creek K-8 and Southwest Elementary School with 40 cases each. Separately, the school with the highest number of students that needed to quarantine was Southwest Elementary with 133. Dr. Spitalnick says the younger the child, the less likely they are to be vaccinated. "I wish we were getting more vaccines in to arms. we've seen a very high vaccination rate in the teenagers, moderate in the younger kids and a very low vaccination rate across the board for COVID in our babies." He says it's important to continue good hygiene to limit the spread. Camille Syed WTOG News.

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"There were some people yelling something that I think got people all worked up. There was never a gun displayed, never a gun seen. There were never shots fired." Despite the incident turning out to be a false alarm, some attendees had concerns that metal detectors were not in place for the Benedictine vs Jenkins game on Friday. The county owns Memorial Stadium and is looking at purchasing metal detectors that will be required to be used no matter who is using the facility. Chatham County Police Chief Jeff Hadley says someone would be there to run the metal detectors at all times. "That would be in concert with the BOE, having someone there the entire time even when most of the fans are already there. There's no one generally coming and going but there's maybe one or two." Getting those metal detectors may take time. Hadley says adding officers who will walk around will help them have more eyes on fans and will be implemented soon. "So we can kind of, one, observe better, engage better and be aware of some things that may be jumping off." And having officers in the skybox will give them a greater view of a situation and... "They can communicate to folks down on the ground and also if we have to communicate to fans in the stand in terms of exit or what we would like them to do." He says county police, Savannah police and Board of Education police will continue doing what they can to make, what should be a fun occasion, safe. "If somebody has ill intent it's going to be pretty difficult to prevent that. I'm just being honest about that but we're going to do everything that we can to make it as safe as possible with our partners and county staff to do the best that we can do."

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Yeah Max that's right. Some of them took to social media, saying they feared for their kids' safety, and that they won't let them go back to Memorial Stadium. The stadium is county property within city limits -- and officials say there should and will be extra safety measures in-place. The calm before the storm Friday night with Benedictine vs. Jenkins facing-off in the first Friday night football game... but a fight stopped by Savannah Police officers ruined the fun for families and players. "They did two things...I think very well one was to ensure of those there who did know what was going on and be able to ascertain there was nothing going on" It seemed to be a false alarm with SPD reporting no injuries or shots fired, but concerns about safety measures prompted county and city officials to address it. "I think the county has to make the decision about what they permit in their facility but I think for the safety of all involved they need to do what's done at the county courthouse, what we do at city hall what we do at the enmarket arena a check every single person who comes in that facility" The county is now looking at buying metal detectors. "That would be in concert with the BOE, having someone there the entire time even when most of the fans are already there. There's no one generally coming and going but there's maybe one or two," Hadley is referring to Savannah-Chatham's Board of Education. While police say there was a police presence and off-duty officers at the game, they're looking to add even more. "putting a police officer in the skybox to give them a greater view of the entire situation and if something were to happen they can communicate with folks on the ground." Chief Hadley says they need to get all stakeholders together so they can't say if changes will be implemented by the next game, but conversations are happening

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Savannah-Chatham public school leaders are pledging more mental health help as they say some students are in need of support. Dr. Ann Levett/SCCPSS Superintendent: "Many of the children are in crisis. This thing called quiet quitting, burnout, we're all experiencing that." The district promising to open a wellness center to give support to students...their families and even faculty amid ongoing staffing shortages. Dr. Ann Levett/SCCPSS Superintendent: "It's not just teachers who are burned out. It's also the administrators and the classified staff who are burned out. Any time you have staffing shortages, that means the job still has to be done." Those shortages extend to buses. According to school officials...bus driver numbers are below previous years which has forced the district to prioritize transportation needs for some students. The deputy superintendent says it's about finding the right people to fill the vacancies. Vanessa Miller-Kaigler/Deputy Superintendent: "We can go out and we can find folks, take you through the CDL process and put you on a bus, but you're an extension of that village and we make sure our drivers are aware of that." Also top of mind for many...school safety. The district's campus police chief addressing athletic event security screenings in the wake of a recent scare at a non-SCCPSS game at Memorial Stadium. Terry Enoch/Campus Police Chief: "We're looking to make sure that there is continuity in how we screen and how screening is done with other teams that we play." But there are signs of progress...says the district's superintendent...touting high graduation rates...college and career readiness and expanded early learning opportunities. Dr. Ann Levett/SCCPSS Superintendent: "The more young people that we have that are engaged at an early point in their lives, so that they learn how to be a part of a social environment, that they are ready for school, the more likely we are to continue experiencing success." As she says student welfare is a collective effort. Dr. Ann Levett/SCCPSS Superintendent: "And when that is not there. When that village is not there, we create one. And that village is not there for a lot of our children."

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"With any school opening, there are a few hiccups that we have to get over, but certainly I think we've recovered well." There have been several instances this school year where children have gotten on the wrong bus or gotten off at the wrong stop...the district's transportation department says they're doing their best to prevent issues... Perkins: "We do want to make sure that that is not an ongoing issues. We want to make sure that our drivers are learning their students, becoming familiar with their students and their particular stops, as well as the students gaining familiarity with their stops, so that everybody knows who's supposed to get off where." Bus drivers gaining familiar with their students' drop off location is a bit more of a challenge this year. Perkins says on a good day, they have 200 to 210 drivers to cover 215 routes- so they often tap in substitute drivers. Perkins: "We do make sure we're consistent, in most cases, on who's covering, if there's a particular route that is open, we'll try and identify an individual who'll be consistently covering that route, to kind of help with issues to make sure that everyone is aware and familiar with those students." With the bus driver shortage, there are also delays sometimes- which Perkins says parents can stay on top of with the Here Comes the Bus app. Perkins: "It's a perfect tool for parents to be able to track the bus, so when there are those times when the bus might be delayed, you can always go on, get real GPS of where the bus is to give you a better opportunity to plan and adjust your schedule." Perkins adds that several drivers will be released from the transportation department's summer training program soon, and that she hopes that will help alleviate problems caused by the driver shortage- though she doesn't expect it to go away anytime soon. Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOG News.

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"We work together on a team, we work together on scene as a team; however, in situations we will need to have other first responders... that being the teachers, administration, or even possibly the students then we'll need them to assist us until the first responders can get there." They packed 2,867 kits over an hour and hope to distribute them across the school district in the next two days.

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"Just to come here from my dorm, which is about a five minute walk to get tested is such a luxury. It's very, very nice." Peters just got over a case of COVID-19.. she says when she got tested, she had to schedule an appointment and walk 15 minutes to the Armstrong Center, which she was willing to do.. but some people, might not be. Peters: "It's just an awesome resource to have on campus. I'd definitely be more inclined to go now, now that it's right here, right next to the dining hall. It's just a very central location." Some students, however- are a little unsure about using the kiosk. "I would feel better if someone else took the test for me, like swabbed my nose or whatever for me." But if she was in a bind.. Bacot says she would consider using the kiosk. Bacot: "If you need one quickly.. because you have to schedule an appointment for the other one, so if you need one quicker than that, I guess it's pretty convenient."

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"Just to come here from my dorm, which is about a five minute walk to get tested is such a luxury. It's very, very nice." There's no appointment necessary for the kiosk. The public is also free to use them. Officials are also expecting to put a third kiosk on the Liberty Campus in Hinesville.

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A student told school officials that there was a weapon on school property and there was a threat of what they called a "potential conflict" between two other students. The school went into a modified lockdown, meaning students and teachers stayed in their classroom while the tip was investigated. That's when a loaded gun was found in a bookbag inside a student's locker. A 15-year old student was detained and charged with carrying a weapon on school property. That student was taken to Columbia's Department of Juvenile Justice. Baptist Hill's head coach, who Whale Branch was supposed to play tonight, says a number of their players were suspended after the incident, causing the game to be canceled.

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The Effingham County School System says school officials and law enforcement found three weapons in a vehicle parked at Effingham County High School during a safety sweep last week. He's facing 3 counts of carrying weapon in school safety zone.

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(sot) All of the students here have likely heard the message about safe driving and the consequences that one bad choice can have. But they've likely never heard it or seen it quite like this. (vo) Real life emergency crews took the teens into a pretend ER as they treated a trauma patient injured in a crash. Nathan Hayes hopes his classmates and others take note of what *could* happen. (sot) I'm the son of a former Driver's Ed teacher, so I'm always going to take those precautions- adjust my mirrors, make sure my seatbelt is on, make sure everyone else has their's on. (vo) Georgia Department of Transportation teamed with the Lutzie 43 Foundation. Mike Lutzenkirchen started the group after losing his son, Phillip in a car crash in 2014. (sot) When you start that story out and ask those kids to envision "this is what's welcoming your parents because of your decision" ..you get an impact. (vo) In another session, they heard from troopers, deputies, and police officers who recounted horrific crashes they've seen on the road, and from insurance agents who described the financial toll a DUI or other charge can bring. (sot) ..they can understand what it's like to be a driver on the road in Georgia, how they can understand and implement better behaviors. (vo) Outside they got an upclose look at a truck they could be riding beside and how much it takes to share the road. (sot) At Georgia Southern, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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CCPD School Zone speed Cameras will now be active at every school in unincorporated Chatham County. That's according to the Chatham County Police Department who says the last several cameras are set to be activated on Monday. St. James, Hesse K-8, and Southwest Elementary and Middle Schools cameras will all be turned on. There will be a 30 day warning period where fines won't be given out. The cameras will be activated one hour before school starts and be on until one hour after school ends. As a reminder - you will be fined \$100 dollars for your first offence and \$150 dollars everytime after that.

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"Soon Effingham County youngest scholars, those in Elementary Schools, will have school resource officers on campus making sure they're safe just in case of an emergency." "It could happen here just like it did in Uvalde, Texas." As children walk these halls, adults like the Effingham County Sheriff Jimmy McDuffie are worried that elementary schools have been targets for mass shootings. "If you have any of these types of school shootings most of them happen, it seems like, in an elementary environment. We just want to have somebody on the scene there so if something happens, we got an officer on duty that can handle that situation." Middle and High schools in Effingham County have had SROs for years. Effingham County Superintendent Yancy Ford says they've been able to get SRO's in some elementary schools with the help of Rincon, Springfield and Guyton Police. Now, they're working on getting them into five elementary schools outside of city limits. "Resource officers in elementary schools not only are going to hopefully provide some safety measures, another eye on the premises and the building looking around, making sure the place is safe but also more importantly just building that partnership with parents and children." Sheriff McDuffie says the Effingham County Commission is expected to allocate more money to the sheriff's office who will hire the SROs. McDuffie is already having a hard time filling positions at the sheriff's office and it may not be easy to fill five more SRO positions. "I think we're going to struggle trying to find them but we've had a few applications come in." They plan to have the SROs in these elementary schools by winter break. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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STUDENT Officers say the student was arrested a few hours after the threat was made. Nothing came of that threat. Police say the student will be charged with terroristic threats and acts...as well as disruption of public schools. They say those charges could change as their investigation continues. Tonight - they're asking anyone with information about this case to call Jesup Police.

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Jesup Police Chief Perry Morgan says the threat happened after school hours around 4:15 Wednesday. This means the school didn't have to be placed on lockdown, and there weren't any immediate impacts to the school's schedule. Chief Morgan says the threat originated from a TikTok video that began circulating among classmates through texting. "He threatened to do bodily harm to students at that school by saying he's going to go in and start shooting up the school. So, that will qualify for terroristic threats." Police say they were told about the texts and TikTok video, and took immediate action Wednesday afternoon. "Once they got that threat, they reacted quick, went ahead to the residence and arrested him at that time." The student was taken into custody without incident. Chief Morgan says they had extra patrols at the schools this morning to ensure the school day started smoothly. He says there's no active threat to the school at this time. "The kids are safe. We have SROs at the high school, we have them at the middle schools, the school is in good shape as far as security." The Wayne County School System released the following statement about the incident -- "The Wayne County School System is committed to the welfare and safety of all students and staff members. We will hold persons accountable when there are threats against our students, staff, and schools." Chief Morgan says every situation like this is taken seriously. "A lot of times, when activities happen at school, events happen at school, where you have an active shooter or threats at schools, a lot of times it's copy cats. But at the same time, you've got to take them serious, you cannot take them light. You've got to investigate." Chief Morgan says a terroristic threats charge could result in 5-10 years in jail if convicted.

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LL INTRO: Georgia Southern's Liberty Campus is the third and final campus within the university to receive one of the COVID testing kiosks. Campus leaders say they're excited it will serve not only students, but also the community. The kiosks offer free, on-demand COVID tests right at your fingertips. It's located right in front of the Liberty campus, along Memorial Drive. Anyone can come up and utilize the testing kiosk... the samples are collected on a regular basis. It's the only kiosk in Liberty County. Assistant Campus Director Jonathan McCollar says the partnership with the Coastal Health District benefits more than just their students. "It allows us to be good servants to the greater community. That's what we pride ourselves on here at the institution, is being able to give back to the places that we call home, that's either Savannah, Statesboro, or Hinesville." After you complete your test, you can expect results within two days. LL TAG: Since delivery earlier this week, the COVID testing kiosk is undergoing some maintenance, and leaders with the Coastal Health District say it should be back online in the coming days. In Hinesville, HB WTOC NEWS.

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9/27/2022 6:00:00 AM 6AM DAYBREAK K OD IAN: FOOTBALL GAMES MOVING

A heads up for high school football fans - the threat from Hurricane Ian has pushed several local games to Wednesday. At least a dozen games are getting pushed up in hopes of avoiding the impacts we're expecting Friday into Saturday. We have a full list online of which games are now on Wednesday and the ones still scheduled for Friday. Look for that on WTOC dot com under the "sports" tab. We will keep updating this list as the week goes on.

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"As of right now, Georgia Southern has no plans on closing any of the three campuses due to Ian but they are warning students, staff and faculty to be prepared for the storm." As emergency management officials are not issuing any evacuation orders at this time, Georgia Southern spokesperson John Lester says they will only close operations if necessary. "We'll look at the conditions and make a decision as we go through the week on whether or not the conditions that predicted here will put any of our students, faculty or staff at risk." And as students will remain on campus, junior Kimberly Brant says she received an email from administration warning her about the storm and providing preparation tips. She says she needs that since this is a new experience for her. "I'm from more inland in this state so I've never really had to worry about tropical weather. While not too worried for her safety, she still has other concerns. "I'm definitely worried about power and the roads are going to be a little hard to drive on. Stuff like that." Lester says they hope people will prepare how they see fit. "We're encouraging people to make decisions that are best for you at the time. We want everybody to be prepared, follow local media and the recommendations they're making as far as how to be ready for when and if something happens." "Lester says if anything changes and they do have to close campuses, students, faculty and staff will know immediately through eagle alert. Camille Syed WTOC News."

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9/27/2022 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD SCHOOL CLOSURE Right now, 5 districts will NOT have classes on Thursday or Friday. You can see those on your screen now. We have more details about the closures on WTOC-dot-com. We'll keep that list updated in the days ahead. 00:00:12

9/28/2022 10:00:00 AM CBS CUT-INS OD SCHOOL CLOSURE We continue to follow school closures across the Coastal Empire and Lowcountry ahead of Hurricane Ian. Right now, 5 districts will NOT have classes on Thursday or Friday. You can see those on your screen now. We have more details about the closures on WTOC-dot-com. We'll keep that list updated in the days ahead. 00:00:18

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9/28/2022 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BEAUFORT COUNTY VIRTUAL LEARNING Beaufort County Schools will also be going virtual tomorrow and Friday. The School District says District buildings will also be closed on both days. Extra curricular activities and after school programs are also cancelled. 00:00:14

9/28/2022 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD SCHOOL CLOSURE SETUP From Pre-K to college - it's a question many of you have tonight - is school happening tomorrow. You're looking at the list we've been updating all day on WTOC dot com. There you can find closings and changes for all our local schools - from elementary to college. Just look for the blue school closure banner on our homepage. 00:00:19

As children and parents are preparing for the possible impacts from Ian, Savannah Chatham County schools superintendent Ann Levett says the district makes decisions to close doors or remain open for weather events by staying informed. "We make those decisions based on our partnerships with CEMA and other agencies that have that on the ground information about weather conditions." Levett says they've sent links to families and staff with preparation tips ahead of Ian making it's way here. "Despite whatever may happen, we think it's going to be mild and maybe just a little disruptive, we want them to be prepared nonetheless." As E-learning has been used by thousands of students over the past few years, Levett says when schools close because of storms children can learn online as long as there is internet access. "We now have technology that our students have available to them but also our staff is prepared in various ways to interact with our students while they're at home. If conditions will allow, they'll continue to engage using technology and if conditions don't allow then we'll have other ways they can continue to learn." If students are able to use E-learning, Levett is hopeful there will be no need for a make up day. In Chatham County, Camille Syed WTOC News.

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10 years ago on Halloween night ... 36-year old Melithia Singleton was killed by an ex-boyfriend. Her eight-year-old son is the one that found her ... and thought it was a terrible Halloween prank. "My sister pulled the cover, and there was like puddles of blood everywhere, scratch marks on her face, stab marks and I'm like, 'dang' so I go downstairs, I leave, still thinking it's a prank... and I go 'whats wrong, like is everything alright?'" and she said, well your mom, she passed away and I looked, I turned around and looked at my uncle and looked outside and then I just broke down in tears." Lamont Mitchell is no longer that little boy ... he's a young man now and senior at Benedictine Military School where he is part of their championship football team. "The only reason why I started playing football is really for her, and really to get my anger out." Mitchell helped identify the man responsible for his mother's death to police. He is currently behind bars ... but Mitchell said he went through some really hard years following that night. "They would kind of make fun of me in third grade because I was saying 'dang my mom died,' they was like, 'you got held back, your momma died, you got held back,' and I was like, dang, that's crazy so I kept crying every night. I wanted to do a whole bunch of things. I wanted to commit suicide, everything, because I didn't like it." Fast forward several years ... Mitchell is a student at BC ... a place he says helped save him. "He has grown a lot. Really he's matured so much, you know, as a young man. You know, when he first got here, sometimes if things didn't go his way, he'd get really, really flustered and didn't know how to handle it, and I have seen that change into a young man and now he knows how to handle it." Last season, Mitchell wore a towel that said "Rest in Peace Mom" when he would take the field ... but he wanted to do more. He went to Cadets Head Coach Danny Britt and asked if they could do something in October for domestic violence awareness month. "I said 'of course, buddy, I'd love to- how can we help?'" The team wore purple ribbon helmet stickers ... the color for DV awareness ... but also his mom's favorite color. They sold wrist bands to benefit SAFE Shelter. "I just kept telling myself, yeah Lamont, you need to help these kids that don't have parents, because I understand when people don't have parents, but people don't understand it the hard way like I understand it." This year, Mitchell was poised for a break-out senior season ... but an ACL tear the first game of the year ended his high school football career. "He had worked really, really hard. Was going to be an intergral part of our team and had opportunities to play at the next level, so for him to go out like that is just heart-breaking, but I'm so proud of him still. He's handled it. He's coming out and supporting the team and still being a leader." With everything he has gone through ... Mitchell said an injury isn't going to set him back. He says he considers himself the 12th man out there ... and couldn't imagine NOT being at practices and games ... remembering a lesson his mom taught him years ago as a kid. "She said 'pain is temporary, but quitting is forever,'" Mitchell lives with his aunt and uncle ... and still has his dad, sister and cousin in his life ... but he says he has no longer has anger toward the man who took his mother's life. "You've got to forgive and forget. I mean I forgive and forget-- I don't forget the situation, but I forgive the man who did what he did." Mitchell ... in addition to being a student, starting a t-shirt business and holding a job is in the midst of helping to plan this year's Domestic Violence Awareness Game ... and he says he hopes to see the stands filled with people wearing purple for his mom. IN SAVANNAH, LYNDSEY GOUGH, WTOC SPORTS.

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ISSUE 6 – SCHOOL SYSTEM PROPOSALS AND POLICIES-THIS ISSUE REFLECTS ON PROPOSALS IN SCHOOL SYSTEMS IN THE COMMUNITY. THIS ISSUE ALSO INCLUDES MEETINGS, TESTING, TEST SCORES, SCHOOL AND PROGRAMS TO BETTER EDUCATE A STUDENT AND EDUCATION STANDARDS. BUS ISSUES INCLUDING BELL TIMES, SCCPSS ON RACE DISCUSSIONS IN CLASSROOMS, SCCPSS FAILNG GRADE LEVELS, SCHOOL PARENT MESSAGE BOARDS, SCCPSS TRANSPORTATION CHANGES, NEW SCHOOL YEAR BACK TO SCHOOL POLICIES, SC UNENCUMBERED TIME LAW FOR TEACHERS, BEAUFORT CO. SCHOOL ZONES,

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7/13/2022 6:00:00 AM	6AM DAYBREA K OD	SARAH: BUS ISSUES	Students who qualify to ride if they require special transportation, are ESOL students, McKinney Vento Students and students who go to their zoned school in elementary, K8, middle or high school. Students of all grade levels from elementary school through high school that go to choice schools do not qualify to ride the bus this upcoming school year.	00:00:21
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7/13/2022 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	SCCPSS BOARD MEETING	"During the meeting, Board members expressed concerns about a new Georgia code that bans teachers from elaborating on divisive concepts in terms of race. They say they are worried about how it will affect students teachers and administrative staff." (NAT) "This is a problem." Board members reviewed the code that says some of the divisive concepts are ones that show support for ideas like one race is superior to another and the America is fundamentally racist. Board member and lawyer Shawn Kachmar says the facts in social studies textbooks can still be taught. "We can still talk about divisive concepts. We can still teach them. We can still discuss them. I think a teacher can't take a personal position and try to persuade a student to believe one thing and not the other." Board member Dr. Dionne Hoskins-Brown is concerned about the part of the code that highlights scapegoating which the code says means placing blame on a race or claiming a person is racist. "Sundown towns, redlining. I don't know how you teach about those things that were based in law, identified by race and part of American history without someone feeling there's race scapegoating as defined in one of the items." "and that's going to really deter more teachers from coming into the field of teaching." Teacher burnout and lack of retention has been a growing concern nationwide and here in Georgia.. Superintendent Ann Levett says they will provide support for teachers and teachers across the district teaching the same grades will work together. "This will create more challenges and will do what we can to try to reduce that burden." According to the code, only parents, students 18 or older and employees of the school with an alleged violation can submit a complaint. "The board has until August first to come up with a policy on how they'll handle complaints. Reporting in Savannah Camille Syed WTOC News."	00:01:51
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7/19/2022 4:29:00 PM	4:30PM OD	BACK TO SCHOOL SPECIAL PUSH	Back to school season is almost here. Whether it's technology, the pandemic or just catching the bus - things have changed...and WTOC has you covered. Join us for a thirty minute special that covers everything from kindergarten to college prep... When WTOC goes back to school - Next Saturday night at 7:30.	00:00:18
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(vo) Bacon County schools will open with all 2,300 students meeting in person. District administrators say the process started at the end of last school year. (sot) We tried to go back to some normalcy in the spring with our regular Honors Day, our regular graduation, things like that. (vo) Bacon County's school board voted to allocate part of their covid relief funds to purchasing school supplies for every student. Martin says those are already sitting at the county's four schools. (sot) .they've already given the supplies for every student. Regardless of economic status, everybody gets the same supplies- whether that's a three ring binder or a pack of pencils, or crayons. Every student gets the same exact thing. (vo) She says it might not sound like much, but could be a big difference-maker for struggling families. She says the district is trying to get more information to parents through the district website and social media to help parents re-connect with teachers and schools and refocus on educating students. (sot) I think everybody is ready to go to school like we did in 2019. I think that's everybody's goal. (vo) She says they'll keep some protocols in place to protect from covid but their focus will be on teaching students and preparing them for the future. In Alma, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

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Next week teachers will start back and then just one week after that, students in the elementary school, middle and high school will begin filling the hallways again for the 2022-2023 school year. PKG "It's quiet right now, you can't hear them running around, but by the time that bell rings on August 1 it's exciting to see their smiling faces." "I've seen a lot of them over the summer whether it be at football camp or band camp but getting back in a routine is going to be huge." Staff in the Montgomery County School system say they're looking forward to having a normal start to the school year with far less COVID-19 protocols in place. "We're just hoping and praying that we can get started and stay consistent. It's going to be best for them and their education." Middle and High School Principal Dr. Scott Barrow says the plan is for all students to be back face-to-face. Masks will be optional in the classroom and on the bus. Dr. Barrow says parents should take advantage of at-home testing. He hopes this will limit any potential spread of COVID. "Hopefully we can have everyone here all the time, not have to worry about the quarantines and not have to worry about remote learning." Staff says there's no scheduling changes, so the school day will look as it always has. They say, however, students may notice a few additional safety measures that faculty has spent the summer revamping. "If they don't feel safe, they don't learn." New Assistant Superintendent Brian Barnhill says his primary role is safety. He breaks down what the district will have in place this year. A full-time SRO at each campus Teachers have a "quick response" method to contact the front office in case of an emergency All school entrances and exits will be secured Receptionists will now sit behind bulletproof glass during the visitors check-in process Each campus will have a metal detector that'll be used during high traffic days, at random and at sporting events The schools will regularly conduct active shooter drills "We don't want to overly alarm to scare kids or to make parents more afraid, but we're going to continue to do our best to keep everyone safe." Throughout the year the assistant superintendent says he will work in conjunction with GEMA and local law enforcement. Dr. Barrow says the middle/high school also has additional mental health services being offered this year. Over at the elementary school - Principal Eric Burns says they've seen high enrollment in their Pre-K this year. He says they almost have enough kids to open a third class. If you're interested in signing your child up it's not too late! "That's huge for our system to filter into our kindergarten and lower grades." With summer dwindling down it is time to get your supplies ready and the district says they want to help you do that. Through a grant, they're providing supplies sure to fill up your child's backpack! "It has enough supplies to get those kids started. Some of our parents are unable to go and get those supplies at the beginning of the school year." LLTAG Every student in the school district will be going home with a box full of supplies when they leave from their orientation on the 28th. To check what time you need to be at your school for that you can find it on our website wtoc.com just look for this story. In Montgomery County, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

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As Evans County schools prepare to welcome students back...it's what will be on the backs of students that will look different this year. The school system will require all students to use clear backpacks this year. The decision...is in response to recent school shootings elsewhere...says superintendent Martin Waters. "We realize it's an inconvenience, and really, it's an inconvenience for the school district and school administrators to have to enforce that. We want to make sure that we're staying proactive in doing everything we can to hopefully prevent anything from happening." School officials say the district will use money from the federal CARES Act to buy clear backpacks and other supplies for students. It's a move that some Evans County parents say will help address security issues. "Any parent would be worried with everything that's going on. So yeah, I do have some concerns, but I'm trusting that they have stuff put in place to protect our kids." A new I-D verification system will also be implemented in schools as an added security check for visitors. And like other districts in the state...Evans County is adjusting bus routes over driver shortages. Dr. Martin Waters/Evans County School Superintendent: "There'll be a few changes at the elementary school, may have to double route one route at the high school, but we hope that those will be minor changes." And as far as Covid concerns... *nats pop: "That's one of the biggest changes." He says health clinics and testing will continue as the schools ramp up sanitation efforts. Dr. Martin Waters/Evans County School Superintendent: "Just pray that we have a Covid free year."

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Schools here in Hampton county are pretty much empty right now, aside from a few teachers setting up their classrooms. That won't be the case in a week's time though as hundreds of kids fill buildings just like the one behind me for the district's earliest start ever. "We're using a modified school calendar that gives quarterly breaks to students, parents and teachers." Vo He says it was used by other South Carolina districts last year and got good feedback. Sot "There's a lot of advantages to it. It allows our teachers to re-energize and be ready when they come back for the second quarter of teaching." Vo That's just one thing the district is doing to incentivize teachers, but they're still five short, with specific needs in math at Wade Hampton high school. Sot "I think this has been a problem statewide and even nationwide in that there is a shortage of teachers everywhere." Vo As classrooms still have another week before they're filled, the superintendent is confident they'll be ready. Sot "We're going to be alright, it's going to be a good school year. We have the schools clean and ready and we miss the children." Vo He also says there's a new high school in the works, and we'll have more on that in the coming weeks. On cam tag: Superintendent Wilcox encourages anyone with interest in driving buses or teaching for the district to apply online. He also tells me parents should be expecting informational voicemails regarding the start of the coming days. Reporting from Hampton County, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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For Bryan County schools...come signs of growth ahead of the new school year says Superintendent Dr. Paul Brooksher. Dr. Paul Brooksher/Superintendent, Bryan County Schools: "Carver Elementary School is under full renovation. The current Richmond Hill High School is under full renovation, and we have the athletic complex up at Bryan County Middle/High School that's also under renovation. They're all going to be amazing once they're done." And while he says supply chain issues might cause some delays to certain projects...he expects most renovations to be complete by the time more than 10,000 Bryan County students come back to the classroom. It's one of many areas school leaders are focusing on as the student population goes up. An increase Dr. Brooksher says they're ready to handle. Dr. Paul Brooksher/Superintendent, Bryan County Schools: "As of Sunday evening, we were 100 percent staffed up. Our faculty and staff, our hiring managers have done an amazing job over the summer recruiting, hiring and we do pretty well with retention." But it's an increase that doesn't come without growing pains. Dr. Paul Brooksher/Superintendent, Bryan County Schools: "When you're a high growth school system and you add 100 to 200 to 300 new students, you're always adjusting bus routes. But just go back and check as we get closer to the first day and make sure they're still the same because they do have to be changed every so often." But as this county grows...teachers say they're looking forward to connecting with more students. Joseph Frew-Miller/Joseph Frew-Miller/Digital Media and Film Teacher: "We're about to, in a few years, have a much larger community. And we need to have that positive impact now because those families moving in need to hear that."

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"We are excitedly awaiting their return." "As students will be back in Savannah Chatham County Public Schools ready to hit the books in just about a week, administrators are preparing for their return." As your child's grade changes, bell times are changing as well. K-8 schools will go from 8:15 to 3:15. That's 35 minutes earlier than last year. The reason... the district is short about 80 bus drivers. Only students in priorities 1, 2, and 3 can ride the bus. That includes students with special need and students that go to school in the zone they live in. Routes could be expanded only if they can find more staff. "We are always reviewing our routes to try and optimize them, so if we find that that is an option certainly we will come back and just sort of say maybe we can do more but it would require a significant number of drivers." One change this year, some parents have to pay for lunch as free school lunch for everyone has ended. Parents must fill out an application for eligibility. You can find that on our website... or at the back to school expo this Saturday. And if you need some help... don't worry. "We have a team available to help them if they don't understand so it's very critical that they get that application in. It's even better if they do it before August the third." The free lunch change comes as some covid relief funds have ended. With Covid-19 becoming a disease apart of our everyday lives, the district has a new way of keeping parents up to date on cases. "It's a flow chart that helps you know if you're child has been exposed, what they need to do if your child has tested positive this is what they need to do and of course if your child has symptoms you need to stay home." Stewart says covid vaccine status also plays a role in if you're child needs to be quarantined when exposed. While the COVID vaccine is not mandatory, nurses want to remind parents this is the first year the meningitis vaccine booster is required for incoming 11th graders in the state. Several staff members will be at the Back to School Expo at the Savannah Mall from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to answer questions and get your child registered for school. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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"We're excited about the new school year. We're excited about the growth." That growth, including about 600 new students this year, a driving factor for some of the biggest changes you'll see at schools in Effingham County this year. "We're very excited about the new wing addition at Blandford Elementary School and two new wing additions at Blandford Elementary School." And in some cases, to be able to come in with the new, means first going out with the old. "Effingham County High School has broke ground on an addition. They currently have around 21-hundred students and the new addition will allow them to grow to 25-hundred students." Of course, with all these new students, high on the list of needed improvements this year was security. "Before we can teach our students, the most important thing we can do is make sure we provide a safe environment for them." That includes adding resources officers to all their schools, a new emergency alert system, and... "We have a lock mechanism that will be added to doors of classrooms and key areas in all of our schools." When it comes to COVID this year, Dr. Ford says they won't be doing the online case tracker and "The only option in the Effingham County School District is face to face." As for the education side of things. "We're also adding agriculture to everyone of our elementary schools." Other additions include a show arena at Honeyridge, and eventually a performing arts center near Rincon Elementary. And while there's a lot of new this year and down the road, Dr. Ford expects they'll succeed the same way they have in years past, by working together. In EC SB WTOC News.

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"9th grade is always a challenge for us. We just recently discussed our 9th grade rate. A lot of times that is a very difficult transition year. They are leaving middle school. There is a lot more structure and organization. They are coming into 9th grade where you ring the bell, time to go to class. You're no longer lined up, you're no longer walked to class, you're no longer walked to lunch. We're increasing your level of responsibility. Sso that's always a challenge too, and managing their time is also a challenge..". Coming up on THE news at 5:30, Camille Syed is speaking to district leaders about how the pandemic played a role in these students failing, and what is being done now to help students succeed.

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NILE Today, Governor Brian Kemp announced the Georgia Lottery has now raise 25 billion dollars for education since it first started in 19-93. That shakes out to more than 2 million students benefiting from the HOPE Scholarship... And more than 1 point 6 million kids in a state-run pre-k program.

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"That ninth grade year is where we see the most difficulty." Transitioning from middle to high school as a ninth grader can be a challenge for some teens as they face more responsibility according to Superintendent of Secondary Schools Bernadette Ball-Oliver. (sot) "they're coming into ninth grade where you ring the bell, time to go to class. You're no longer lined up. You're no longer walked to class, walked to lunch." 10th graders have also been falling behind. 24 percent of 10th grade students were retained. While transitioning from middle to high school is already a challenge..now these past years in a pandemic has created another hurdle for ninth, tenth graders and their parents. Ball-Oliver says the pandemic has played a role in the increase in ninth graders in the Savannah-Chatham school district failing their classes. "We talked about that mental piece, that social piece as well and emotional remember that a lot of the learning over the last two years has been through a computer screen so it has limited that interaction. Not just with their peers, but with their instructors. That face to face interaction and being able to connect and develop a rapport with the adults in the building." COVID restrictions are more laxed going into this school year with masks not required. Ball-Oliver says they have support structures that help them catch up. There's an after school TWILIGHT program to take classes, "So that you still are able to graduate on time and on track." The district also offers high school transition tips. The link to those pointers are on our website WTOC dot Com. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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JASPER CO. SCHOOLS PROTEST

New at noon. Parents in Jasper County are making their voices heard. They protested this morning outside of the county school district's building. An organizer tells WTOC they are upset about several issues. That includes the modified year-round calendar - and a teacher and bus driver shortage. One parent told us - she wants to see a change.

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LL INTRO: The first day of school here in Long County is set for August 1st and administrators say they're looking forward to welcoming students back. These are Long County's newest teachers for the school year... they say being able to start the year with face-to-face instruction makes all the difference. "There's so many things that children pick up from face-to-face you're able to talk with them, see them, they're able to come to you and ask things that they may not ask in the virtual setting, so having our kids back in the classroom is essential to getting them the maximum learning." Long County continues to grow... and they've now repurposed an older school building into a new Pre-K center, ready for students this fall. "In the past, it had been a high school and a middle school, and due to growth, we've had to start using some of those again." Edwards says last year, the district had an increase of about 200 students, and they're on track to match that increase this school year. "As Long County continues to grow, we're rapidly running out of room." Edwards says the district has plans for a 32,000 square foot expansion to the high school, with a projected completion date of next school year. "we're trying to plan out what's best to accommodate the growth, but we definitely continue to experience high growth." A rapidly growing school district.... Hoping to help students grow this fall. "I'm looking forward to a normal start to the school year, and getting everyone back into a set pattern." In Long Co, HB WTOC NEWS.

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When Candler County schools reopen, some of the paint at Metter High might not be dry yet. But things will definitely look and sound different. (vo) Crews worked inside Metter High..from the floor to the ceiling, giving the building a new look. (sot) It's funny people still refer to the "new" high school out at the interstate...and it's 22 years old. Our K-8 school next door is eight years old. (vo) It's part of a \$5 million dollar renovation. It started with insulating the ceiling and updating the heat and air systems. He says that will improve energy efficiency, and more. (sot) You immediately feel a difference in the air. But you can tell a difference in the sound. (vo) The work will include a redesigned cafeteria that gives more space and handles more classes at once. (sot) It's much more visually pleasing, but also more functional. (vo) Some of the changes have safety in mind. The redesigned office protects staff and controls a visitor's access. Longgear says they want a safe school that students want to attend. (sot) ..you want the community to be proud of the facilities, the students to be proud of the facilities. (sot) They pushed the start date back a little later than usual to give crews a little more time. Classes start August 12. In Metter, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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Call it a sign of the times. Visit Appling County's schools and you'll see digital message boards as you enter. We now have one at each of the five schools, and one here at the district office too..in an effort to bring messages to parents and the community. Appling County and Bacon County each will have them this year. Bacon County anticipates having theirs by mid-August. It's the perfect time to roll those events or things that are happening or spotlight students who've won awards. Both say school districts can't take for granted that all parents or guardians use social media to keep up and stay informed. Both districts say the boards bring the information beyond the school halls and help meet parents where they are - literally. They're looking at those precious few minutes some parents spend every day in the drop off/pick up lines as "primetime" to communicate with them about deadlines and upcoming events when..that flyer they sent home might still be at the bottom of a student's backpack! (sot) If you know what's going on in your child's school, that's key...to just know what's going on.

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alarm going off ... It's a sound your child might not have heard for months. And the first day of school shouldn't be the first time they hear it again. "the best thing to do now is to make preparations, one of these is to help them regain their normal sleep cycle. And that is not as simple as setting a bedtime. SouthCoast Health pediatrician Dr. Keith Seibert says... Parent can help prepare children for that earlier in the night - * by limiting kids' screen time well before bedtime * by serving a healthy meal at dinner * and by creating a quiet sleep environment A father of four, Dr. Seibert said his kids fell out school-day routines within the first week of summer break, but that parents might have to be patient for those habits to be relearned. "... a lot of kids need a couple of days of being in school and fully active before they're tired enough to fall asleep at a good time and that's the prerequisite for waking up at a good time.

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"One out of 5 youth have a mental health disorder, and that was pre-covid. So I can only imagine what that looks like now. And we as a nation, specifically, I just want to talk about our Savannah community, we have seen first hand how trauma negatively impacts our children and how those adverse childhood experiences can influence our behavior in all aspects. So whether it's in the community or school, we see violence in our neighborhoods, and a lot of that is due to unresolved trauma and mental health, so it definitely is impacting all our families, all our children, and as we continue to learn and increase our understanding, it will help us be able to respond in better, more therapeutic ways." "What can parents do - when their in their homes with the kids a lot - is there anything they should be looking out for? Changes in their children that might let them know that there's something bigger going on that needs to be addressed?" "Yes, absolutely. I always encourage parents to not only focus on the child's behavior but focus on your response and how you perceive that behavior. And so, instead of correction all the time, let's see if we can build a connection, because sometimes that attention-seeking negative behavior is really your child seeking that connection. Instead of us thinking 'what is wrong with our child, what is wrong with these kids nowadays', right, I'd like to think I'm not that old, but even now, I'm like woo child, these children nowadays, they're a handful. So instead of saying that - what's wrong with them - what's happened to them. That change in perspective will absolutely impact how you perceive the behavior, so again, I encourage parents to start with how you perceive the behavior. Connections instead of corrections all the time. Instead of what is wrong with you, what has happened to you. But some simple signs that you can look for - is if your child is increasingly irritated or frustrated, that can really be a sign of depression or anxiety. Often times as parents and adults we think that a child is experiencing depression or anxiety that they're sad, they'll have a solemn demeanor, but a lot of times, it's irritable, because they may not have the words or vocabulary to express their emotions in a healthy way. If you have a child whose sleep has increased or they're not sleeping at all or they are showing signs and symptoms of being scared to go to places. I know even with - we talk about COVID - but there has been increased media exposure of gun violence, and if you have children who are typically excited to go to public spaces but don't want to go, that may be a conversation to have with them, to check in with them."

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Driver vacancies is definitely an issue Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools continues to be up against, not unlike districts around the state and country. And like last year, the district will be leaning on the help of teachers, coaches and any other staff certified to drive to help fill gaps. "Certainly with working to maximize the number of drivers that we have, and minimizing those routes. Where can we reduce stops, and that's why it was so important for us to get the information back from the survey." Routes were published on the school district's website this week, so guardians can see if their student's was changed. "We are always reviewing our routes to try and optimize them, so if we find that is an option, certainly we will come back and sort of say maybe we could do more. But it would require a significant number of drivers so that we could be certain. Because we don't want to say 'yes we can' only to find out no, we really cannot." As far as driver recruitment goes, Perkins says the district is attending job fairs in the community, and regularly advertising job openings with hopes of filling those positions. "And then we do daily interviews. If there's one application, that one application will get an interview as quickly as possible." Coming up in just a few days, on August 2nd, Perkins says the school district will be doing what are called 'live runs,' which is where buses will run their routes in the morning, pick kids up at their designated stop, drive to the school and circle back to the stops so parents and students can get a feel for how the process works. In Chatham County, Sean Evans, WTOC News.

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Kids in the Wayne County School System are set to return to class on Friday, but James E. Bacon Elementary School is under construction and won't be able to house students. As a result, student will be spread out across three separate campuses, which one parent I spoke to says raises major concerns. "With me dropping off five children in four locations, you can say it's easy all day long, but do they want to ride with me to drop off and see how that goes? I mean, it's just chaos." Under contingency plans released by the Wayne County School System, Kindergarten, 4th, and 5th graders will be in designated classrooms on the James E. Bacon campus. Pre-K and 1st graders will be in classrooms in the Coastal Plains Charter School Campus, and 2nd and 3rd graders will be in classrooms at the Jesup Church of God. She's also concerned about the safety of her children- two of which she says have major health issues- and their access to a school nurse. Surface: "There will be one nurse, and they will be able to go to each campus, but then again I have two that have major health issues, so even as much as five minutes is scary for me." The most frustrating part, Surface says- is what she feels was a lack of consideration for parental input. She said she asked if there was going to be a meeting with parents- and was told no. Surface: "They have to do what they have to do to do the best contingency plan that they can come up with, but I do feel like parents should've been involved a little bit more." Shea: Wayne County hasn't responded yet to my requests for further comment. Reporting in Jesup, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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SARAH LIVE: LIBERTY CO. BACK TO SCHOOL
 Not only are all of the students inside with the teachers but also – they have extra volunteers to help out today. It always takes a little extra time to get back into the routine after summer break – but this year – there are fewer covid restrictions and the district hopes to continue that throughout the school year.

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SARAH LIVE: LIBERTY CO. BACK TO SCHOOL
 Dr. Franklin Perry / Liberty County Schools Superintendent "First of all, we want to get through the day, that's the first goal..today is just to get everybody back and get students in the classes they need to be in, get them to know their teachers." More than 700 students made their way into Frank Long Elementary this morning for the first day and they are excited to be back with their friends in the classroom.

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The school day has officially started and the new year is now underway in Liberty County.. Not only are all of the students inside with the teachers but also – they have extra volunteers to help out today. It always takes a little extra time to get back into the routine after summer break – but this year – there are fewer covid restrictions and the district hopes to continue that throughout the school year. "First of all, we want to get through the day, that's the first goal..today is just to get everybody back and get students in the classes they need to be in, get them to know their teachers." More than 700 students made their way into Frank Long Elementary this morning for the first day and they are excited to be back with their friends in the classroom. "I feel great and a little bit nervous, meeting my teacher and having fun hopefully." "I want to see what I can learn about because I want to go to college one day and learn about doctoring." The kids are ready to achieve some big dreams and it all starts today walking back into school...more than 10,000 students are enrolled to start the new year here.. Happy First Day to everyone here in Liberty County – things went pretty smooth hopefully pick up goes well after they get through the day, be sure to go slow in school zones and be ready for some congestion as we all get back into the swing of things. In Liberty County, SW, WTOC News.

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We also offer option B which are for those students who maybe or you know are tired of school and they want to go to work right away so option B allows them the last two years of high school to go completely to a post-secondary institution and at the same time graduate with those credentials to go into the workforce completely prepared. This year we have about 26 option B students."

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The district has pushed back bell times for some schools and prioritized certain students for transportation. Godley Station K through 8 will now start 45 minutes earlier at 7:30 New Hampstead K-8 and Rice Creek K-8 bell times were pushed back to 8:40 and 9:00 respectively. All elementary schools are now on a singular bell time, now starting at 9:15 a.m.

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It was also the first day of school for students in the Lowcountry. Hampton County Schools returned to a new year and new school calendar this year. Their new modified school calendar gives quarterly breaks to students and teachers. One principal we spoke with hopes besides these changes, its back to normal for the school year.

8/3/2022 12:00:00 PM NOON OD HAMPTON COUNTY RETURNED TODAY 00:00:20

Kindergarten through 8th grade students were so excited to return to the classroom for the first day at Godley Station. Throughout the Savannah-Chatham district and all 37,000 students, these were the first couple to get into school, Godley Station had change their bell times this year, they started today at 7:30 and that was the first one in the district, several schools changed their bell times this year to help with the ongoing bus driver shortage to get as many kids to school as possible. "It is going to take some getting used to, I work right next door so last year I was able to drop them off and go straight into work but now there is an hour difference but I think it will be alright once we get used to it, it is better for me because of my job and my schedule so I am able to drop everybody off and go." Another big change for Godley Station was the amount of students, last year to start the first day, they had around 1800 students, today they started with close to 1100 students, that is because they were overcrowded and a lot of those students moved to New Hampstead K8 once that opened at the end of last school year. "It is a lot better this year than the past 2 years, it was a lot easier and a lot less traffic up here too." Even though COVID hasn't gone away, teachers, parents, students, staff and everybody is hopeful for a much more traditional school year and having everybody in the same building learning together. } "It feels really good, I am excited, I am really excited. It is definitely scary sometimes because you don't know if it is going to be hard or confusing but once you step foot in the classroom, it's like I can do this you know." Even though the school year is officially underway, the district wants to remind parents to fill out those free and reduced lunch forms, the free meals during the pandemic have expired so you do need to fill that out. If you need a link to get started, head to our website WTOC.com. In Savannah, SW, WTOC News.

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			<p>"Before the bell rang here at Islands High School for the first day of school, seniors were celebrated, welcomed by their parents, by staff as they get ready for college next year." (nats) "It's bitter, sweet." Parents sending their kids off for their first last day of school "You got us in the middle of right when we were about to cry." Proud family members here cherishing their senior sharks. Mom Sheena Allen and big sister Jade Cintron got ramped up for their senior, JOJO. "I'm super proud. She's a very strong, creative, loveing...deep down loving child but I'm very proud of her." Islands High Principal Derrick Butler says it's nice going into a school year with less COVID restrictions. "It gives us a great deal of flexibility to continue to do some creative things in our schools and our classrooms certainly again being mindful that COVID is still here." Superintendent Ann Levett also joining in on the senior celebration "You can feel the joy in the air." Whether it's keeping students in the district safe on the way to school... or safe from intruders while in school, she says the district is doing its part. "But our job is to make sure that we're looking at schools securing not only our buildings but also making sure that those who are on our campuses understand the importance of following the guidelines. Their not there to restrict anyone's joy. They're there to make sure we come in at the end of the day and leave at the end of the day." The class of 2023 embarking on a journey to their next celebration....walking across the stage. (sot) "Have a great first day everybody." Camille Syed WTOC News.</p>	00:01:33
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			<p>It was a smooth process – traffic did get backed up on the roads for a while during the drop off but that was to be expected – especially with the growth... They have reached 14 thousand students in the district – which is up more than 600 from the first day last year. About one thousand of those students went into South Effingham Middle School this morning to start around 8:20 this morning for their first class. Teachers, staff and administrators were happy to welcome them all back into the building and the students were getting excited to kick off the new year – even if it was difficult getting up extra early this morning. "Yeah, I'm not used to waking up, super early anymore." "I'm excited about starting band and playing my trumpet...learning some new stuff and all of that." "Excited and nervous at the same time...seeing and meeting new people and new teachers." "I'm excited, I think it is going to be a good year." They are positive about the year ahead – there are no changes for COVID – they are starting off the school year the same way they ended it last year on the first day – with everyone learning in person face to face. "We have several drivers who run multiple routes, and so that's not ideal. But it's the way we get the kids to school. We make it happen, we don't leave anybody out. We're getting volunteers, other people in the system that aren't regular bus drivers, they'll run routes if they have a CDL." The school district also had to come up with contingency plans for students at James E. Bacon Elementary -- since construction on campus isn't done. For now, Kindergarten, 4th, and 5th graders will be in designated classrooms on the James E. Bacon campus. Pre-K and 1st graders will be in classrooms in the Coastal Plains Charter School Campus, and 2nd and 3rd graders will be in classrooms at the Jesup Church of God.</p>	
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			<p>Starting today – all tops worn to school must be solid and in the school's colors – spirit wear is also allowed as long as it fits the dress code – but there are no hoodies allowed. All of the bottoms must be the appropriate length and also in a solid color that you see here. The dress code is also another safety measure, to help identify who belongs in the school and who doesn't.</p>	
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			<p>Garrett Wilcox / Vidalia City Schools Superintendent "Even from a safety standpoint we have gone to some solid colors., helps us identify kids a little better, hopefully makes it a little simpler for parents to be honest, I hope some of them see it that way, just to try to promote a little more professional dress, not just for our students but our teachers as well."</p>	

High School Principal Marissa Morris says they welcomed back more than 820 students today. She says this is the highest number of students they've had in a while. It's all smiles in the hallways as students get accommodated to their new class schedule and freshmen check out their new building. Principal Morris says she's excited about the new year and her goal is to make it the best one yet. Most of the school day is the same as previous years. One big change, though, is the start and dismissal times. Each school adjusted by about 15 minutes. Morris says she was happy to see that everyone showed up for the day right on time. The district also has a new crisis alert system to make sure everyone is as safe as possible during the school day. "We've had a great first day here at Toombs County High School and we're glad to welcome our students back. We're excited about our new freshman class and we're glad to see our seniors who will be graduating this year." Funtain 'Tank' Morris is one of those seniors. He says the first day is always fun because you get to see people you didn't see over the summer. He says it's also nice to have minimal COVID-19 protocols. He says he's looking forward to his new classes and getting ready for coll "Finish strong academically, finish strong athletically and just have a really fun and exciting senior year. Go Dawgs!" Again, the start and dismissal times are different this year, so parents make sure to check with your school for those times. Principal Morris also reminds parents here at the high school to fill out the student packet of information. Those are due by August 9. In Toombs County, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

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Summer is officially over here in McIntosh County as kids all across the district returned to class today. ((VO)) Superintendent Dr. James Pulos tells me that drop-off and pickup times were much shorter than usual today at Todd Grant Elementary on account of CarRiderPro, a new technology the district is using. Parents receive a tag which is scanned when they get onto school property. It lets teacher's know who they are so they know which car to send a child to. Some parents still need to pick up their tags, which they can do at the district office. Grab-and-go breakfast was also available to kids all across the district today, free of charge. They'll continue to be available for kids as soon as they're out of the car or off the bus, so everyone has the chance to eat. Pulos tells me they did have a higher number of kids than expected turn up to school today, so if you haven't enrolled your child, that needs to be done soon at the district office. "We're getting better and better each and every day, so I think that rise in number's indicative of the fact that people realize that they're gonna send their students to a place that's safe and they're gonna get a great education. Shea: It'll be a little while before kids in McIntosh County get another break. The next one is scheduled to begin October 17th and will last for a full week. Reporting in McIntosh County, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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This new law passed the General Assembly and was signed by Gov. Henry McMaster earlier this year. It's a change teachers had been insisting was much needed for years – but it doesn't have to be fully implemented until July of next year. "It's a staffing issue, and the implementation timeline of a year out gives districts ample time to make sure they have the staff in place to comply with this law effectively." This law will apply to every elementary and special education teacher in South Carolina public schools. Teachers say having this time will allow them to plan more effective lessons, get grading done, and accomplish other tasks that, many times, they've had to bring home with them. They say that's been fueling burnout – leading more teachers to quit – and leaving more South Carolina students without a highly qualified teacher. Educator advocacy groups say for many teachers – guaranteeing this time and improving working conditions has been just as big a concern as increasing pay. "When you go into teaching, you know you're not going to get rich as a teacher. We know we're not going to drive Lamborghini and have second homes in the mountains and the beach. But what we didn't realize is that you wouldn't even have time during the day to go to the restroom." Next, the State Board of Education will need to establish a statewide policy on how this new law will be enforced. Then every local school board will have to establish their own policies for their respective districts. Those policies must be in effect by the 2023-2024 school year.

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Governor Kemp says he's excited to see how the program goes, writing in a statement "Here in Georgia, we are committed to meeting the needs of our young people as they prepare to enter our world-class workforce following years of pandemic disruptions."

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 Right now, Savannah-Chatham's policy states the district "encourages parental involvement" and makes it clear the Superintendent will "ensure that each school within the district has in place and makes available procedures for parents to" access what's been guaranteed by that state law. Again, this is just a first reading at Wednesday's meeting. And every school district in Georgia will have to go through the process, as well. 00:00:26

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 (sot) As Georgia Southern begins Fall 2022, university leaders say in some ways they're preparing for an exciting new year. In some ways, they're preparing for 2019. (vo) As students return to all three campuses, classes, dining areas, and everything else will be completely reopened from the lockdowns during the pandemic. (sot) The first Fall that we can say "fully open. Still monitoring, still providing ways that we can mitigate and use our best practices. (vo) President Marrero says the new year also brings new fields of study and new degree programs. (sot) ..we're adding a new bachelor's degree in I-T, we're adding a Master's in Logistics Supply Chain, to pair with our doctorate and our four year degree. (vo) He says the university will be focused on student education but also looking at the economic and environmental priorities of Southeast Georgia and helping students prepare for emerging careers and giving the region the next generation of leaders. (sot) These new academic programs align with the new needs of the region, for workforce, talent development, for research, alligned with our research public impact agenda. (vo) In Statesboro, construction begins on the Jack and Ruth Ann Hill Convocation Center as well as the Indoor Practice Facility next to Paulson Stadium. (sot) Previews often highlight new things going up. This one includes old things coming down. The university is taking the wrecking ball to University Villas to make room for something always needed on Statesboro campus...parking. At Georgia Southern, Dal Cannady WTOC news. 00:01:31

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 Right now teachers are schools just like this one across Beaufort county getting their classrooms ready for kids to come back, in hopes of the most normal school year of the past few. Sot: (Lauren Borasky - 2nd Grade Teacher, River Ridge Academy) "Being back to normal, as "normal" as can be because the last two years with COVID everything has kind of been up in the air." Vo Once these classrooms are full the district will return to the same COVID policies they ended last year with, and it's leader is ready to start the year. Sot: (Dr. Frank Rodriguez - Superintendent, Beaufort County Schools) "The very first thing we're excited about is having our kids come back to us on August 15th. Vo He says there's two big changes of note, starting here... in the cafeterias. Sot "We have a nutrition group that's going to be providing food services for the school district this year." Vo Meaning healthier, more nutritious options for students. Rodrigues says the second big change helps out everyone involved, as teachers are getting a salary increase... leading to less vacancies. Sot "Moving from 53rd in the state to possibly the number one position is really important in terms of recruitment and retention of teachers." Vo This school's teacher of the year, who's taught in the county for nearly two decades, says it's not about the money... but heading into the year it's nice to have hard work recognized. Sot "It is a feeling of appreciation as a staff member that our district worked so hard to make us number one in the state. Like hey, you guys are doing a good job and we want to show you that." Vo As Dr. Rodriguez said, the first day of classes is August 15th. On cam tag Reporting in Beaufort County, Tyler Manion, WTOC News. 00:01:33

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 SSU STUDENT S MOVING IN THIS WEEK
 The director of student life here on the campus of Savannah State University says this year will be a little different than the past couple years through the pandemic, where they had to do more virtual events. He says this year, welcoming back students, they'll have more in-person. Still social distant, but he says that in-person experience makes all the difference. "The feeling is just so much better in person when you can actually feel the spirit, and feel the Tiger pride." One of the big events of the week for new students is in just a few hours at Tiger Arena. "The whole grand opening tonight will introduce them to what the university is. So they'll meet university officials, they'll meet our student government association, our president, they'll meet our president tonight." And to help new students out and get them where they need to go, the university has strategically placed these student orientation leaders, or SOLs all around campus. "We always say, without a 'SOL', you're lost. So they're getting their Tiger SOLs tonight at the grand opening." Reporting in Savannah, Sean Evans, WTOC News. 00:01:05

8/10/2022 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SCCPSS BOARD MEETING "we're having an aggressive recruiting process. We would like for all of you who know folks that would be interested in working with us to please seek these positions particularly. We do have a great news. This is the first year in a long time that we can celebrate that all of our school nurse positions are filled." There are also spots to fill in school cafeterias. Floating managers are filling in when needed. This is the first year in about two years that lunch is not free for children. The district has processed more 10 thousand applications but there are still about 95 hundred parents that haven't applied. They suggest applying online and it takes about ten days for results. A link will be on our website WTOC dot com. 00:00:43

8/15/2022 12:00:00 PM NOON OD TYLER: BEAUFORT BACK TO SCHOOL The first day of school started here at Beaufort Elementary at 7:15 this morning and principal Michelle Sackman is just so thrilled to get going on her second year in charge. Sot: (Michelle Sackman - Principle, Beaufort Elementary) "Feeling so much more confident running into this school year. I know my staff, I know my families and I know that we had tremendous growth last year." Vo The district is growing too and will have over 21,000 students this year. Across the county and here at Beaufort Elementary, school leaders say there's a lot to look forward to. Sot "Being back, being able to socialize with each other, having our parents in - we are really excited to welcome them in for multiple events this year - and just being able to work with kiddos one on one, and in small groups, and doing all the things that kids are used to doing in school." On cam tag The energy here from Principle Sackman, kids, and parents all unmatched only to be seen on the first day of school which we know is one of the best days of the year. Reporting from Beaufort County, Tyler Manion, WTOC News. 00:01:00

8/15/2022 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD B2S: OGEECH EE TECH FALL PREVIEW (sot) Administrators at Ogeehee Tech say campus life will closely resemble 2019 pre-covid. But they'll hold onto some of the changes they made because they work - pandemic or no pandemic. (vo) Students in orientation got last minute instructions before classes begin next week. More than 2,000 students will be taking classes. Administrators say they're keeping some components of virtual learning. (sot) A lot of our classes kept the hybrid formula. So, fifty percent of their classes are online. It allows a lot of flexibility for our students and students have been successful with that model. (vo) Foley says they're expanding some of their manufacturing engineering programs to help students land jobs in local industries, including the electric car plant being built 30 minutes down the road. (sot) I think we have some programs that will be popular with either the folks being hired by Kia or the ancillary suppliers that will be coming in over the next few years. (sot) Classes start on Monday. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news. 00:01:00

8/18/2022 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD SCCPSS RETREAT "Clearly the causes for teacher burnout and the degree of burnout manifest differently in different people depending on the school they're in, the district they're in, the state they're in because we know this is a nationwide problem. I'm hopeful that together that all education stakeholders can turn to one another as partners in purpose." To help address the shortage of teachers in the district, they have hired 120 international teachers from several countries to teach in Savannah Chatham Schools. 00:00:30

8/18/2022 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD SCCPSS RETREAT They began their two-day retreat today by discussing teacher burnout and retention. The 2022 Georgia Teacher of The Year and Hesse K-8 teacher, Cherie Goldman sits on the Teacher Burnout Taskforce and shared a presentation highlighting the issue. She gave some recommendations for the board and staff including reducing class sizes, giving teachers more support, and reevaluating the weight placed on state testing. 00:00:25

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"We're working with our schools to ensure we have a good, smooth arrival process and a dismissal process is always key. It will help us be able to get the buses out and on to their next schools. We're working with our supervisors making sure that we are keeping good numbers on what students are riding, what stops may not be active." Perkins told the board they started out with 215 routes this school year and now have 209 routes active. Still they have 13 routes open routes that need a driver. Other bus drivers are making extra trips to cover them, which is not helping those on-time performance rates.

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It's no secret the last few years have been incredibly difficult on students around the country, but the Superintendent here at Beaufort County schools tells me that this most recent year's testing data shows progress... and he's excited about that. Sot: (Dr. Frank Rodriguez - Superintendent, Beaufort County School District) "We have surpassed the state scores in all of our categories in English and in Math. Additionally in English language arts we have surpassed our pre-pandemic levels." Vo We double checked that with the state's data and posted those numbers linked to this story on our website if you want to dive into them. The Superintendent gives credit for these results to all his staff, in and outside of classrooms. Sot "Everybody has played a significant role in helping our students achieve and we're proud of them, we're proud of the accomplishments of our students and we're happy to see that those efforts are paying off in terms of continued growth." On cam tag: Even with that improvement in scores Dr. Rodriguez says they're not satisfied, and they hope to increase them even more in the next school year. Reporting from Beaufort County, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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**ISSUE 7--STATE AND LOCAL BUDGETS FOR SCHOOL SYSTEMS. GSU ECONOMIC IMPACT, BACK TO SCHOOL FINANCES, BUS DRIVER SHORTAGES, ADDITION TO EFFINGHAM CO. SCHOOLS, PERSONAL FINANCE REQUIRED COURSE IN SC, SCCPSS TEACHER RETENTION, KIWANIS MUSEUM PROGRAM IN BULLOCH CO., SCCPSS FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAQM, NEW SPORTS COMPLEX, BULLOCH CO. MILL RATE ROLLBACK, GA COVID LEARNING MONEY, STUDENT LOAN RELIEF LOCAL REAX, LED MONEY
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GSU ECONOMIC IMPACT

It's not just the 3,000 employees, 27,000 students, and the equation of their spending and their impact. It's the portfolio of grant funds - federal grants, state grants, that we turn back into the local economy. Marrero noted the 2021 figure marks the second-highest total since the consolidation of Southern and Armstrong State.

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Denise Gregory and her husband have six kids at home. "It's affecting us tremendously. It's a very stressful time." They are one of many families struggling to put gas in the tank and food on the table. "Shelves are like empty and it's like okay what do I do just feed the kids noodles?" The high gas prices are hitting her pretty hard. Gregory lives in Hinesville but works as a license practical nurse on base at Hunter Army Airfield. "She says she puts gas in her car about two to four times a week and it takes 80 dollars to fill her tank. And on top of that she spends about 1000 dollars on groceries." So her anxiety is growing as it's that time of the year again for back to school shopping. She says tensions are growing in her household. "Because we're trying to figure out if we're going to pay this bill or pay that bill but you know the kids got to have their school clothing. You're always trying to cut corners and find coupons and catch sales here and there but yea it's stressful." And that stress is falling on her kids. Her 16-year-old twins are on the job search. Regardless, Gregory is willing to do what she has to to make sure her kids have what they need for the year "If I have to work two and three jobs you know that's what it is." Camille Syed WTOC News.

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ALYSSA: DEEP CENTER NEW GRANT

The Deep Center says this grant will help them expand as a nonprofit, get more programming for their youth and higher pay for artists. The organization's Youth Programming Director says this funding gives them the resources to keep going and keep encouraging their students to dream.

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7/13/2022	5AM DAYBREA 5:00:00 AM K OD	SARAH: BUS ISSUES	Tammy Perkins / SCCPSS Transportation Lead Director "Changing the bell times and making those adjustments will allow us to do more pairing and combining of routes and changing our tiers and how we transport students so that will allow us to do more with the buses we have." So parents – if your child does qualify to ride the bus – you should have received a survey from the school – you need to complete that by Friday to let the district know if your student plans to ride the bus or not.	00:00:28
7/13/2022	4:00:00 PM 4PM OD	SAM: EFFINGH AM HIGH UPDATES	"Our district is growing very fast. We grew at a rate of nearly 600 students this past school year." To keep up with that growth the Effingham County School District has been expanding their schools. "We did a classroom addition at Blandford Elementary; we also did a two-wing addition of 18 classrooms at Sand Hill Elementary." Both of those addition expected to be ready by the beginning of the school year. Another major project, still further down the road, required making some space at Effingham County High. "I think those trailers have been there maybe since the early 90's. They served a great purpose, but we need that space now to do an addition for a couple wings and an auxiliary gym very similar to what they have at South Effingham High School." Speaking of upgrading sports facilities. "At South High and Effingham High our district is adding field turf." Something they were able to add thanks to ESPLOST...and Dr. Ford says they certainly plan on getting their money's worth. "I want to make sure that not a day goes by, Monday through Saturday, that we are not using those fields." Also, on the docket, adding a new show barn and meeting space out at Honeyridge Agri Center. But perhaps what Dr. Ford is most excited for... "A performing arts center. We are moving very fast at getting some drawings done." Which we be located behind Rincon Elementary. So yeah, it's a lot, but Dr. Ford believes what they're doing will all be worth it. "It's just really important that we're providing the resources and the facilities that are needed for our students. At the end of the day that's what matters, providing those opportunities for our students." In EC SB WTOC News.	00:01:38
7/18/2022	4:59:00 PM 5PM OD	SC PERSONA L FINANCE REQUIRE D	Personal finance is a required course to graduate high school in more than a dozen states – including most in the southeast. South Carolina will soon be among them. "I think it's so important to try to teach some of these fundamental skills to these kids as soon as they can so they just get off on the right foot." Bill Joy teaches personal finance at Lucy Beckham High School in Mount Pleasant – where it's a required course sophomore year. He covers topics like how to prepare taxes, budget, and invest. The South Carolina Department of Education has until the end of September to come up with regulations for how this half-credit will work when it becomes a requirement for all South Carolina students. That includes how it'll fit in with the 24 credits needed to graduate – and what graduating class will be the first to pass this course to earn their diplomas. This new requirement *won't be in place for the upcoming school year. "We need the time to develop the standards for personal finance, and we also need to look at what curriculum and resources are out there to meet those needs. Those are our two biggest objectives." Among neighboring states – North Carolina already has a personal finance requirement in place – while Georgia just passed a law this year adding it. Reporting from the State House, I'm Mary Green.	00:01:18
7/19/2022	4:59:00 PM 5PM OD	BACK TO SCHOOL: APPLING COUNTY	(vo) Ride past Appling County's schools and you'll see cars for principals and teachers already on campus getting ready. Appling County's superintendent says they're eager to start the year. (sot) We finished school with a low, flat line as far as covid. We're hoping to start this year more like normal than in recent years..if that's even a term anymore. (vo) She says they'll have plans in place if they see a rise in covid cases. But they plan to hold classes in-person without virtual options. The district announced they'll use some of their covid relief funds to purchase school supplies for all k-12 students. (sot) We feel that it's somethings we can utilize for parents to help put students on a more level playing field. (vo) She says districts across the country are trying to get students caught up in learning gaps that happened during the pandemic. That means offering tutor sessions during school, after school, and it the summer. (sot) ..we'll bring some retired teachers back in. They're creative in that way to do the tutoring to help catch those skills up. (vo) She says they'll work aggressively to get students caught up on skills that might have taken a backseat during the pandemic. She says it's now time for moving students ahead. (sot) We're trying to communicate even more with parents on the things they can do at hoe to help students because we feel that is important. (vo) She says everyone working together can help bring students along on the skills they need. In Baxley, Dal Cannady WTOC news.	00:01:26

(vo) Tattnall County's superintendent says their campuses will more closely resemble 2019 than the past few years. (sot) We're going back to people being able to come in to the buildings. Parents, for conferences and such, moving through the buildings as normal. (vo) That includes new schools. They're consolidating three elementary schools into two brand new campuses - North Tattnall and South Tattnall. (sot) The rooms are somewhat bigger in certain places. So we're able to space out a little better. The hallways are bigger. The buildings are larger and state of the art. // The media centers at those new schools are just beautiful and so large. They'll be able to allow kids to do research and things we really weren't able to do in the old schools. (vo) She says they'll use part of their covid relief funds to purchase school supplies for every student. She says it's part of their plan to help students overcome the challenges of the past two plus years. (sot) Our goals are to find out where they are and move them where they need to be. (vo) Classes start August 1. In Tattnall County, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

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"low teacher retention rates have been a topic of discussion nationwide. However, in the upcoming school year in Savannah Chatham County Public Schools those teacher retention rates are up about 2 percent." (sot) "We can't ever stop recruiting teachers." SCCPSS Human Resources Director Dr. Michael Pantin says preliminary retention rates are closer to the national average now at 16 percent compared to last year when the percentage was 14. According to a presentation from the July 13 board meeting, the district hired 268 new teachers for the 2022-2023 school year. However, there's 75 classroom teacher vacancies and 20 of those are positions in Elementary schools. "Principals are working with their master's schedule to maximize scheduling or things of that nature. So, I know that it will be an added responsibility but we're all just working together to get through these times." Dr. Pantin believes there are several reasons teachers are leaving the industry, like more opportunities to work from home after the pandemic began. As a former teacher, she says teachers also experience burn out. (sot) "There's just a lot of pressures that are on teachers and it can cause teacher burnout." Among a need for teachers, the district lacks enough bus drivers, school resource and safety officers, custodians and nutrition assistants. They are offering employees \$250 for referring potential hires. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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The district is still short about 100 drivers... That's why they've pushed back bell times for some schools and prioritized certain students for transportation. The district is also trying to recruit school resource and safety officers, along with custodians and nutrition assistants. They are offering employees \$250 for referring potential hires.

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(sot) The price of a child's ticket on a field trip might not sound like much. But, multiply it by hundreds of students each time and it adds up. Georgia Southern University and Bulloch County Schools now have a plan..thanks to one local club. (vo) Statesboro's Kiwanis Club presented a \$20,000 donation for the university and the school district. The money will go to elementary school classes in Bulloch County to visit university places like the Wildlife Center, the Planetarium, the Botanical Garden and others. The money will cover the usual cost of admission. It also helps sets us a plan where certain grades will visit certain sites so students will visit them all over the course of elementary school. It also takes the cost off parents or PTO groups. (sot) With this donation, we can ensure that every student in grades 1-5 will have the opportunity to participate in the trips that are planned. (vo) Both sides also hope the visits help make students comfortable on a college campus after graduation. (sot) Georgia Southern hopes they can establish programs like this with other neighboring counties and school districts. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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8/5/2022 5:00:00 AM 5AM DAYBREA K OD	WAYNE B2S	About 5,000 students in Wayne County begin the new school year today. But administrators in Jesup has been dealing with some logistical challenges ahead of the first day. The Wayne County School System is short on the number of bus drivers coming into the new year and had to get creative to get kids to school and home at the end of the day.	00:00:20
8/9/2022 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD	SCCPSS SCHOOL LUNCH MONEY	As a single parent, Diane Hall has taken care of Jaylin Parish since she was a baby. Last week Jaylin started her first day of kindergarden in the Savannah-Chatham County school system. "To find out that I had to pay three dollars for lunch, it was very surprising to me." For two years lunch has been free across America, thanks to federal COVID relief. While COVID is still a concern, that's a benefit Hall missed out on since the relief ended two months ago. After being denied for free or reduced lunch for Jaylin... "For the first day of lunch, she had a lunchable. 3 dollars for a lunchable, not a cooked meal." Director of School Nutrition Onetha Bonaparte says the district usually serves hot meals "Those are certain circumstances that really are out of our control. If we serve that meal. But normally, we have a hot meal everyday." Regardless if kids get hot or cold meal, Hall is upset about the qualification process to receive free or reduced lunch. Right now it's based off income and how many people are living in your household. "They should consider your other obligations your other bills and especially now that we're in a situation were everything is sky high." "As they process applications for the free or reduced lunch, they refer to this federal eligibility income chart that's on the application for the free or reduced lunch. This chart is created by the USDA." (Bonaparte) "We have no control over the income eligibilty. You know I wish I could say that we could lump in the utilities that we pay or the car notes that we pay or the insurance but that's just not the case." (Hall) "The economy has really put a burden on people and then on top of that burden having to pay for lunch." Something hall believes should be free for all kids. Camille Syed WTOC News.	00:01:21
8/10/2022 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD	SCCPSS BOARD MEETING	There are almost 41 hundred new students in the district this year with more than half of those students attending school for the first time. More than 250 students transferred from private school this year. Now, there are more children riding the bus compared to last year with a 838 student increase. The district is also still in need of faculty and staff.. including 80 bus drivers needed and 20 elementary school vacancies.	00:00:25
8/11/2022 12:00:00 PM NOON OD	SCCPSS FIRST WEEK CHECK IN	"we're having an aggressive recruiting process. We would like for all of you who know folks that would be interested in working with us to please seek these positions particularly. We do have a great news. This is the first year in a long time that we can celebrate that all of our school nurse positions are filled." There are also spots to fill in school cafeterias. Right now, floating managers are filling in when needed.	00:00:25
8/12/2022 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD	METTER HIGH REOPENI NG	(sot) You might not think a school that's "only" 20 years old would need a renovation. But school leaders say Metter High looks, sounds, and feels different. (vo) First day fist bumps and hallway directions marked the opening. Candler County schools opened a few days later than usual to give contractors extra time to finish the \$5million project. During the summer they gutted commons areas to replace the air system and add LED lighting and insulation to make it quieter and more energy efficient. (sot) The new HVAC is definitely more economical and the sprayfoam insulation is going to save money. (vo) A redesigned cafeteria gives more seating to feed more students at a time for fewer lunch shifts. The front office layout now requires visitors to pass through a doorway for more security. School leaders hope these changes serve students and teachers for years to come. (sot) In Metter, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?	00:00:53

		(sot) Local school district administrators say they're caught in the middle between local taxpayers feeling a crunch from the economy and demands put on local school districts by the state. (vo) Assistant superintendent Troy Brown outlined why the district is proposing a partial tax rollback. He explained how new assessments across the county had raised many property values. He noted the district had been able to offer rollbacks in eight of the last ten years. Superintendent Charles Wilson explained that a full rollback this year would have dropped the district below a level of local taxes required by the state and cost them more than they would have saved taxpayers. (sot) So you can see that we would have been giving up \$5 million in funding, then have to turn around and levy more taxes to make that up. (vo) The partial rollback would leave the owner of a reassessed \$175,000 home paying an additional \$29.50 in taxes. This marked the third and final public hearing on the millage rate. One person, Bob Emly spoke up and asked district leaders to consider the hardship a tax increase will have on seniors living on a fixed income. (sot) The next step is to take this to the board. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?	00:01:11
8/15/2022 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD	BULLOCH CO. MILL RATE ROLLBAC K		
8/16/2022 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD	GC: NEW SCCPSS SPORTS COMPLEX	The rec center and old gym is off Highway 21 and Priscilla D Thomas Way. It was built nearly 60 years ago. The city manager says the school system realized they'll need the property for a sports complex. Garden City leaders showed residents the plans for the site last week. It will be home to the new K-12 school being built off the same street.	00:00:20
8/18/2022 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD	TYLER: HAMPTO N CO HIGH SCHOOL	Sot: (Dr. Ronald Wilcox - Superintendent, Hampton County School District) "The new name is Hampton County High School and the mascot is the Hurricanes." Nat Vo These just-purchased 62 acres will soon be turned into a home for up to 1000 Hampton county high school students. An upgrade the superintendent says is needed. Sot "Our old high school here is quite old and we're constantly having to make repairs. The HVAC goes out and sometimes children are sitting in classrooms that are hot." Vo He's talking about Wade Hampton High School... which is one of two in the county. He says the new building will be a vast improvement, and they'll shut down both of the existing high schools once the new one is complete. A project that big comes with quite the price tag, but Dr. Wilcox says they've just got some great news from the state. Sot "We will be getting \$52 million dollars toward building this new high school." Vo He says they'll need another \$25 million for the project to be fully funded, and there will be a referendum on November's ballot for voters to approve that. There's an important message with that vote though... Sot "We're hoping that we can do this, and we feel assured that we can at this time without raising the taxes." Vo They'll use the school district's debt service to try and avoid that. With high hopes of that referendum's approval, the superintendent is ready to get started on construction. Sot "We're just looking forward to getting a shovel in that soil out there and getting started on this new high school. Vo If all goes well, he says it'll be ready for the 2025 school year. Reporting in Hampton County, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.	00:01:32
8/23/2022 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD	GA COVID LEARNIN G LOSS MONEY	In addition to those programs - some of the money will also go to public libraries across the state. The focus there is on supporting remote learning.	00:00:09
8/25/2022 4:30PM 4:29:00 PM OD	CAMILLE: K12 SCHOOL CONSTRU CTION	They were not able to place the final beam on the school due to weather. The school will combine Groves High, Mercer Middle and Gould Elementary School. The 370 thousand square feet will host 24 hundred students in grade kindergarten through 12th grade. Superintendent Ann Levett says the school should be open by fall of next year.	00:00:20

8/25/2022	4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	STUDENT LOAN RELIEF LOCAL REAX	<p>Receiving the Pell Grant, Francis Gillison finished her college career in 2014. "Relief I mean, who wouldn't want it you know." While grateful for some kind of relief, she's struggled paying back her student loans and they've more than doubled. She feels the rising costs of groceries and child care coupled with people's income should be a factor instead of just giving a fixed number for relief of 10 or 20 thousand. "I think they haven't considered all factors when they put out those numbers so it's definitely time to go back to the table, the drawing board and figure out something that's manageable for working class." Local bankruptcy specializing attorney Jeremiah Gastin helps people with student loan debt often and says President Biden's efforts will help people in lower and middle income brackets. "This will really help individuals get into the housing market, help buy cars." Gastin adds that if you pay your minimum requirement on time every month, your loans will no longer gain interest, he says helping many. "The amount of their monthly payment has not been significant to cover the interest that's accruing, their student loan balances have been growing over all these years. That will no longer be the case under the new plan." Julia Campbell is concerned that tax payers will have to foot the bill for the debt being forgiven. "The working class folks who chose not to take out loans and whether chose not to college or to do more affordable community colleges while they work, I don't know if that's their burden to bare." Gastin says taxes will most likely not go up as a result of these student loan forgiveness efforts. His number one tip is to contact your servicer with any questions. "In many instances, this forgiveness will be automatic but don't leave that to chance. Contact somebody, contact your servicer." Gastin says people who are eligible for this program will receive letters in the mail sometime in December before the pause ends. Camille Syed WTOC News.</p>	00:01:57
9/7/2022	5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	SCCPSS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING	<p>The transportation lead director told school board members...this year buses were on time picking and dropping kids off for school 72 percent of the time. Meaning buses were late about 28 percent of the time. In late march, they had 222 active drivers and as of mid August that number is at 214. Meaning they're short about 80 bus drivers. On top of that about 10 to 12 bus drivers call out daily. Transportation Lead Director Tammy Perkins says it's all hands on deck as maintenance staff and supervisors have been filling in to drive buses. She says right now they're making sure when buses make it schools, they're unloading children as quickly as possible to combat student tardiness</p>	00:00:40
9/7/2022	11:01:00 PM	11PM OD	SCCPSS ESPLOST LED LIGHT MONEY	<p>Board members also unanimously approved 4.4-million-dollars in ESPLOST funding for LED lights. The district will be 100-percent LED after this phase is complete. It will go toward replacing fluorescent lightbulbs at seven elementary schools, three K-8 schools, three high schools and two other district buildings.</p>	00:00:19
9/7/2022	11:01:00 PM	11PM OD	SCCPSS BUS ISSUES & PARENT RIGHTS	<p>Bus issues have been an ongoing problem for the Savannah-Chatham Public School System This evening, the district's transportation director says buses were late for pick up and drop off 28-percent of the time. That's putting a burden on some parents who need reliable transportation for their kids "One family we work with is paying \$20 a day to get their child transportation to school since there isn't a bus available. That's about \$400 a month" As of last month, there were only 214 drivers -- meaning the district is 80 drivers short Add to that 10 to 12 call outs everyday "Myself I'm a bus driver and I know this job has a huge responsibility because we're transporting your kids" Some parents say the district needs people who are bilingual answering the calls to help with the language barrier. They also say they can't get timely answers. "When I called I was number 58 in line. Can you imagine being number 58?" Although the school district has given drivers a 2 to 3 dollar raise, a parent says the district still needs to invest more money into their bus drivers. "Pay the bus drivers more offer them more offer them more bonus" Parents were also vocal about graphic books in school libraries. A couple of parents read excerpts detailing sexual and inappropriate language that kids should not be reading. The Parents' Bill of Rights was signed into law by Governor Brian Kemp earlier this year detailing how involved parents can be in their child's education. It was passed by the board tonight with the exact language from the state on a parent's rights to review their child's records and also object to instructional materials -- inappropriate books took the forefront "one suggestion is to include information about these books and many others that are in the media center and require parents to opt in for their students to read these titles"</p>	00:01:48
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New at 6-- South Carolina Superintendent Molly Spearman presented a big check to the Hampton County School District today. \$52 million of state funding is going toward the new Hampton County High School. 62 acres will soon be turned into a school that will house up to 1-thousand students. Once the new school is built, the school district will close both of the existing high schools. Spearman says she's thankful to be apart of helping with the process.

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Tracee Hill just started as Director of Transportation at Liberty County Schools, but she's already diving into work- with recruiting bus drivers at the top of her priority list. "The first 90 days I'll do a deep dive assessment just to see the layour of the land, just to see where we need to improve immediately and where we have some time to stretch it out and track. Right now, we're dealing with a driver shortage, which is a nationwide incident we're going through." Liberty County Schools has 85 bus routes each day. They currently have around 75 drivers- but would like to have 100 on staff. Some of the drivers they have now are doubling up on routes to make up ground- and in some cases, dealing with misbehaved students. "I would simply ask parents to make sure they're talking to their child. Riding the bus is a privilege. I walked four miles to school. It's a privilege to ride the bus. But we don't want our drivers to have to deal with- we want them to be safe and not have to worry about unruly children." In the meantime- staff morale is also big priority for Hill. She plans on sitting down and speaking with all her drivers and transportation staff to let them know they have her support. Hill: "Sitting down and listening to what they have to say to come up together with the solution, I think that's the most important thing for us to do. To listen to each other. To come up with a happy medium for everyone." Shea: There will be two job fairs in the coming days to recruit bus drivers: one tomorrow at Fort Stewart, and one on Saturday at the Liberty County Board of Education office. We'll have more information about those on our website, WTOC.com. Reporting in Hinesville, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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			Prevent Child Abuse-Bulloch and United Way of Southeast Georgia have sponsored the drive for years. This year, they've placed boxes around town and are asking people to donate anything from backpacks to paper and pencils to folders. They'll sort the supplies based on the needs for elementary, middle, or high school students... and give those supplies to the schools to distribute to kids. We have a list of the drop off locations on our website WTOC dot com. You'll have until July 19th to donate.	
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			(sot) Some of us may still be in summer mode, but others are focusing on Back To School. The cost of supplies can stress out parents and teachers. One local non-profit group hopes to help. (vo) Prevent Child Abuse-Bulloch and United Way of Southeast Georgia have sponsored this drive for years. They believe the rising cost of supplies can stress out some parents and even lead to abuse. They've placed boxes around town for the 2022 drive. They're asking people to donate anything from backpacks and paper to pencils, folders..the things students need to learn in the classroom. One difference in their drive and others is they give the supplies to local schools to get them to students. (sot) The schools identify the students and discretely get the supplies to the students. We're never told who the students are. All of that is confidential and the school supplies look like everybody else's. (vo) They'll sort the supplies based on the needs for elementary, middle, or high school students. (sot) We'll have a list with our web story of the banks, churches, and other locations with boxes like this. You'll have until July 19th to donate. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news. On Georgia Southern's Armstrong campus, students are working quietly to help alleviate the silence of others. "students are taking it because they are curious. They want to learn how to communicate with people who are deaf and hard of hearing. Southern has offered American Sign Language classes for about 10 years. But they are becoming increasingly popular with a new focus on inclusion leading to a greater interest in all cultures. "deaf culture is a culture. When you think of us as a whole, we're a culture. You can think of deaf culture as a sub-culture, where culture usually involves language, experiences and with deaf culture, there are specific experiences that people who are deaf go through. Bringing attention to those experiences is why Angellia Burnett, who has been deaf since birth, volunteers in the American Sign Language classes. "it helps a lot. It's even helped me. It's great to see students who want to learn American sign language and they want to learn more, they want to know about what happens in the class, specifically they want to know about deaf. I don't want to force that on anyone, but I encourage them to do it. Increased awareness to the culture is not simply a byproduct of learning to sign. Lindsey Knussman, who has taken all three of Southern's sign language classes, says it is as critical as enhanced communication. "it definitely expands people's knowledge about the community and the culture itself, can help with the discrimination that people who are deaf may face through their day to day life and can help them appreciate what they have a little bit more. And the awareness being developed on the Armstrong campus can grow outside the classroom if the WTOC Hometown Heroes taking the sign language classes take what they learn into the community. "one of the things the students are told is you are now an educator, you are now a community educator, you're now an advocate. So, they're more aware, they can teach other people in the community about awareness ... "what I find is students are more awake and aware. They're not taking things for granted anymore. Tim Guidera. WTOC News	
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Back in 2019 the mayor of Hilton Head traveled to Verona, Italy to sign an agreement making the two municipalities sister cities. Now, after two plus years of waiting through the pandemic, that agreement came to fruition here on Hilton Head, as 32 Italian students learned about the island. Sot: (Mayor John McCann - HHI) "I truly believe that if we start with the young people we'll survive." Vo The group of mainly high school seniors heard from town leaders and felt the Lowcountry hospitality. Sot: (Gabrele - Italian Exchange Student) "Everybody is very nice and friendly, you can randomly go up to someone and start a conversation." Sot: (Mitilde - Italian Exchange Student) "I heard that we are the hope for the future and this is what I learned from this place." Vo Trip organizers says these students aren't the only ones gaining from this experience. Sot: (John De Cecco - President, HHI Italian American Club) "The benefits are more culture, Italian culture sharing heritage." Vo He's confident the young Italians will go back across the Atlantic with rave reviews. Something the students back up. Sot: (Ludovica - Italian Exchange Student) "I think I'm going to tell them to come here because it's a beautiful place." Sot: (Letizie - Italian Exchange Student) "We see the US as something very far away and this exchange makes everything closer." Vo When Mayor McCann visited Verona, some community members were upset about the cost of the trip. He says the exchange students' visit is evidence of how much that trip and this sister city partnership is worth. Sot "It's about more than dollars, it's about people." Vo Now, three years after taking his visit to Italy, the mayor continues to stand behind the relationship. Sot "If we don't get any more tourism out of it that's not a big deal, but if we get people believing that Hilton Head Island is a great place to be and a great place to visit and go home with positive thoughts about us, it will make us a better city and it will make them a better place." On cam tag: The town and its Italian American Club say this partnership will have benefits for years to come. Reporting on Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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Tonight, Bluffton Self Help will hold an orientation for the next semester of its GED class. A program they've revamped, to meet community need. "60% of folks in Beaufort County and 75% of folks in Jasper county do not make a livable wage. We know that education or lack of education is directly connected." Vo The class will be held in this classroom and if you'd like to sign up you can still do that even if you can't make it to the orientation tonight. Hampson says the program only costs \$20 and has benefits on the back end far beyond that. Sot "Getting a GED automatically increases somebody's salary potential by \$7,000. Being more skilled in language arts increases that potential by \$11,000, more math skills \$21,000 so the numbers check out. This is a worthwhile investment." On cam tag: While the organization is very excited about their growing GED program, it's certainly not the only one they're offering. For a full list of those other courses and all the services offered by Bluffton Self Help head to our website, WTOC.com. Reporting, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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"we're looking for new kids and we're looking for new coaches to help mentor as well. The program is all-inclusive, as you know. Sankofa, going back to its origins, it means retrieving, bringing back kids who are at-risk and trying to bring them forward, give them a platform from which they can improve their lives. Try to use basketball as a vehicle for improvement. We've had several kids come into the program and go onto colleges around the country and hopefully, we'll get more kids as time goes on. With the Junior NBA Component, which is the younger kids, elementary and middle school, it's more for skill development and learning the fundamentals. So, as we see kids get older and move up the ladder, we can see the improvement in their fundamental skills. And also just learning teamwork and discipline and these components that are going to help them in life.

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I like how everybody works together as one. And plus, the kids working with the kids, I enjoy working with the kids, teaching them a better way with so much crime and things going on, they can see a better route. I think it could teach them leadership, it could team them how to work well with others and get along with new faces. Sankofa is starting a summer program this year and will have an open house for families tomorrow at the Tompkins Regional Center on Ogeechee Road in Savannah. There will also be tryouts for the program's Junior NBA and AAU programs - and registrations for those teams will also be possible at the event from 4-6.

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	YOUTH	Applications are now open for the Savannah Youth Council's class of 2023. Students going	
	COUNCIL	into eighth grade are eligible. Selected students get opportunities to learn about local	
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		The YMCA of Coastal Georgia has plenty to offerings for families over the summer months. But as the school year approaches, they're gearing up for one of their most popular programs. "Our program is called YBASE." YBASE or YMCA Before and After School Enrichment. "Our program starts as early as 6:30 in the morning and ends when the school bell rings. It resumes in the afternoon when the school bell rings until 6 o'clock in the evening." Helping working parents get their kids to and from school...but also doing so much more. "It's not a daycare. We have learning enrichments, curriculum, we have fun, we are safe, we go outside, we do learning centers. We just have a good time until their parents are able to pick them up." Despite dealing with a bit of a setback last year. "COVID did put a little dent in our program." They say they're ready to make up for lost time. "This year, because some of things have change with COVID, we're hoping we can get back connected with families, more connected with the parents." So, how long do you have to get registered? "There's not a time when it's too late, but there is a time when it's too late." Meaning... "Registration will be open until the site reaches its capacity." Which a number of Chatham County K-8 schools already have. So, if you're interested. "Please, please go online to the website." In Chatham County Sam Bauman WTOC News.	
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		(sot) While plenty of summer camps focus on keeping kids busy for a week, this one hopes to teach them business skills to last a lifetime. (vo) Business coach Venus Mack talked to campers about interests and goals and how they could turn those into their own business. She says many parents lead their kids toward formal education or a career path - but not starting something of their own. She said kids can dream big, but they can also start with some of the simplest ideas or interests. (sot) Show them what they like and what they want to do. It could be something as simple as cutting grass. That is a business. If you start planting those seeds early, once they get older they'll grasp it. (vo) The students will wrap up the camp with a completion ceremony Wednesday afternoon. (sot) She hopes they can take these skills and use them immediately and carry them for life. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?	
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		As kids prepare to head back to school soon, the YMCA of Coastal Georgia is preparing the return of one their most popular programs. Y-BASE or YMCA Before and After School Enrichment is an annual program from k-8 students. It offers a wide range of education and fun both before and after school starting at 6:30 a-m and continuing after school until 6pm. Taking a little stress off of working parents and providing far more than a typical daycare.	
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The camp will be next week at Bacon Park, 9-12 each day - and it can serve as either an introduction to the First Tee or a reinforcement for young payers already involved with the youth-development program that focuses on teaching nine core values - such as honesty, integrity, respect and confidence - along with golf. Players will be divided into groups based on age and experience and have the opportunity to learn in a fun setting from instructors who are trained in the First Tee curriculum.

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"This camp is going to be good for really any skill level. We want to introduce the game, that's what we're big in. The kids who have never picked up a golf club before, this is perfect for them. But if you've played a little golf, if you've got some experience with the game, we're also going to help take you to whatever that next level is for you." There is a small fee for the camp, but the First Tee does have scholarships available for any family that might need help paying for the camp. To sign up, go to First Tee Savannah dot Org slash Register. But you have to do that by today.

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here with one of the curators, Lisa. This is a really cool place. Excited to get in here. What are some of the things we can look forward to seeing once we're inside? Lisa: Yeah, absolutely. So, we're Georgia's oldest saltwater aquarium, and we have everything from offshore species to inshore species that you would find here in our saltmarshes. Reef fish, to sting rays, and diamondback terrapins. Want to come take a look? Andrew: Yeah, let's go, I'm excited for this. (music) Andrew: Alright, so we just got right here into the first room of the aquarium. I know that whenever kids come in here, they have to be super excited. What do they gravitate toward first here? Lisa: Automatically, when people walk in, they see our whole room of tanks off to their left, and the shimmering lights from the tanks really just captures all the kids' attention. Andrew: What is the big takeaway here, because I know that you all have school groups that come in here almost every day here during the summertime, but after we get through this, and they're about to get back on the bus, or go home with their parents, what are you hoping are these kids' big takeaway from their time here? Lisa: You know, a couple things. We house only species that would be found on the Georgia coast, so we're really looking to help educate people about the animals and the communities that are found here, either where they live or where they're visiting. And so, we're hoping to teach them a little bit about some of those animals in the communities, but also kind of instill a sense of responsibility to protect those animals in the communities. Andrew: Alright, so the first room people come in is obviously this offshore area. For me, I think this is cool because these are the fish that you see the least, because it takes a little more time and energy to get offshore, so it's really cool to see these. What kind of fish do we have here? And this one's a character. Lisa: Yeah, this one is kind of the superstar of the tank. This is our gray triggerfish, and they're a species that people might catch if they're offshore fishing but are popular in aquariums too because they grow large and are pretty curious, so they come up to interact with people at the window a lot, which creates a lot of excitement with our guests. Andrew: Walking around here and looking at these different exhibits, all of them kind of on the floor here have different environments. What do you all do to create something that mimics what is out there? Lisa: We get to create these habitats, and we do try to mimic their natural environment, what these animals would be experiencing, if they were here in our near shore environment here in Georgia. The important thing is making sure these animals are as stress-free as possible. Natural environments help to reduce stress, induce natural behaviors, things that they'd be doing if they were in their natural habitats, and that's what we're aiming towards. Andrew: We've transitioned a little bit from offshore waters. Now we're in-shore, and these tanks that are behind us, what are some of the fish people will see here versus offshore? The ones that are living a little bit closer to the beaches. Lisa: Right, so these are ones that you might encounter if you are at the beach and see some little fish swimming around, or maybe kayaking, or doing some hook and line fishing in our estuaries. These are species that people might encounter more often or be more familiar with, especially if you use our waters recreationally. Andrew: Alright Lisa, so we've made our journey from offshore to near shore and we have all these exhibits behind us. What are some of the fish and little critters people can come here and see? Lisa: We've got some of our smallest fish here, like our sheepshead minnow. Our mummy chugs are some of our smaller animals found in our marsh tanks. We also have diamondback terrapins, which are a type of a turtle, and they're actually really special because they're one of the only turtles that live in saltwater. The only other turtle living in saltwater is our sea turtles. Andrew: Alright Lisa, well we've seen a lot of displays already, but this one's pretty cool, because we're able to kind of take away that glass barrier between us and these animals, and we've got a touch tank. Lisa: We do, yes. And people think that touch tanks, kids are the best people to engage with these touch tanks, but really, it's people of all ages that get so excited to see these animals up close and have a huge interest in touching them and asking questions and seeing how they move,

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School here in Jasper County is ready to start earlier than it ever has before. Today I went around town asking parents how they feel about that. Vo (FS) Teachers' workshops are happening now and students will be back on campus July 25th. A few weeks later, parents will be invited into schools as the district shifts to a year-round schedule... a move that has fathers I spoke with divided. "It sucks. We usually go on vacation in the summertime and it messed everything up." "I don't feel either way about it, I'm ok with it." Vo He says young kids in school, like his nine-year-old, need as much social interaction as they can get. Sot "My daughter in particular is kind of itching to get back to school and see her friends, things like that." Vo But Lewis, who has three kids, says there are bigger problems to deal with. Sot "They got to get somebody in here that knows the county, knows the kids and you know knows how to work the system... and so far they don't have nobody that can do that." Vo The district denied our request for an interview but has put out two informational letters for parents as the first day approaches, both of those are visible on their website. On cam tag: Reporting from Jasper County, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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If it didn't look like a traditional golf camp at Bacon Park today, that's because the First Tee of Savannah actually holds a "little bit of everything" camp. "they teach us sportsmanship, they teach us respect, how to be helpful, listen to people. They also mixed in a little swing advice on the first day of camp by the First Tee, the organization that teaches life skills and personal values through golf instruction. "We've seen kids after they've lost tell their opponent good game. Those are things I've just seen today. This is the first camp the First Tee has held since the national organization was restarted in Savannah a year and a half ago, 30 kids coming out for a week's worth of activity the farthest milepost reached yet in a comeback that can now be considered complete. "This is huge for us ... we didn't know how big or how fast it would grow and to have all these kids out here for our very first summer camp has been pretty amazing ... we want to see every level of golfer enjoy the game and so we start with that. We want them to have a good time. But we want to help them develop character values and life skills, that's what we talk about all the time. That's the formula that Ariel Brown followed as a First Tee kid. And it's what brought her back to the program as an instructor. "The First Tee opened a lot of doors for me ... I was exposed to so much, I learned so much and to this day I still play golf. I use all those skills in the workplace and on the golf course. This lessons outside the game did not get past the kids at Bacon park today. "I like seeing every single kid have fun "they teach us life lessons and what will happen in the real world. "I like seeing little kids grow and get better. They're showing me they're improving and they're having fun. Everyone is having fun. And they're learning about a game they can play forever at First Tee Camp, where WTOC Hometown Heroes are giving kids things to do and think about - this week and for the rest of their life. "and we think if they come to First Tee they'll not only be great young golfers, they'll be great community members as well Tim Guidera, WTOC news.

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LL INTRO: Grace Point Christian Academy is Liberty County's newest private school for Pre-K through 6th Grade. School officials tell me they have room for about 50 students this fall. Grace Point's teachers are getting their classrooms ready for their new groups of students this fall. The school is located in Fleming, and this will be its first year in operation. "We felt like at this end of the county, it was something that was very much needed. We had a few in Hinesville, but nothing on this end of the county. So, we really felt like this was a need, and the time." The school will use Abeka curriculum, something Grace Point teachers say is frequently used in Christian schools and homeschooling across the country. "We're able to meet those needs in another way than they may get in another area of education. We're able to compensate their needs, some may have a harder time, but we're able to work with them in a different manner." Class size is capped at 10 students... Teachers and parents say the school aims to take a personalized approach to learning. "Whenever we have this personalized, smaller size, these kids are able to feel like they are somebody and they can learn. Even if it is at a slower pace, or at a smaller dissection of taking what they have rooted." They have 15 students enrolled, and the enrollment period is open until August 1st. "So, we don't have a final count. I do give them until the August 1st date to be able to come on in. We've got several interviews coming in, we've been busy for quite some time." The first day of school is set for August 11th. LL TAG: For more information on this upcoming school year, you can find links in this story on our website. In LC, HB WTOC NEWS.

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(vo) When more than 11,000 Bulloch County students return to school, district leaders hope they can move forward from more than two years of the pandemic. (sot) Parents should expect to have a clean, fresh start for their students. We're going to be excited to have everyone back. Teachers will be excited to have everyone back. (vo) Superintendent Charles Wilson says they'll return to the instructional priorities in the classroom, continuing to use instructional coaches to help teachers craft strategies for students. (sot) Students can be focused on learning. Teachers can be focused on the students. Back to what I would call "routine protocol". (vo) He says one underlying concern is preparing the district's school zones for growth, especially with the announcement of an electric car plant in adjacent Bryan County. (sot) We're going to see an increase in population in this community over the next year to five years to ten years. That's something on our radar and we know we'll have to deal with. (vo) He says school staffs realize the past two years have impacted the level of learning many students achieved and this year will be about focusing on students' academic success. (sot) ..it's moving them forward, but at the same time getting them caught up. And it also has to be that mental "reset" for all of us. (vo) And classes resume August 1. In Bulloch County, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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To see the plans and hear the vision, it sounds like something an international organization would start..not a young lady from Bulloch County farm country and a host of hometown supporters. (vo) Cierra Crowe graduated high school in 2015 and went to Uganda as a missionary the same year. She spends her time teaching the Bible to students and ministering to their families. (sot) Since back when I was growing up, I always had a desire to help people, love people, and share the Gospel with them. (vo) To help cover her expenses, she formed a non-profit group Delight in the Lord Ministries, with a local board of directors. Together, they raise the funds to cover her expenses in Uganda. Now, they've purchased 17 acres in Uganda for Cierra to establish a boarding school to help teach students more. But also to meet their spiritual, medical, and emotional needs too. Board members say Cierra has widespread heartfelt support in her hometown community. (sot) we had a recent event and we had someone donate \$4 and someone who donated \$2,500.

DAL: They heard the same message. People give as they cane. (vo) Construction for everything BULLOCH would cost nearly \$1 million dollars. While it sounds unrealistic to some, Cierra says it's just TEACHER the next step in what's been a series of miracles so far. (sot) She says they'll wait on TO construction until the money arrives. And we'll keep you updated. In Bulloch County, Dal UGANDA Cannady WTOC news.

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LL In: Back in April...we told you about the premiere of the first ever student produced film at Bryan County High School. Now that film is gaining attention at an international level. Digital media teacher Joseph Frew Miller says after his students debuted their film "A Country Funeral," the LiftOff Session at Pinewood Studios in London showed the film overseas. He says the film was then entered into an online social competition that people from across the globe could vote on to select their top films. Bryan County High School's entry took the top spot in that social competition and Miller says being recognized internationally carries many benefits for both his students and the program "When they're working on their production resume it's good for them. For me, it lets me know that we are developing world class film makers . So it just reinforces that we're doing the right thing here. We just need to do more and do better." LL Tag: Miller says he hopes to keep that momentum going as he gets set to welcome some new students once school starts next week. Reporting in Bryan County...Flynn Snyder...WTOC News.

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More than finding safe, stable housing for families that are without, the SCAD student-designed outdoor space will give new residents, especially kids, a fun place to play. "The plan is to have a sand pit right here, and then a rock climbing wall, so the kids have something else crazy to do. Across the street, that lot we're doing a koi pond, adding a mosaic path to pay homage to the house that's being built right now, the original house there was a fish market..." Savannah College of Art and Design grad student, Jennifer Howell, leaned on her previous experience as a school teacher to inspire her designs for the areas along Cumming Street, a block that's been the focus of revitalization for several years. "What do kids want? They want to play, they want to have imagination, they want things that are more than just inside their house. To get outside, and more than just technology." And the designs for the community space are deliberate, and includes nods to the past in west Savannah. "When it came to historic preservation, knowing the west Savannah community and the history of this community, we wanted to make sure that we could preserve that as much as possible. So for us, connecting with SCAD was a no-brainer." "Our students spend ten weeks, examining an issue, and bringing creative design thinking to solve that issue. And then, they get to see it brought to reality through initiatives like this." Also on hand today helping spruce up the Cumming Street properties that will eventually house families placed here by Family Promise were members of a youth group from Wesley Monumental Methodist Church. "Yeah, we look around Savannah, we see that many of our neighbors are without housing. And so even though it's a relatively small thing we're doing this week...if we can provide somewhere to live for a family that needs it even for just a little while...it makes a difference." In Savannah, Sean Evans, WTOC News.

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The organization hosted a 'Buzz Bus' event where teachers from every Savannah-Chatham County School got pick-out high quality arts supplies for their classrooms. The college donated more than 100 boxes of supplies to the district. Superintendent Dr. Anne Levett says, these supplies will help students be able to fully express themselves this school year.

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(sot) "We recognize that before we can educate our students, we have to make sure our students are well." While academics is important, SCCPSS Superintendent of Secondary Schools Bernadette Ball Oliver says investing in kid's mental health is just as important. This school year will kick off a new wellness center, temporarily located in the student affairs office in the district's building. Two counselors and staff will be on site to help students and teachers through times where they need guidance and a listening ear. With the COVID pandemic reshaping learning, mass school shootings nationwide, and situations even after the bell rings, Ball-Oliver says providing mental health services for students, faculty and staff is vital. "We can't expect them to come to school and be focused on instruction if as you say they are bringing so many of those other concerns with them. We want to address those so that we are able to help them overcome those challenges." There are still some kinks to straighten out. The district is looking for a permanent location for the wellness center that's accessible to students, faculty and staff that need it. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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That's why three local organizations have teamed up to provide free school supplies for students in Hinesville. A backpack giveaway is planned for Saturday. Organizers will hand out more than 200 backpacks stuffed with supplies.... One lucky student has a chance to win a \$400 voucher for a new computer. The organizers this year are: LightsOut Empowerment, It's All About Me Selfie Studio, and Horne Law Firm

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"You always look forward to a new school year." Vidalia City Schools Superintendent Garrett Wilcox says he's hopeful for a year much like in pre-pandemic times. "There's always excitement." For the first week of school, Wilcox reminds parents to expect high traffic at the schools. He says it does take some time for the staff to nail down a smooth system to get the kids where they need to go. "If they'll just be patient with us at drop off and pick up for about a week, things will improve pretty quickly." Wilcox says one of the biggest changes to the school year is a new dress code. Take a look at the kinds of tops and bottoms the district says are approved to be worn. All tops must be solid and in the school's colors. Spirit wear is also allowed as long as it fits the dress code. You will see that hoodies are not allowed. All bottoms must be the appropriate length and a solid color as shown. The dress code is for all students, teachers and staff. Wilcox says some parents and students aren't too happy about it, but that they made this decision because they feel it's best for the district. "Hopefully made it a little simpler for parents, to be honest. I hope some of them see it that way. Just to try to promote a little more professional dress from not only our students, but our teachers as well." Wilcox says the dress code is also for safety. It can help them identify who belongs and who doesn't. "If you have visitors that aren't aware of the dress code, they'd be easily identifiable." The staff will also use a new crisis alert system set to be ready at the end of August. Wilcox says this is so they're ready to handle any kind of emergency at any time. "Each teacher actually has a badge and they're able to press a button that will identify a particular problem." Wilcox says they also plan on incorporating more social and emotional learning opportunities into the curriculum for the year. "Our goal is to prepare students for whatever it is they want. Whether it's college, whether it's the military, whether it's the workforce we're really working hard to be a part of solving some of our employment issues in the community." Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

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By going from never holding a club to being able to teach other kids learn how to play golf, Raiyan Johnson showed the kind of growth possible through the First Tee of Savannah. Now, she has become an example of the program's impact on young lives beyond the course. "I learned a lot about the core values, but it was mostly just my way of thinking that was changed the most. It was just the importance keeping a level head through any kind of difficulty, whether it's on the course or its in school or if you are just doing something personal. And the youth development program that was restarted in Savannah last year will continue to help Raiyan in all of those areas. She was recently accepted into the First Tee College Scholarship Program and is one of 25 students nationally to receive a \$20,000 scholarship as well as other support throughout her education. "the financial part is outstanding, but the leadership training and the mentorship they are going to provide is probably the thing we are most excited about. "the connections I will be making through this program, the people I will meet, the coaches I will talk to, they're all going to help me through. I also will have an advisor I can talk to throughout college to let me know about any career advice or golf related things. Raiyan will start Georgia Tech in a couple of weeks. But her achievements will not leave the First Tee of Savannah. "I think our plan all along was to grow kids into good golfers and good community members, but I don't think we expected a senior to get a \$20,000 scholarship within our first year. So, it's about as exciting as it gets for us ... she deserves it. She's a great student but a great First Tee student as well. She loves golf, loved being here with us. She really represents everything the First Tee's all about. And what's possible for other local kids now that the program is back. "I'm very excited and very grateful that I was one of the 25 recipients for it ... it's really incredible, it's amazing to see the First Tee so lively again.

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It starts with a vision. "We're exposing kids early, letting them know that there are opportunities." Dr. Angie Lewis is Interim Executive Director for the Office of Career and College Readiness. She oversees a multitude of paths available to students in the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System. "We're teaching our kids skills to last beyond high school." And they have the community behind them - with 75 business partnerships offering opportunities for students. "Whether it be culinary, cosmetology, tech engineering, you name it - we offer it." "That looks fantastic. Weld quality is on point. Weld size is on point." Yanella Biggins is proof the program works. She graduated from Woodville-Tompkins High School in May. "I learned a lot about what I want to do, especially in the program." She joined a welding class during her sophomore year. "When I first got put in the class, I was like this is just a GPA class. I was not really looking forward to it. But as soon as I started welding and get behind that rod, I was really in love with it." And that love has translated into a good paying job just weeks after graduation. "It's a huge accomplishment by itself. I have guys out here that have been doing this 15-20 years and she's hanging with them step by step all day, every day." The school system offers Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education in every high school and most middle schools. It holds a variety of career fairs during the year and the annual STEM Festival in January. All to open doors for thousands of new students like Yanella each spring. "These students have an opportunity to graduate from high school and pursue a career, a life changing career where they're making \$20-\$30 An hour straight out of high school based on the skills that they've learned by just enrolling in the Savannah Chatham County Public School System and being a part of those programs."

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Just days away from the new school year – the district is urging parents to not wait until the first day of school if you have any questions – you can always call the school or everybody will be in one place for the expo tomorrow Representatives from all of the schools will be at the Savannah Mall on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Staff will be there to help families with any questions they have about school readiness, transportation, nutrition, athletics and student organizations. If you recently moved or are new to the district – you can also register on Saturday – just make sure you bring proof of residency along with you. Bernadette Ball-Oliver / Interim Deputy Superintendent "We are so glad to have everyone back in person, every school will be there, there will be a wealth of persons to answer questions, to provide actual information so we will have all kinds of fun activities and games, giveaways for our students and just an opportunity for our families to engage with their child's school." If you haven't yet filled out free and reduced lunch applications — you can do that at the expo. Also, if you still have questions about transportation and who is eligible to ride the bus and what the new routes are — they will be there to help as well. Don't forget If your student is riding the bus this year – don't forget the district will do their live run the day before the first day on August 2nd. The school buses will be out at the regular morning pick up times – the kids and their parents can ride to school before circling right back to drop them off – so they are used to the process and not so anxious on the first day. Another tool to help – you can download the "Here comes the Bus" app to track exactly where the school bus is before picking up your student. In Savannah, SW, WTOC News.

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Take a look at this - The Mike Hostilo Law Firm partnered with the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club to help out the local Savannah community by donating book bags. The team passed out book bags and school supplies yesterday at the Mike Hostilo Law Firm on Abercorn. They say they do it all for the kids.

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	BTS	If prepping for school is your focus - a couple of community events have you covered.	
	EXPO	Savannah-Chatham County Public School system is hosting a back-to-school expo	
	THIS	tomorrow from 9 a-m to 2 p-m at the Savannah Mall. School staff will be there to answer	
7/29/2022	WEEKEN	questions you have including about transportation, food, and athletics. For new families -	
4:59:00 PM	D	staff can help you register your child. Make sure to bring your proof of residency.	00:00:25
		(FRNS) The McIntosh County School District has several new things for parents to be on	
		the lookout for before this school year starts, including a new after school program in	
		partnership with the Boys and Girls Club. Through the 21st Century Grant, we're gonna look	
		at our Pre-K through second grade. We're gonna provide an after school program that's	
		going to be free of charge. That's through the Boys and Girls Club. And we'll get that	
		350,000 a year, hopefully for five years. That's a huge change for us. The program will take	
		place in an unused wing of McIntosh County Middle School, which the Boys and Girls club	
		has refurbished. The 21st Century grant funds the program for kindergarten through second	
		graders- though third through eighth graders will be able to attend an after-school program in	
		the same facilities. Pulos: "They're gonna have a safe place to send their kids after school,	
		and they're gonna get mentoring that takes place, and it's gonna be a great environment to	
		help them build the skills they need to be academically and socially successful." Picking up	
		kids that don't attend an after school program will easier for parents of Todd Grant	
		Elementary Students. Through a technology called CarRiderPro, Pulos says wait times in	
		the pick-up line will be cut in half. Pulos: "They get a tag, the tag goes in the car, and when	
		they pass a sensor, it picks up that Johnny's parents are here to pick him up. It puts it on a	
		screen and sequences Johnny, Suzie, whoever. It sends them out to the right pole, and their	
		parent pulls up and they're there." Along with saving time, the district will also be able to	
		save money this school year. They say they've installed almost 900 solar panels on the	
		roofs of Todd Grant Elementary and McIntosh County Middle School- which will cut energy	
		costs. Pulos: "We're turning green and that's a positive thing. With going green, with the	
		academics, McIntosh has got a lot of great things happening. The parents in this community	
	B2S:	need to be proud of the accomplishments of their students and where they're moving	
	MCINTOSH	toward." Shea: Teachers will return for inservice meetings on August 1st, while students will	
7/29/2022	H	be back in the classroom on August 8th. Reporting in McIntosh County, Shea Schrader,	
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		The YMCA of Coastal Georgia has plenty of offerings for families over the summer months.	
		But as the school year approaches, they're gearing up for one of their most popular	
		programs. "Our program is called YBASE." YBASE or YMCA Before and After School	
		Enrichment. – YBASE District Coordinator "Our program starts as early as 6:30 in the	
		morning and ends when the school bell rings. It resumes in the afternoon when the school	
		bell rings until 6 o'clock in the evening." Helping working parents get their kids to and from	
		school...but also doing so much more. "It's not a daycare. We have learning enrichments,	
		curriculum, we have fun, we are safe, we go outside, we do learning centers. We just have a	
		good time until their parents are able to pick them up." Despite dealing with a bit of a	
		setback last year. "COVID did put a little dent in our program." They say they're ready to	
		make up for lost time. "This year, because some of things have change with COVID, we're	
	COASTAL	hoping we can get back connected with families, more connected with the parents." So, how	
	EMPIRE	long do you have to get registered? "There's not a time when it's too late, but there is a time	
	YMCA	when it's too late." Meaning... "Registration will be open until the site reaches its capacity."	
7/30/2022	SCHOOL	Which a number of Chatham County K-8 schools already have. So, if you're interested.	
7:30:00 PM	SPECIAL	"Please, please go online to the website." In Chatham County Sam Bauman WTOC News.	00:01:21

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The First Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church and Nancy's Heart Incorporated, held their 4th Annual Back to School Giveaway and the Gospel on the Greens concert. Forsyth Park was filled with people of all ages, food trucks, and bounce houses. Award winning gospel artist, Byron Cage, Anita Wilson, and Savannah's very own Jayda Cheaves (CHEEV-IS) were head liners for the event. Organizers say they're always excited to host this event... and it's grown exponentially since it started.

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LL In: A busy morning here in Richmond Hill and across Bryan County as more than 10-thousand students walked back into the classroom today and it wasn't just the students who excited to be back. PKG: Parents lined the driveway of Richmond Hill High School along a sea of signs supporting seniors on this first day of school. nats pop: "Emotional. Very very emotional." It's a tradition at Richmond Hill High that pays tribute to the students who are starting the school year for the very last time. Linda Lennane: "Just had to be there for the beginning and the end, well almost the end." David Dority/Richmond Hill HS Parent: "We have to support our team, they're all cheerleaders and we just want to be out here to support them, let them know that we care about them and want them to do well." And while parents cheered on arriving students...some seniors already had their eyes set on graduation day. Nats pop: "I'm almost done!" Across town at Richmond Hill Elementary... *nats pop of bus* ...it wasn't *just* the district's youngest students who were experiencing first day jitters. *nats pop: I'm just feeling excited.* Both Richmond Hill and Bryan County Elementary Schools are welcoming new principals. Dr. Ken Deal/Principal, Richmond Hill ES: "We're pumped. The teachers have been preparing for this day. The students are all smiling, the teachers are smiling. We're just excited to have a super year here at Richmond Hill Elementary." As summer renovations now come to a close...school leaders are hoping for a successful start to the year. LL Tag: And while there might've been some mixed emotions about starting the school year again, many I talked to said they were just looking forward to get back to those school year traditions. Reporting in Richmond Hill...Flynn Snyder...WTOC News.

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The new semester is officially underway for Georgia Southern Students returning to the classroom today whether they are going back here in Savannah or at the campuses in Hinesville and Statesboro. Those students not only have a more traditional school year going to class but also all of the other activities happening on campus. In total -- there are nearly 27 thousands students enrolled at Georgia Southern across their three campuses and online. Thousands of them moved on campus Friday in Statesboro and a couple hundred moved in on the Armstrong campus last week as well. Since then -- students have been learning where everything is, what to expect this upcoming year and of course, making some new friends. "It's beautiful today, we are excited for a great new year and I am just ready to get into things." "This year I just want to do good in my classes and meet new people." "It's really exciting, I like meeting a lot of new people and they have a lot of events planned so it is pretty exciting." "I work at the gym so I am excited to start working with the club teams, getting into intramurals, we just have a lot going on on campus, it is a great time, the public can come out and it's a lot of fun." You can hear how excited they all are to just be taking part in activities again -- it has been a long few years without the experience so happy first day to all of them. For the freshman starting college but even the sopomores and juniors, they haven't experienced a normal college year yet. If you live near one of the campuses be prepared for some extra traffic today as they start classes. in Savannah, SW, WTOC News.

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? (vo) (nat) One after another, Metter Middle School students spun the wheel on the first day of school. (sot) As soon as I saw it was happening, I knew this was gonna bring some joy for kids who need it. (vo) The spin helps randomly divide 500 students into four "Houses". They become a cross section of grade, gender, race, or any other factor to help them make new friends. Faculty saw this at work on a visit to the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta. They brought it back to Metter, including the addition of an indoor slide. (sot) If kids are comfortable coming to school, excited about coming to school, they come in ready to learn, instead of being nervous. (vo) House members will collect points for their team with good behavior, good attendance, good grades and more. And yes, it does borrow a little from Harry Potter and Hogwarts. (sot) ..oh for sure. Houses..sorting, and stuff. We just don't have the magic. (vo) Faculty say, if it builds a more positive environment at school...that's magic enough. (sot) One of the possible rewards during the year is the chance to go down the slide. An an honorary Saber member, I'm going. /// Is there such a thing as "too old" for middle school? In Metter, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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"Savannah State is the HBCU" As students are welcomed back to the den at Savannah State, Kelliaun Hall is stepping into her last semester "I am overly excited for December." Like many, she's a senior graduating at this end of this year. She plans to use her degree in homeland security to help human trafficking victims. "The courses that I've taken so far have prepared me mentally, emotionally and like strategy wise." A legacy tiger and Savannah native, Hall holds this Historically Black University near to her heart. "Everybody in my family graduated here, so my mom, my grandparents and I guess continuing the legacy means a lot for us." Being a part of a tight knit community is also something senior Toderick Hartzog cherishes. "Just being able to go to an HBCU and be with my people, it feels like no other." "I'm feeling very good about this year." Savannah State President Kimberly Ballard-Washington is excited to start this year with fewer COVID protocols. "We want them to take responsibilities for what they need to do to protect themselves because COVID does still exist and we want to have our campus and our community protected den." A concern for Hall is the CDC changing quarantine guidelines. The new recommendation is students don't have to quarantine after being exposed. "I guess it's a little shaky, but I guess it also depends on the person. I feel like maybe you should quarantine just in case not to jeopardize anybody else's health."

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GSU ERK Russell served an assistant coach at the University of Georgia for 17 seasons before
RUSSELL coming to Statesboro. Governor Brian Kemp joined the campaign for Russell's induction,
LETTER sending a signed letter of his own to the Hall of Fame's president.

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Students at Tybee Island Maritime Academy got out of the classroom and hit the beach for their science lesson. *nats of students* The students watched as their teacher and volunteers took inventory of a recently hatched sea turtle nest. *nats: This is nest 21, it emerged last Thursday.** Volunteers from the Sea Turtle Project say they keep a close eye on any nests that hatch on Tybee's shore. "So we come back 5 days later and we dig it up and we take everything out. We count how many hatched eggs there were, how many unhatched, whether we have live babies or dead babies." The group works by hand... *nats of hammer* ...removing the protective grate. They then pull out what's left inside the nest...carefully counting and recording the number of hatched and unhatched eggs. *nats: "We're going to look for what we consider 50% of an eggshell." It's an important tracking process say volunteers. One that helps track turtle genealogy and monitor the overall health of Tybee's ecosystem. "We've been doing this for quite a long time. We know through DNA that we have a grandmother, a mother, and a daughter coming back to Tybee to lay their nest which is kind of cool." For this nest...the group found 71 hatched eggs and 6 unhatched. No babies were left behind. A success...say volunteers. And for the students looking on...a chance to inspire the next generation of turtle watchers. "That's amazing. They're our future people that are going to be taking care of the turtles. It's just terrific that they can see that. It's a wonderful thing for them to be able to watch. It's just an exciting time and it never gets old."

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NEW HAMPSTE SCHOOL Some of the new features in the building includes state of the art white boards that allows for interactive student engagement and a brand new playground. Savannah-Chatham County School System Superintendent Dr. Ann Levett says facilities like these are what make them an example for schools across the state. 00:00:19

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NEW HAMPSTE AD NEW SCHOOL "We really are a model for many states, many states around the nation but also many city around the state. They come to our area and just wonder how in the world have we been able to build a facility connected, and now serves in this building alone 800 scholars." 00:00:15

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SERVICE ACADEM Y DAY Congressman Buddy Carter is holding a service academy day for those interested in attending a military academy. 00:00:07

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SERVICE ACADEM Y DAY It's happening tomorrow from 3 to 5 at the National Musuem of the Mighty Eighth Air Force- that address is on your screen. It's open to high school students and their families wanting to get more information on the process. 00:00:13

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MORNING BREAK
SSU FB PLAYER RECEIVE S SURVIVO R SCHOLAR SHIP
I want to acknowledge Kyle today. Kyle is a survivor of lymphoma. He's going to be the first ever scholarship winner for blood cancer survivors. One of the people who has helped make this program possible is NFL defensive end Alex Okafor. The reason I wanted to get involved with the Leukemia Lymphoma Society is my mom passed away from blood cancer back in 2020. I've been working with LLS since the inception of the Survivor Scholarship Program, to finally see it come together and finally be able to present that first check is a special moment. It feels amazing. I can't really explain it, I was looking for a way to find funds for school. I think Kyle is an inspiration to everybody in the program because of hat he's gone through in his life. I am so proud of you, you worked very hard to get to where you are now. I'm so proud of you on and off the field. Sometimes you just have to believe, trust in your process, trust in your doctors and things around you and never give up, just keep fighting. Meeting Kyle for me was important personally just because we've put so much work into this thing. The No. 1 goal starting this as we just wanted to impact lives. To be able to give out that first check and physically see the impact that we're doing in person, I wouldn't miss it for the world. LLS means a lot. Just the connections I have with LLS keep me going just the overall connections. I can't describe it. It's wonderful. 00:01:23

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SERVICE
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Happening now - congressman Buddy Carter is holding a service academy day for those interested in attending a military academy. Most military academies now require prospective students receive an appointment from a current U.S. Representative. This session goes until 5 at the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force - that address is on your screen. It's open to high school students and their families so they can learn more about the process of enrolling.

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BACK TO
SCHOOL:
SCAD

It's orientation week at the Savannah and Atlanta campuses of Savannah College of Art and Design. And with a lot of parents helping their new SCAD students get settled in, some emotional goodbyes are sure to come. "Well, you're gonna make me cry in a second, but I've been good...I haven't cried yet. Excited, because this is the best place for her." The Saucier's are helping their daughter, who's studying interactive game art and design, move into her dorm. They shared what stood out to them about SCAD while taking a short break from pulling the move-in cart back to their car. "Love it. And the security is amazing." "Oh yeah, it's the first thing I checked out was the security. It's awesome. There's cameras everywhere." "There's absolutely nothing that's bad...it's perfect." And student safety and their health, whether around town, in the classroom or in the dorm...remains a top priority for school leaders. "Student safety is very important to us at SCAD. We put that at the forefront of what we do. The majority of students, faculty and staff at SCAD are vaccinated and boosted. SCAD continues to follow CDC guidelines, ensuring that we have a safe community within SCAD, and the larger Savannah population." Another top priority for the school is making sure their students have the tools they need to be at the top of their chosen profession when they graduate. One way they're doing that is creating even more learning opportunities this year, introducing four new schools centered around animation, film and creative technology. SCAD is also creating another degree program, partnering with Google to focus on user experience. "This program is unique because it's Google, but it's also exciting because it follows the trends of what we've been doing at SCAD." Another highlight SCAD leaders are looking forward to is the 25th anniversary of the SCAD Savannah Film Festival. "The festival, as many people in Savannah know, brings notable people from the film industry, from all areas. From the acting side of film, to directing and producing. And so we will continue that this year in the tradition of SCAD where it will be an exciting event for the community to participate in." Tickets for film screenings and festival passes will be available beginning October 1st online and at the Trustees Theater box office. In Savannah, Sean Evans, WTOC News.

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Happening now--- A charter school in Jasper county is holding a viewing party for a documentary that tells the story of how the school started. Royal Live Oaks academy is about a decade old and the folks at Erskine Charters decided the journey of its first 10 years was so compelling, it deserved its own film. We asked the school's CEO for a taste of what this documentary will show.

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"When we say a toolkit, it's more of just a plethora of information that'll be given to different practitioners and community leaders to understand how to look at language as an indicator of where a child is and how we can take them to the next level of language nutrition."
 "Language nutrition" means children learning new words and expanding their vocabulary- something that comes from reading. Dr. Levett says there's a link between childhood literacy and options later in life- so it's up to adults to set children up for success. "It does take a village to raise children, and it takes all of us believing in those children, believing in their future and providing those resources that may not be available to them immediately." The Deal Center will help implement the toolkit and send an expert to help train educators how to use it. It takes a lot of work- but the United Way and the school district say they're ready for it. Diambois: "You have to be ready to implement this toolkit, to be able to take this information and use it effectively. So we felt like based off of the application Savannah put into the Deal Center, they were one of the two that were the most prepared to take this toolkit to the next level and use it within their community." Shea: Implementation is set to begin within the next two weeks. Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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It's called G-A LEADS. They say it's aimed at promoting teacher collaboration and creating clear pathways for career advancement. School districts across the state will be selected this fall. The pilot program is set to start in the 2023 - 2024 school year.

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Sot: (Joy Solomon - Director of Education and PATH Programming, Beaufort Memorial Hospital) "At first, we didn't know how it was going to come together, but it did. We just knew it would and it did." Vo Graduates went through months of work all over the Beaufort Memorial system. Sot "We started out with class, we transitioned to the hospital for a skills day to prepare them for their clinical rotations, and from that point on they were all assigned a different area." Vo As we reported on this class's signing day, all these folks were looking to get into more advanced careers. The program's director says that was carried out successfully. Sot "We had core courses that were relevant to all of the students which involved med term, anatomy and physiology, and then their specific PATH track; which was EKG, patient care tech and certified medical assistant." Vo Now that this room is empty and practice runs are in the rear view, the graduates start their new roles in just two weeks... thankful for the PATH that got them there. Sot "They were very appreciative. They were appreciative of the program, appreciative of the support that they got and very relieved." Vo Reporting, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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Inside the JCB North America headquarters in Pooler, a manufacturing team is building the next generation of machines. Some members of that team are taking advantage of an opportunity to learn -- on the job... and in the classroom. "They kind of helped me push forward into my education. They're really the reason why I'm here and still choosing school." Khalil Marrero is in his third year of an apprenticeship with JCB. He's got a job, a paycheck, and about to get his degree from Savannah Tech. "Our apprentices come in and from day one they have full pay and benefits. We also pay them for their time at school so every hour that they're logged in on campuses is paid for by JCB." JCB launched the first of four apprenticeship tracts in 2011 -- in partnership with Savannah Tech. The five year program includes a two-year degree and the chance to learn different jobs within the company. "Instead of being simple minded, it opens your mind to each different spot in this company and where you can be put at eventually. I mean it gives you a lot of choices of what you want to do." "The experience throughout all the all the rotations definitely made it worth it." Kyle Koskela joined the apprenticeship program out of high school in 2014. After completing his five years, he stayed on full-time as a team leader in Experimental Products. "I wasn't really sure what I wanted to do growing up. I had an idea, but this job gave me the opportunity to kind of go throughout the facility, work in all the departments and get an idea what I really wanted to do." JCB has a partnership with Georgia Southern to include higher education... And earlier this year... launched another tract: a diesel tech program in partnership with Ogeechee Tech. The opportunity was too much for one apprentice to pass up. "When they thought of the idea I was the first one in line. So when I graduate this semester in spring semester, I already got accepted to Ogeechee Tech. As soon as I'm done with Savannah Tech, I'm going to Ogeechee Tech in spring." To learn and develop new skills to put to work.

MORNING KYLE:
9/15/2022 BREAK SKILLED
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Check this out! One of South Effingham Elementary's staff members made it onto a billboard in Times Square, New York City this weekend. Michael Holton made history last year as being the first developmentally disabled person to work in a classroom setting not only in Effingham County- but in the state of Georgia. He has Down Syndrome and works full-time in the school's technology lab. Holton is also an Ambassador for the Lowcountry Down Syndrome Society.

9/18/2022 11PM EFFINGH AM NAME FEAT. ON
 11:02:00 WEEKEND BILLBOAR
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Taking a LIVE look over the Statesboro Campus...where hundreds of high school juniors and seniors will flood campus as a part of the 20-23 Governor's Honors Program. That's a four-week intensive program where students pick a major to focus on. From fine arts to academic studies - students will get to study their topic all summer long - with plenty of fun planned along the way. The 20-323 G-H-P is set for June 18th to July 15th. Applications are still open.

9/21/2022 GSU TO
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(sot) ? This puppet show has been a rite of passage for 3rd graders for more than a decade. After it took a two year hiatus because of the pandemic, folks say they're glad to see it back. (vo) Students packed the Emma Kelly theater, some for the very first time. Puppets took students back before the founding of Georgia, then... here to Bulloch County and the county seat of Statesboro. The Bulloch County Historical Society started the show 15 years ago, but they've missed the past two due to the pandemic. (sot) We talk about Georgia Southern. We talk about the naming of Statesbro, we talk about Bulloch County. We talk about how Georgia Southern came to be in Bulloch County. (vo) For some students, the show is their first exposure to live entertainment and to the history of their community. But it doesn't end here. Each student gets a coloring book, printed by the Historical Society, to further study the place where they live. (sot) The presentation includes two more shows on Friday. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

9/22/2022 4:30PM DAL:
 4:29:00 PM OD BULLOCH PUPPETS 00:00:59

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 ARTS High school students from Savannah are headed to New York next month. Savannah-
 ACAD. Chatham County Public Schools announced this week - two student films were selected for
 FILM this year's All American High School Film Festival. A drama called "The Caddington
 FEST Academy" and a comedy called "The Slip Up" will be shown on the big screen in Times
 9/22/2022 STUDENT Square. The school district says the films were made in the Savannah Arts Academy Film
 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD S and Television class. 00:00:26

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 HOMECO This is video from past years of the True Blue 5k race. It's sponsored by the Abbie DeLoach
 MING foundation. DeLoach was a GSU nursing major and one of five students killed in a crash
 WEEKEN back in 2015. The race will start at the recreation activity center at 7:30 Saturday morning.
 9/22/2022 D You do need to register and you only have until tomorrow to do it. We have the link to do
 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD EVENTS that and more on homecoming festivities on our website WTOC dot com. 00:00:25

LL INTRO: Mrs. Ellen Townsend, a teacher here at Jesup Elementary School, received
 some special recognition today, not just from her fellow staff members but also from the city.
 Mayor Ralph Hickox has proclaimed September 22nd as Ellen Townsend Day, thanking her
 for her 58 years of service to the county. Mrs. Townsend thought she was attending a
 regular school assembly... But it turned out to be a celebration all about her. Townsend's
 friends, family, some local officials, and of course hundreds of elementary students... all
 surrounded her with love and gratitude for everything she's done in nearly 60 years.
 September 22nd will now always carry her name in the city.... Townsend says today's
 celebration... caught her completely off guard. "I'm not a person to seek attention. That was
 overwhelming I can say that, I was overwhelmed and emotional, very emotional." Townsend
 says it's the kids... that keep her coming back year after year. "As long as I keep searching
 HAYLEY: for things to bring to the classroom to help a child, I think I'll be useful. That's what I do every
 JESUP day, thinking how can I make it easier, and a better way to teach." A day of giving back... to
 TEACHER a teacher... who's given so much to her community. * LL TAG: As for what's next for Mrs.
 9/22/2022 HONORE Townsend, she says she plans to keep teaching as long as she's inspired—her friends and
 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD D family say that could be forever! In Jesup, HB WTOC NEWS. 00:01:23

The event was put on by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Savannah Area site along
 with Fly Corps, Sheltair and the Savannah Hilton Head International Airport. Children ages 8
 to 17 participated in hands-on activities like, learning air traffic controls and getting a behind
 the scenes look at how different aircrafts work. They also got to hear from a panel of experts
 in the aerospace industry including military and private pilots, test flight engineers and
 aviation maintenance professionals. Organizers say these women serve as role models for
 9/24/2022 11PM MARIAH: the younger generation. 00:00:35
 11:01:00 WEEKEND GIRLS IN
 PM OD AVIATION VOSOT

9/24/2022 11:01:00 PM	11PM WEEKEND OD	MARIAH: GIRLS IN AVIATION VOSOT	SOT "Only 8% of women are part of the aviation industry, so definitely having this type of initiatives are very important to continue to grow those numbers and I think we're doing amazing as women." Organizers say they're already excited and looking forward to next year's event.	00:00:16
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9/26/2022 7:00:00 PM	7PM OD	READING EXPRESS	"Brining books in a families native language is so important because it's a huge gesture to welcome that family to our Savannah area." // "And we hope that these families are able to take home these books and only build their libraries at home. We want them every student to be able to have a personal library at home with their families. They will hold two events at each school every year. Part of the program also gives kids a book each year at their annual check up until they turn 4 years old.	00:00:29
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ISSUE 9-CHILDRENS NUTRITION IN SCHOOL. INCLUDES FREEOR REDUCED SCHOOL LUNCH APPLICATIONS, DIETICIAN ON PACKING SCHOOL LUNCHES, KIDS HEALTHY COOKING CAMP, SOURCE: LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS, ETC.

7/6/2022 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	BULLOCH CO. FREE LUNCH	(sot) After two years of federal funding for free lunch for all students in Bulloch County, officials here say that USDA funding has expired. Families who hope to continue to get free lunch need to get their application in soon. (vo) The funding waiver approved by Congress expired June 30. (sot) To have those lunch benefits, we need families to return to filling out that annual free or reduced lunch application. (vo) Applications will go out in the mail over the next two or three days for families who've been in school before. Greene says they'll return to the criteria they've used for years like family income and more. She says the number of applications help the school district qualify for more Title 1 supplemental funding. It helps families themselves too. (sot) ..it also helps families be eligible for free internet assistance at their home. It helps for trying to waive college entrance fees. (vo) Families who don't qualify for free or reduced prices will go back to paying for lunches. Greene says Langston Chapel Elementary and Middle Schools still qualify for complete free lunch funding and the district continues to qualify for free breakfasts through a separate grant. (sot) For families new to the county registering students, they'll be able to access the application when they register online starting July 12. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.	00:01:19
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(Nat) "We've got some strawberries, we have some guacamole, some cucumbers cut up." For kids, a colorful lunch box with a protein, fruits, veggies, grains and sometimes dairy can go a long way (Nat) "Pretty nice little healthy lunch here." That's according to dietitian Meghann Buchanan with Memorial Health Children's Hospital. Who, as you can see, knows how to put together what she calls a healthy lunchable with carrots, crackers, cheese, peanut butter and... (nat) "The last thing, we need our protein." "And Meghan tells me that packing a healthy a lunch with all the food groups can really pay off for kids in the future." "Diabetes, we see a lot popping up in children. Heart disease, hypertension, high cholesterol, so when we can take away some of those added sugars and added fats and added salts that are in a lot of those processed foods that are quick and easy to grab that we usually throw in our lunch, we can replace those with some healthier options." But as grocery prices stack up at the cash register, parents have an added challenge to buying healthy food. Which is typically more expensive than a pack of cookies. Buchanan recommends going to farmers markets, sticking to your grocery list and buying food you can stretch throughout the week. "Things like rotisserie chicken could be a healthy option too. So, we have one piece and then you can use it for multiple meals. So, making sure we have something we can use not once but multiple times throughout the week is always good." It's a small step towards a healthy life for your little one. "There we go, alright." Camille Syed WTOC News.

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7/12/2022 BREAK PACKING
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(nats) "Isn't that good?" Good and nutritious. For three weeks, kids learn how to make about two to three snacks a day at healthy cooking camp run by St. Joseph's/Candler's African American Health Resource Center for free. Whether it's just a bowl of homemade chex mix or a parfait loaded with fruits, oats and yogurt (nats) "Who wants strawberryies?" They're learning how to mix up nutritious foods here, (nats) so they don't have any trouble making healthy options at home without any help. "And reicpes like this parfait which is pretty good I might add, teach kids had to make a healthy snack, even whenever their parents are busy or not home." "Because nowadays it's no secret that sometimes you have parents working two jobs or working extended hours and spoemtimes when parents come home they can't really get right to cooking so what we do is we show kids how to make a quick healthy snack that's healthy and nutritional and the parents can have more time to do those extra hours and bring that extra income or to come home, relax and take a breather before they jump right in to cooking." While this camp ends Friday, young people can also hear from entrepreneurs at the center from July 25 to 29. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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**DESCRIPTION OF WTOC (TV) PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST
SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES.**

**MINORITY ISSUES
JULY 1, 2022– SEPTEMBER 30, 2022
CBS NETWORK PROGRAMMING**

FACE THE NATION

6) Topics include: mortality rate among Black mothers / consequences of not having health care for women, including maternal health care

60 MINUTES

08/07/22

“Flying Blind” – a profile of Jacob Smith. At 15, he is the only blind competitive free ride skier in the country. Includes interviews with Andrew, Preston, and Julia Smith, his siblings; and Nathan Smith, his father. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Sarah Koch) (OAD: 03/06/22)

WTOC NEWSCASTS

**ISSUE 10- HOW MINORITIES AND WOMEN HAVE BEEN AFFECTED IN THE COMMUNITY AND HOW COMPANIES AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE HELPING THEM THROUGH ENCOURAGEMENT AND MENTORING. ALSO, INCLUDES MENTAL HEALTH IN BLACK MEN, AHMAUD ARBERY TRIAL
SOURCE: MLK ORGANIZATIONS, 100 BLACK MEN, ETC.**

"Nobody wants to be transparent. Everybody cries out, 'I want transparency,' but in true transparency, you would be coming out here and getting to the bottom of things." Reverend Alan Mainor, who's the chapter president, believes a lack of transparency could be addressed by a citizen's review board. Mainor: "That's why we're coming together, policing our own communities. We're coming together as a review board. We want our own review board. We want to make sure that we can see what's really going on for true transparency, true accountability." Savannah currently has a citizen's review board- the Savannah Citizen Accountability and Review of Emergency Services, or CARES, which Mainor serves on. CARES made a set of 12 recommendations to the Savannah Police Department in 2020, including prohibiting chokeholds. They were also expected to submit a report to law enforcement based on community outreach meetings in February of 2021. The report was never submitted due to insufficient data. Mainor: "They have not been active for the last 11 months. We're talking about something that's active. We're not talking about something that looks good on paper. Grab the common man. The people that are working 9 to 5s. Grab them, that have a real stake in the community. In their community. Not because they have a title. We're tired of that. We don't want anybody with a title."

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"It is such a stigmatized topic." Liscensed Counselor Tabria Corprew has a passion for strengthening mental health for minority women (nats) "What do you need met today." While seeing all women, she specializes in counseling women who are looking to start a family, already pregnant or in the postpartum stages. "Most of the time, getting moms to therapy who identify as Black, Indigenous People of Color is the most challenging." Challenging, she says, because of a stigma "We don't want to be diagnosed or viewed as having a struggle." According to the CDC, the maternal mortality rate for Indigenous women is 2 times higher and for Black women nearly 3 times higher than white women. "It's a very scary thing to think about pregnancy but also to be pregnant and to trust your provider and know that they're going to give you the best maternal care and they're not going racially biased or they're not stereotyping you." Corprew says counseling can help concerned mothers and mothers-to-be in expressing themselves. "I really encourage them to speak up, advocate for themselves, if they need to change providers, be okay with that." She says going to therapy can give you more skills to navigate life even outside of a session. "This is why therapy is so important because there's tons of interventions, techniques, tools and things that we've been trained on and we've been taught that we can teach clients that can be helpful whenever they don't seek out therapy or outside of there therapy sessions." She encourages women of color to try resources like the websites called "Therapy for Black Girls" and another called "Inclusive therapist" to find a mental health provider. Because one conversation with a mental health professional... (nats) Can go a long way. Camille Syed WTOC News.

7/20/2022 4:30PM
 4:29:00 PM OD CAMILLE:
 MINORITY
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 HEALTH

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"We need to keep doing more to erase the stigma surrounding us in mental health." Liscensed social worker Seneca Pender with C. Williams and associates helps Black men and boys build their mental health with hopes to break a barrier.. "The common thing that I hear is that we've endured so much socially like systematic racism, slavery, things that we've had generational trauma from." Some men believing taking care of their mental health is unnecessary. "The thought is we made it through that, why do we need to talk to somebody about something internal that we're feeling that could be bothering us and hampering us." He believes it's best to tackle this stigma as early possible counseling about 10 to 20 teen boys a week. "Starting at a young age or early age is giving the youth tools to deal with negative emotions, to deal with conflict, to deal with peer pressure." And takes a unique approach. "We play board games, we go out and shoot hoops." It's a necessary technique for him to break a barrier so he can help teens open up instead of bottling up their emotions in the long run. "Sometimes it's very important to express how do we feel when we're sad, how do we feel when we're anxious, how do we feel when we're nervous." Pender is looking forward to the next generation taking care of their mental health just as much as their physical. "I do feel very hopeful, I feel like in our community it's becoming more acceptable to seek therapy." Tackling stigmas for a better future. Camille Syed WTOC news.

8/1/2022
 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD MENTAL
 HEALTH IN
 BLACK MEN

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The three white men killed Arbery in February of 2020. They chased and shot him after watching Arbery running in their neighborhood in Brunswick, Georgia. Police questioned the men and let them go. They were arrested three months later -- in May of 2020 -- after video of the incident went viral. The state trial against them began in November 2021. All three men were found guilty of murder charges. The state sentenced them to life in prison. Only Bryan received the possibility of parole. In January of this year, they were found guilty of federal hate crimes and kidnapping. That brings us to today. Later on The News at Daybreak, our Sarah Winkelmann will have a live report from Brunswick as we await sentencing.

8/8/2022 4:30AM ARBERY
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Glynn County Clergy for equity are inviting anyone in the community to join them -- just as they have done since the beginning of the state's trial and now through the federal trial. They will have time for reflection and prayer for all of those involved today. Even though today's sentencing mark's an end to this case -- the organizers say this is not the end for them and they want the community to know that they are not done fighting for everyone to have equity and equality in their community.

8/8/2022 5AM SARAH:
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(Rabbi Rachel Bregman / Temple Beth Tefilloh) "We see people showing up over and over again which is really beautiful, it is a hopeful time because we see this sense of commitment from within this community creating a different culture where what we saw happen in February of 2020 we pray will never even be possible in this community ever again." (Pastor DeWayne Cope / St. Athanasius Episcopal Church) "We can hope for and lean towards something that doesn't destroy our community, it doesn't pull us further apart, it has the potential to bring more people together." In addition to being out here ahead of the milestones in the cases -- they have also started hosting equity dinners every other month to get people together -- who might not cross paths in the community otherwise.

8/8/2022 5AM SARAH:
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Here is a look back: Arbery was killed in February of 2020 when he was chased and shot by white men who saw him running in their neighborhood in Brunswick. Police questioned the suspects and let them go. It wasn't until three months later in May, 2020 that they were arrested after video of the incident went viral. The state trial against them began in November, 2021. All three men were found guilty of murder charges. The state sentenced them to life in prison with only William "Roddie" Bryan having the possibility of parole. In January this year, they were found guilty of federal hate crimes and kidnapping.

8/8/2022 5AM ARBERY
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8/8/2022		SENTENCIN	"It was hard to look at them every day as a father. And they showed no remorse for how they took his life. That's the thing that really bothered me real bad. And then they ask for mercy. They didn't give him no mercy that day."	
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8/8/2022		SENTENCIN	The McMichael's asked the judge to send them to a federal prison instead - saying they don't feel safe in Georgia's prison system. Travis McMichael's attorney, Amy Lee Copeland, argued that her client faces what she called a 'back-door death penalty.'	
4:00:00 PM	4PM OD	G	Judge Lisa Wood said she did not have the authority - or the desire - to grant them that request. Arbery's father, Marcus, said he feels his son's killers deserve to "rot" in state prison.	00:00:25

			A day after three men were convicted in the killing of Ahmaud Arbery... the street next to the mural of him is being named in his honor. The Brunswick county commissioners approved the street naming last year. But it wasn't until today community members and officials joined the family as Arbery's parents unveiled that sign. Ahmaud's dad says this means his son will always be remembered.	
8/9/2022	4:30PM	ARBERY ST		
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			Today community members and city officials joined Arbery's family as the sign honoring his name was unveiled. Arbery's mother says the hardest part is knowing that Ahmaud is no longer with her. But she says she looks at the change he has brought since his passing. Georgia put in place two laws--the hate crimes law and the citizens arrest law was repealed. The Brunswick County Commissioners approved the street naming last year.	
8/9/2022	11:01:00 PM	11PM OD	ST NAME CHANGED IN HONOR OF ARBERY	00:00:26

**ISSUE 11- HOW MINORITIES AND WOMEN HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY. FIRST BLACK WOMEN ON SUPREME COURT, SSU BLACK IN BUSINESS, NAMING OF STREET AFTER AHMAUD ARBERY, HHI GULLAH INITIATIVE, WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY, W.W. LAW HOUSE MARKER, CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
SOURCE: AMBUCS, SSU, GULLAH ORGANIZATION, SAV. HISPANIC CHAMBER, ETC.**

			"Growing up you look up to Thurgood Marshall. Even though he's a man, he was the standard. Hard work..he broke down the barriers and he was the civil rights icon in law" Gwendolyn Fortson-Waring has been practicing civil trial litigation for almost 30 years, but that hasn't come without adversity "Even when I started practicing in 1994 in Savannah some of the judges called women little ladies in court and when I went out to outlying counties they would look at you and ask if you're the lawyer" She says the swearing-in of Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson....the first Black woman to serve on the Supreme Court...was a long time coming "It's everything we've been waiting for since Constance baker motley was first appointed to the court of appeals back in the 60s" Right here in Chatham County, Judge Tammy Stokes became the first Black woman judge back in 2004 and just last year, Judge Lisa Colbert became the first Black woman to serve as superior court judge "Hopefully we'll continue to have more firsts because we can't have more until we have the first." It took a long time for a Black woman to make it to the highest court, taking only one of nine seats. "They always say the pendulum of justice swings slowly but obviously, it's not as quickly as I would've liked." judge colbert says working as a juvenile court judge for 8 1/2 years exposed her to kids who need to see themselves represented "Working with children who didn't always dream, didn't always have hope for their future, didn't always see themselves being able to get somewhere different from where they are. I hope this is one more thing that will help them see themselves anywhere" She says it's important for supreme court justices to reflect the diversity of the country because their decisions touch everyone's lives. And in Justice ruth bader ginsburg's words..... "When will there be enough women on the court and she said when there are 9. So the youth of today will have to remember when we get 9 women on the court then it'll be enough"	
7/6/2022	6:00:00 AM	6AM	ALYSSA: JUDGES DISCUSS JUSTICE JACKSON 11	00:01:57

			The Georgia Writers say all black Georgia residents who are at least 18 years old and have published no more than one book can apply. The deadline to apply is October First.	
7/9/2022	7:00:00 AM	7AM DAYBRE AK	JOHN LEWIS WRITING GRANTS OPEN	00:00:10

			It's very challenging. It was an on going grind but just with maximizing resources and just having a clear understanding as to who the people are in your community that can actually help you and help you get from the ground all the way up to just taking that first step, that was something that was big for me so it's very important that other people understand that." Organizations will also be here to provide resources for people who come out and want to start their own business.	
7/20/2022	5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	SSU BLACK IN BUSINESS	00:00:28

7/21/2022 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD OFF AMBUCS: BOWLAPAL OOZA KICK Check it out - The 11th Annual Bowlapalooza kicking off tonight in Savannah. The event signals the start of fundraising season for the organization. Each year Savannah Ambucs pulls together a roster of "celebrity bowlers" to raise money for those facing mobility and independence challenges in our community. And WTOC's very own Mariah Congedo will hit the lanes this year! 00:00:22

7/21/2022 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD OFF AMBUCS: BOWLAPAL OOZA KICK "I just love being a part of the community so I wanted to be able to help in anyway I could. I've actually been part of these before and kind of assisted other people in their efforts and I saw how much of an impact its made for those people who really need it the most. So, I just wanted to be a part of it because its really fun, its exciting, and its doing something good in the community that I get to work in." Mariah and the other celebrity bowlers only have a few months to raise money. To donate look for this story on our website WTOC.com 00:00:31

8/16/2022 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD HHI GULLAH INITIATIVE Sot: (Lavon Stevens - Chairman, HHI Land and Cultural Preservation Task Force) "Please stop wasting the town's resources if we are not serious about cultural preservation and the advancement of a community that is diverse and inclusive." Vo At today's community services and public safety committee meeting, about 10 people spoke in front of the committee. All of them voicing frustration. Sot: (Louise Miller Cohen - Founder, Gullah Museum of HHI) "I'm wondering what the problem is? What the problem is of telling the story of these people who are here?" Vo This committee tabled an initiative last month that would require all town employees to be educated on Gullah history... and did so without public feedback. Sot: (Alexander Brown - Ward 1, HHI Town Council) "The fact that it was not discussed publicly... committee members really had no idea what the concerns were." Vo Glenn Stanford sits on the CSPSC and town council. He explains that decision. Sot: (Glenn Stanford - Ward 6, HHI Town Council) "There was some concern last month about some of the language that was in there and getting a clear interpretation. Those questions have been answered." Vo After public comments, committee members agreed the Gullah education program should be approved. Sot: (David Aimes - Ward 4, HHI Town Council) "In and of itself it may not be the answer but it does have benefits to this community as a whole." Vo The vote was unanimous. Nat Vo Councilman Brown, who is Gullah himself, is pleased with the progress made today. Sot "When you think about the history of Hilton Head and all those studies and reports and no action behind them, to now see that we're taking action... absolutely I'm excited about it." On cam tag Now that this initiative has been approved by the community services and public safety committee here today, it moves on to town council next month where it'll have the opportunity to be approved by the town's full group of leaders. Reporting from Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News. 00:01:42

"thank you so much for all the work that you have done sir for bringing back this house ... Most restored homes here help maintain Savannah's sense of history. Few reach as deeply into the city's heart as the bungalow at 710 West Victory Drive does. "my realtor called and said I think I have a house for you. It needs to be saved. Eight years ago, Troy Williams bought a vacant, dilapidated Cuyler-Brownsville home where W.W, Law had lived for half a century and restored it to preserve and honor the memory of Savannah's renowned Civil Rights leader. It was as much passion as project, one that the Historic Savannah Foundation has now recognized with a plaque honoring the historic value of the property. "it's a tribute to him. Nothing has changed in the house since he lived in it. "The goal is that the marker helps to say that a great man lived here, great work was done here ... the things we see today, the Beach Institute, the Civil Rights Museum, Historic Savannah. These are ideas and concepts he worked on and this was his office. This is where he worked every day. Williams has rented the house to four sets of renters since 2015. But it has always been Mr. Law's home. The designation ensures that it always will be. "I think it's very important that people, wherever they live in the city, need to know who came first ... the W.W. Law Center is named for him on the East side, but who knew he grew up in Cuyler-Brownsville? I grew up in Cuyler-Brownsville. We had great neighbors, but now the neighbors who live here today will know who came before them. Williams has restored 50 homes in Savannah. He was drawn to this one because Mr. Law also was one of Savannah's first and most committed preservationists, which the marker confirms. "It's important to me because I want people to know and wonder who he was. Because they'll drive by and say that's the W.W. Law House. But they need to know what he actually did to appreciate the house. "it will cause young people to walk by the house and say 'who was W.W. Law?' And it will make them ask the question about the great man and the significance he had here in Savannah. Tim Guidera, WTOC news

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"I think as a woman in general we have to recognize our challenges we have, particularly as women business owners, we have added pressures of tending to our children and managing a household. // "and so in order to really talk about equality we really need to talk about equity and creating platforms and opportunities for women that just don't see to be out there today."

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8/26/2022	4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY	<p>TAKE PKG "National Women's equality day marks the 102nd ratification of the 19th amendment, which gave women the right to vote, over a century after the start of the union." With this being an election year, leaders with the League of Women Voters say it's always important to get out to vote. "If women care about these things, all these issues, kitchen table issues, reproductive rights issues, the gun safety issues, the safety-safety issues, everyone needs to get out and vote, register, get your friends to vote, get your children to vote." And representation... goes far beyond holding political office. Elbi Elm is the founder of The Culturist Union an artisan coffee shop and marketplace.. "I'm a black business owner, I'm a single mother, I'm a woman, so these things I have to care about and if you don't recognize that then how are you going to support me when it comes to policy on education or support me when it comes to childcare or support me when it comes to getting capital for small business." She says... this day is a reminder to use your voice. "I think as women, particularly women in the south, it's so important for us to utilize and exercise our right to vote. Get out there disseminate information, gather information, create a space and community where people can really share their ideas." And as a female business owner, she hopes to inspire the next generation of women. "These young women come into TCU I hope they're inspired by the vendors in the market place.. I hope they recognize that they too can take an idea and cultivate it and make into a reality." In Savannah, HB WTOC NEWS.</p>	00:01:34
9/15/2022	4:00:00 PM	4PM OD	CAMILLE: HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH	<p>Migrant Equity Southeast's main mission is to fight for human rights for people who came to America from a different country. She says Hispanics make up a good bit of that population and still face racism and stereotypes everyday and encourages people to ask questions and learn more about all the cultures that make up the Hispanic community</p>	00:00:20
9/15/2022	5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	GA SOUTHERN HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH	<p>"Hispanic culture is a very big part of American society today and it has been for a long time." Getting this event and several events together celebrating his culture, Vice President of Hispanic Outreach and Leadership Achievement Jesus Sistos says Hispanic Heritage Month is more than celebrating the culture. "Both as a celebration of our contributions of course but also as a reminder and invitation to discuss what needs to be done and the issues that we, as a community, are still facing." Hoping to spread awareness through these events...He says one of the biggest issues are barriers stopping people from migrating to the U.S. "They want to grow up with their families. They want to fulfill what we can the American dream so it's important to keep those issues in mind and to find solutions that benefit not only the ones most affected but at the end of the day the whole society." As dance classes and yummy food is on the menu for some of the events, Director of Multicultural Affairs Laurely Caycho says they'll also have events like tapas and topics where students can vent about issues they face and be themselves. "If they want to speak in their own language, they can speak in their own language. They don't have to pretend or they don't have to say 'oh let me go into my English mode. I think it's very important for us to have this just so our students can identify with it and they can just be themselves."</p>	00:01:23

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	11PM			ALFONSO RABOT // PRESIDENT, METROPOLITAN SAVANNAH HISPANIC CHAMBER "We're celebrating the achievement of hispanic-owned businesses, our members, and the community as a whole. The community has helped the hispanic chamber grow as we have grown." After dinner, attendees could head to the dance floor for salsa night! Proceeds will support the chamber's Young Entrepreneur Program, an afterschool and summer program that educates local middle and high school students on how to run their own business.	
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(sot) The "Lift as You Grow" program helps women gain the skills and support network to get back on their feet...or get on their feet for the first time. (vo) Diplomas and smiles marked the end of the 12 week program for this group of ladies. While they learned many of the same skills, each has a different goal. (sot) They helped me get certified in Accounting Fundamentals. I want to be an accountant. (vo) Lift as You Grow worked with them on job and interview skills, financial literacy, and the things they might need for starting over on their own. They help women who might need a helping hand for any number of reasons. (sot) ..it can be somebody who lost their job and they got in a hole and can't dig their way out. (vo) Delaina says some of the biggest gains came from having mentors. (sot) ...confidence and a drive to keep going... (sot) And the ladies say they'll stay involved in the group, even after this graduation. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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**DESCRIPTION OF WTOC (TV) PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST
SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES.**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
JULY 1, 2022 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

CBS NETWORK PROGRAMMING

FACE THE NATION

07/17/22 **Guests:** Representative Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) (1); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner, Pfizer board member (2); Lilia Luciano, CBS News correspondent (3); Amos Hochstein, special envoy and coordinator, International Energy Affairs (4); Jason Furman, former chairman, Council of Economic Advisers, Obama administration, professor of economic policy, Harvard University (5); Mayor Muriel Bowser, (D-Washington, D.C.) (6)
4) Topics include: President Biden's recent trip to Saudi Arabia / steps for increased oil production / gas prices; Biden administration's push for a price cap on Russian oil
5) Topics include: inflation / risk of a recession / raising taxes on high income households / need to enforce the tax code

07/31/22 **Guests:** Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) (1); Senator Pat Toomey (R-PA) (2); Neel Kashkari, president, Minneapolis Federal Reserve (3); Anthony Salvanto, CBS News elections and surveys director (4); Asma Khalid, NPR (5); Jonathan Martin, senior political correspondent, The New York Times, co-author, "This Will Not Pass" (5); Ramesh Ponnuru, editor, The National Review (5); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (5)
Guest Moderator: John Dickerson, CBS News chief political analyst, CBS News senior national correspondent
2) Topics include: his opposition to the Inflation Reduction Act; sudden Republican obstruction to the PACT Act
3) Topics include: concerns over inflation / Economic Cost Index / definition of inflation / impact of "supply" on the economy / understanding the economic mixed signals

08/07/22 **Guests:** Senator Rick Scott (R-FL) (1); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner, Pfizer board member (2); Mary Daly, president

and CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (3); Representative Gregory Meeks (D-NY), chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee (4); Hsiao Bi-khim, Taiwan's representative to the United States (5); Representative Peter Meijer (R-MI) (6)

Correspondent: Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (5)

1) Topics include: cut health care costs and raise taxes on corporations / reaction to the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget calling his claims, regarding the bill's impact on Medicare, misleading;

3) Topics include: impact of pandemic fiscal spending on inflation / low unemployment rate / high inflation / unbalanced supply and demand and its impact on inflation / possible September raise in interest rates / Fed's promise to bring down inflation / impact of geopolitical events on the U.S. economy

09/18/22

Guests: Representative Henry Cuellar (D-TX) (1); Jeh Johnson, former United States secretary of homeland security, Obama administration (2); Mark Strassman, CBS News senior national correspondent (3); Debora Patta, CBS News foreign correspondent (4); Andriy Kostin, prosecutor general of Ukraine (5); Robert Pape, professor, University of Chicago (6); Major Garrett, CBS News chief Washington correspondent (7); David Becker, CBS News election law contributor (7)

1) Topics include: role of migrants in the economy

2) Topics include: guest-worker programs for migrants

3) a report from Los Angeles on the challenges facing the national economy, continued inflation rates and the ongoing effects of consumer demand and supply chain backlogs

09/25/22

Guests: Debora Patta, CBS News foreign correspondent (1); Volodymyr Zelenskyy, president of Ukraine (2); Jake Sullivan, White House national security adviser, Biden administration (3); Anthony Salvanto, CBS News elections and surveys director (4); Mark Strassman, CBS News senior national correspondent (5); Raphael Bostic, president and CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (6); Representative Pete Aguilar (D-CA) (7)

1) a report from Kyiv, Ukraine on referendums staged by Russia in disputed areas of Ukraine, a process the West has denounced as a sham

5) a report from Atlanta on the uncertainty surrounding the economy as inflation continues, stocks fall and higher interest rates fuel a housing pullback

6) Topics include: higher interest rates and inflation / possible recession / immigration's impact on the labor force

60 MINUTES

07/03/22 PREEMPTED FOR 60 MINUTES PRESENTS: “Looking Toward the Future”

60 MINUTES PRESENTS: “Looking Toward the Future”

“Ingenuity & Perseverance” – a report on the newest technological advancements in efforts to explore Mars. *Ingenuity* and *Perseverance*, a robotic helicopter and rover, respectively, have both landed successfully on Mars and have already begun to transmit new information about the planet back to earth. Includes interviews with Mimi Aung, an engineer and project manager at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory and the lead engineer on *Ingenuity*; Matt Keennon and Ben Pipenberg, engineers at AeroVironment who helped create *Ingenuity*; Al Chen, the leader of the landing team at NASA; Matt Wallace, project manager at NASA; and Ken Farley, who leads the science team that will direct *Perseverance*. (See also: “Perseverance”, OAD: 05/31/20) (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Andy Court) (OAD: 05/09/21; Rebroadcast: 08/01/21 – both on 60 MINUTES)

“Dynamic Robots” – a report on Boston Dynamics, a robotics company that focuses on making robots with the capacity for life-like movement and mobility. The company continues to increase the capabilities of their robots and add additional functions, making possible an expanding range of jobs the robots can perform. Includes interviews with Marc Raibert, founder and chairman of Boston Dynamics; Robert Playter, CEO of Boston Dynamics; Hannah Rossi, a technician; Kevin Blankespoor, a lead engineer; and Bill Washburn, a roboticist specializing in car mechanics. (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Nichole Marks) (OAD: 03/28/21; Rebroadcast: 08/08/21 – both on 60 MINUTES)

“eVTOLs” – a report on electric vertical takeoff and landing aircrafts. eVTOLs are being developed globally as an environmentally friendly alternative for quick transportation. Includes interviews with Jace McCown, director of flight operations for LIFT Aircraft; Matt Chasen, CEO of LIFT Aircraft; Billy Nolen, head of safety for the FAA and current acting administrator; JoeBen Bevirt, CEO of Joby Aviation; Jon Wagner, an engineer at Joby; Paul Sciarra, co-founder of Pinterest; and Gary Gysin, CEO of Wisk Aero. (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Nichole Marks) (OAD: 04/17/22 on 60 MINUTES)

07/10/22

“Supersonic” – a report on commercial supersonic flights. Start-up companies are attempting to change the landscape of commercial flights by developing flight technology that can safely deliver passengers in a fraction of normal travel time. Includes interviews with Blake Scholl, CEO of Boom; Jon Ostrower, editor-in-chief of The Air Current; Mike Buonanno, top engineer at Lockheed Martin’s “Skunk Works” aircraft design studio; David Richardson, Director of Air Vehicle Design and Technologies at Lockheed Martin; and Nils Larson, a NASA test pilot. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Rome Hartman) (OAD: 11/21/21)

07/17/22 **“Saving the Mountain Gorillas”** – a report on the mountain gorillas of Rwanda. The once endangered species is attracting tourists which boosts the local economy. Includes interviews with Tara Stoinski, a primatologist who heads the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund; Prosper Uwingeli, Chief Park Warden; and Felix Ndagijimana, Fossey Fund country director. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shari Finkelstein) (OAD: 11/28/21)

08/07/22 **“An Island Off an Island”** – a report on Fogo Island, a small island off the coast of Newfoundland, Canada. After industrialized fishing nearly destroyed the local economy, great efforts have been made to grow back the community. Includes interviews with Zita Cobb, an eighth generation Fogo Islander; Dwight and Hayward Budden, farmers; Glen and Jerry Best, fishermen; and Jennifer Sexton, who moved to the island to open a coffee shop. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Nathalie Sommer, Kaylee Tully) (OAD: 12/12/21)

“Flying Blind” – a profile of Jacob Smith. At 15, he is the only blind competitive free ride skier in the country. Includes interviews with Andrew, Preston, and Julia Smith, his siblings; and Nathan Smith, his father. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Sarah Koch) (OAD: 03/06/22)

08/14/22 **“Running Dry”** – a report on the strained resources of the Colorado River. The river plays a crucial role for agriculture in the surrounding states, but a 22-year drought and the increased effects of climate change have lowered water levels and has led to increased restrictions on the use of river water. Includes interviews with Brad Udall, a climate scientist at Colorado State University; Waylon Wuertz, a farmer in Pinal County, Arizona; Amelia Flores, chairwoman of the Colorado River Indian Tribes; Zach Renstrom, who manages the water system for Washington County in Utah; and JB Hamby, vice president of the board that runs California’s Imperial Irrigation District. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Marc Lieberman) (OAD: 10/24/21)

08/28/22

60 MINUTES (7:40 – 8:40p)

“The Grid” – a report on the national power grid. Threats to the power grid have major ramifications for the national power supply. Includes interviews with Jon Wellinghoff, former chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Dr. Granger Morgan, a Carnegie Mellon University professor of engineering; Mike Mabee, an Iraq war vet and former police officer; Dr. Liz Sherwood-Randall, President Biden’s Homeland Security Advisor; and Anne Neuberger, Deputy National Security Advisor for cyber. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Graham Messick) (OAD: 02/27/22)

“Sharswood” – an interview with Fred Miller. The Miller family, who recently purchased a large southern home, have come to realize their ancestors were enslaved on the very same plantation. Includes interviews with Adam Miller, Tonya Miller Pope, Debra Coles, Karen Dixon-Rexroth; Betty Dixon, Brenda Miller, Dexter Miller, Sonya Womack-Miranda, Marian Keyes, all members of the Miller family; Bill Thompson, whose family formerly owned the farm; Dennis Pogue and Doug Sanford, historic preservationists; and Karice Luck-Brimmer, a local historian and genealogist. (Part 1. C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shari Finkelstein/Part 2. C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shari Finkelstein and Braden Cleveland Bergan) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT (OAD: 05/15/22)

09/04/22

“A New Model” – a report on the non-profit architectural firm “MASS” (Model of Architecture Serving Society). In addition to visually pleasing architecture, the firm prioritizes healthy design and community involvement. Includes interviews with Christian Benimana, Rwandan architect and MASS leader; Michael Murphy, MASS’ executive director; Alan Ricks, chief design officer at MASS; Dr. Paul Farmer, founder of the nonprofit Partners in Health; and Sierra Bainbridge, a MASS landscape architect. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shari Finkelstein, Braden Cleveland Bergan) (OAD: 10/31/21)

INVESTIGATE TV

INTV 202 September 24-25, 2022

Natural gas leaks have caused over 300 explosions since 2010. InvestigateTV covers what gas companies do and don’t have to report to the government. Plus, an underground water leak is wasting millions of gallons of water every month, and the team says officials aren’t doing much to fix it.

WTOC NEWSCASTS

ISSUE 12-HOW THE ECONOMY AND OTHER SOURCES SUCH AS THE CORONAVIRUS ARE AFFECTING BUSINESSES. HOW BUSINESSES HAVE BEEN AFFECTED DURING THE CORONAVIRUS, 4TH OF JULY PREPS FOR AREA CELEBRATIONS, VIDALIA ONION RECALL, FT. STEWART 4TH OF JULY CANCELLED DUE TO STORMS, AIRPORT CANCELLATIONS, HINESVILLE GAS OWNER HELPING CUSTOMERS BY LOWERING PRICES, CAR SALES INCLUDING SHORTAGES, ISLANDS EXPRESSWAY BRIDGE OPENING, BEAUFORT WATER FEST BIZ IMPACT, ENMARKET PARKING UPDATE, A/C PARTS SHORTAGE, SAV BABY FORMULA DONATION, JESUP BUSINESSES DESTROYED IN FIRE.GA GAS TAX HOLIDAY LONG TERM IMPACTS, LOCAL REACTION TO RISING INFLATION, RENT PRICE HIKE, WRECK CLOSES RESTAURANT, HINESVILLE BUSINESS CLOSED DUE TO MURDER SUICIDE, BLACK CREEK GOLF COURSE REOPENS AFTER TORNADO IN SPRING, INDUSTRIAL PARK CONCERN, BIZ REACTION TO HINESVILLE SOLDIERS RETURNING, SALT WATER GRILLE FIRE, BEE POPULATIONS, ZUNZI'S GIVES BACK TO HOSPITALITY WORKERS, LOCAL NURSE NEEDS, GDOT PROJECTS AFFECTING TRAFFIC, TATTNALL FARM FIRE DESTROYS ONION CROPS, MEMORIAL HEALTH GENERATION CLOSING, GUN PURCHASES ON CREDIT CARDS, RAIL STRIKE PORT IMPACT, I-95 WIDENING IN HARDEEVILLE, RICHMOND HILL SHOPPING MALL TO REOPEN AFTER FIRE,

SOURCE: CITY OF SAVANNAH, US GOVERNMENT , BUSINESS OWNERS, ETC

As fourth of July crowds descend upon Hilton Head..one of the most popular areas of the island, as always, will be here at Coligny plaza where businesses are gearing up for one of the most crowded weekends of the year." "I think if people remember that patience goes a long way, everybody on Hilton Head will have a good safe holiday." Vo Her restaurant, Skilletts, is short staffed like most places on the island... so she's pulling out all the stops to meet July 4th demand. So "I actually imported a couple people from out of town this weekend to help me. My house is very full this weekend, I've actually even got a girl from Ohio that's down just for the weekend." Vo While it may be a stressful few days, this breakfast spot will make sure they're still in the spirit. So "We always do our red white and blue waffles, so it's a waffle with whipped cream, strawberries and blueberries." Vo The celebratory promotions continue over at the Frosty Frog, where their hot dog eating contest is back. "Couple years we haven't done it because of Covid but this year we're going to do it again." Vo Powell says the Frosty Frog doesn't have any staffing problems and they're ready for the crowds. On cam tag: If you are planning to come out here this weekend, each of the businesses I spoke with today want you to have a good holiday weekend, but they also don't want you to be surprised if you face a wait upon arrival. Reporting from Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

7/1/2022 5:00:00 AM 5AM DAYBRE AK OD HHI 4TH OF JULY BIZ PREPS

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7/1/2022	5:30pm	VIDALIA	the items in question were sold in late june in grocery stores in florida, georgia, massachusetts, new york, and pennsylvania. Luckily - none of Georgia locations are local. It's just impacting counties in North Georgia. consumers are advised to return the onions to the place of purchase for a refund.	
5:29:00 PM	OD	ONION	among the potential symptoms of listeria: fever, headaches, and abdominal pain. more information is available on the food and drug administration's website.	
		RECALL		00:00:28

7/1/2022	5:30pm	GAS PRICES	Georgia and South Carolina are tied for the lowest gas prices in the country. This map from Triple A shows prices by color - with red being the most expensive and blue the cheapest. Both the Peach and Palmetto states are tied at 4-35 a gallon. That's well the national average of 4 dollars and 84 cents.	
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7/1/2022 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	GA GAS TAX HOLIDAY LONG TERM IMPACTS	And as far as how long the holiday will be extended - the governor's office says that's an ongoing conversation. A representative told WTOC state law prevents Governor Kemp from extending the tax holiday more than one month at a time. His office says another part of this process is coordinating with leaders in the General Assembly. The office says they want to be on the same page - because state lawmakers have to formally sign off on any executive orders when they meet again.	00:00:28
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7/1/2022 11:01:00 PM	11PM OD	FLYNN: FT STEWART 4TH OF JULY CANCELED	<p>*nats of crowd* Nature's fireworks dampened on Independence Day celebrations at Fort Stewart. *nats of performances* Just minutes into the night's first performance...organizers closed the grounds as the storms rolled in. *nats pop: "Please take shelter in your car"* It was supposed to be part of the Army base's Marine Independence Day celebration...featuring fireworks...food trucks...and free concerts from grammy award winning R&B group Dru Hill and country star Trace Adkins. But instead of fireworks...fans sat inside their cars for more than an hour before officials cancelled the event that means so much to those at Fort Stewart. "When you spend your days and nights sometimes, and weeks at a time away from your family and you're hardworking it's really great to be able to do something like this for free." This year's event was slated to be the first at full capacity since the start of the pandemic. An effort that took a lot of work say event organizers. "Meeting after meeting. Numbers after numbers, calculating out what was the risk? What was the reward? What was possible? And we finally gave our leadership team enough confidence to say, "You know what? The MWR team, our emergency services team. We can do this let's make it happen." And while they tried to make it happen...the weather had other plans As other July 4th celebrations are planned in the coming days across the area...organizers are hoping to avoid a weekend weather washout. At Fort Stewart...Flynn Snyder...WTOC News.</p>	00:01:27
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((PKG)) Just sit around and wait- that's all there is to do, according to several stranded passengers here at Savannah Hilton Head International Airport. It's not a very pleasant feeling, waiting too long. And again now, my flight has been delayed, but there's no information, e-mail, texting. I just found out when I got there at the counter." Jin Janon's flight delay in Savannah is the latest in a string of complications on her vacation- which kept her in the airport for what she says is too long. Janon: "I came here earlier because I have to drop the car, I rent the car, so in total I have to wait like five hours before departure." Other passengers made it onto their flight- but they say issues with the plane kept them from takeoff. One couple was offered a later flight, which they were taking one-way to pick up a moving truck. But the new flight was just too late. We had already missed our reservation for UHaul, so we just had to cancel the whole thing, and we have to reschedule for sometime next week, or two weeks from now, or drive there, so it's just irritating. Officials with Savannah Hilton Head International say many of the nationwide delays and cancellations are a result of crew shortages. Janon, a former flight attendant, doesn't believe airlines are doing enough to ease the burdens those cause for travelers. Janon: "They should be more considerate. Like, if they put themselves in my shoes or any customer's shoes, they would know that waiting here for three to five hours isn't a very pleasant feeling." SHEA SCHRADER According to FlightAware, almost 600 flights were cancelled and 7,000 delayed nationwide on Friday. Officials with Savannah Hilton Head International tell me that though not many flights were delayed or cancelled here, passengers should prepare for those possibilities. Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOC News. 00:01:49

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			Police on the island had increased patrols today and will have it again tomorrow to help with crowd control. The main event will be the Tybee fireworks show. That will start tomorrow night after it gets dark around 8:30. The city says they will be launched from the pier but you can see them anywhere along Butler Avenue.	
7/3/2022	11PM	TYBEE 4TH OF JULY		
11:01:00 PM	WEEKEN D OD	CELEBRATION		00:00:19

			People have been lined up around the block for hours here at the A to Z Food Mart in Hinesville, all for a chance at filling up their gas tank. According to AAA, this Independence Day, the average price for a gallon gas in the State of Georgia is four dollars and thirty-one cents, but here at the A to Z Mart they're selling it for two dollars- which is less than half the state average. "Everyone's wallet's taking a hit right now in 2022, so the least we can do as a locally, independently owned convenient store is give back for the community." With gas prices being so much higher than what the public is used to, it's a gesture that's been more than appreciated- though Patel's long time customers are not surprised. "It don't surprise me at all because they're always doing something for the community, they're always giving back." And this is an area where it really matters. Those in line for the gas say higher prices have put a strain on their wallets- so waiting for hours to fill up for cheap, is no problem. "Two dollars? You can't beat that, especially now that gas is almost close to five dollars around here, so it's good." My daughter told me all about it, so I was like, 'Okay, I'm gonna get in this line.' And I drive about an hour and a half a day, so the gas is worth it." SHEA: The sale on gas lasted for just three hours, but Patel estimates that in that time, he lost up to 12-thousand dollars. However, he says it's worth it to him and that seeing the smiles on his customers' face is what today is all about. Reporting in Hinesville, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.	
7/4/2022	5:30pm	HINESVILLE 2 DOLLAR GAS		
5:29:00 PM	OD			00:01:30

According to Kelley Blue Book, the chip shortage is getting better, with production getting back on track. But buying a car still may never return to what it was before.. "We just do a whole lot more online traffic now. People are buying cars online a whole lot more than what they used to in the past, so with them buying cars online, the car business with the model that we know and have known for years is just changing. But it's just that sign of the times." Buying cars online, however- doesn't necessarily bring down prices or wait times. According to a study by iSeeCars, the average new car sells for nine point nine percent above the manufacturer's suggested retail price, or MSRP. One Savannah man says he ordered a car- but it was going to take so long to get here, they would have to send him the 2023 model instead of the 2022. "I had to completely redo the build, and in doing that, found that they had gotten rid of a bunch of options that I wanted and the price had gone up significantly, by about eight thousand dollars, so I wound up cancelling the order." There's still no telling how quickly car manufacturers will benefit from increased chip production- for now, things will largely stay the same. Chaney: "The shortage is definitely visible. Not knowing exactly when we're probably going to see an increase in production again plays a severe part in how we're doing business right now." Chaney says that if you're in the market for a new car right now, just be aware that you could be waiting for weeks or even months before you get behind the wheel. Reporting in Savannah,. Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

7/6/2022 4:30PM SHEA: CAR
4:29:00 PM OD SALES

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TRASK
BOATING
LANDING
CLOSURE

A heads up for Lowcountry boaters - a Beaufort county landing will soon close for three months. The H-E Trask Boat Landing will close Monday. That's so the county can install a new section of dock. County leaders say they know it's an inconvenience to those who use it regularly, but they say there are alternative landings and other public water access that can be used in the meantime. Again, that project is expected to wrap up in October.

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((PKG)) Between chip shortages, the pandemic, and inflation- buying a new car is not the simple task it used to be. And those same issues that are making it so difficult to get a new car are even trickling down into the used car market. "Prices have skyrocketed for used cars at auctions. Really everywhere- not to mention we went from having maybe 40 cars on the lot, to I think we have like 10 right now. It's been very hard to get vehicles." It's such a problem, that Afenah has also taken his frustrations to TikTok- where he has over almost a quarter of a million followers and over five million likes. ((Nats tik tok: "Because there's no new cars, nobody's trading in their used car. Because no one's trading in their used cars, used car dealerships are empty.)) He says it's important for people to understand why prices are high and waits are long. Afenah: "They're expecting to pay a few years ago prices, and they don't understand why a six-thousand dollar car is now ten grand." According to Kelley Blue Book- the chip shortage that's caused the car shortage is starting to buffer out. But Afenah doesn't believe things will ever go totally back to normal. Afenah: "Prices will stay high now that dealers know that they can mark up cars and not negotiate and people won't have a choice. I don't think it's permanent, but I don't think it'll go back to the way it was." Shea: Afenah tells me that his lot is selling cars faster than he can even get them, so if you're in the market for a used car, your best bet to actually get your hands on one is to act quickly when there's availability. Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

7/6/2022
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ISLANDS
EXPRESSWAY "It does take several hours to do this. We ask that anyone that will be traveling from 11:30 to say 6 o'clock in the morning to use Highway 80 because there is going to be a lot of stop and go conditions."
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SHIFT The new bridge will officially be open to drivers at tomorrow more at 7 o'clock.

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"The shortage this year is deeper than it was last year." Randy Griffin, President of Climatech Air Inc., says some parts and whole units are hard to come by...whether commercial units... "Rooftop units for commercial jobs...there's a 16-week wait. 16 weeks." ...or residential. "We're having to travel over three states to find equipment." Griffin says the issue is industry-wide, regardless of the make of the units. "To exacerbate the problems is the labor shortage." Griffin says the techs he has on hand have full work loads, and have been busy straight through since last year. So to keep what you have up and running, he has some tips. "Keep your filters changed, always. Look for subtle changes at first, if it's not cooling properly. Just have it checked out on an annual basis, it's the best way." Griffin says the earlier you can spot problems with your A/C, the sooner you can call for help. "It may be a part we have to wait weeks for. And if it's going out, maybe there's a chance to keep it running until the parts do come in." In Savannah, Sean Evans, WTOC News.

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"We've never seen anything like this before." "With not only parents but pediatric offices struggling to put baby formula on shelves, about 25 cans were donated here at JC Lewis Pediatric Center." It's an effort by Peach State Health Plan that's much appreciated by CEO of JC Lewis Rena Douse in helping them provide for patients. As a pediatrician, she says it's not easy struggling to provide for the many parents having a hard time feeding their babies. "You can see the frustration on the parents face. The parents are calling on the phone, they're reaching out to us. They speak with the providers asking hey what can I do? My baby needs milk and gets more frustrating if their baby has some kind of gastrointestinal problem being on specialty formula." She encourages parents to hang in there as more formula slowly starts to hit the shelves. "They're putting out the formula as fast as they can. this shortage will go away." Peach State Health Plan is planning on donating more formula to providers in Savannah in the coming weeks. Camille Syed WTOC News.

SAV BABY
FORMULA
DONATION

7/7/2022
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			I want to give some background on what we know right now. Jesup Police were dispatched to a burglar alarm at the Holsey Law Firm around 4:30 am on Saturday. When they arrived, they saw flames shooting out of the roof of the building. The building also houses the Harris Real Estate office. The Jesup fire chief says the fire was under control about two hours later and then they continued to work hot spots for a few more hours after that. Firefighters say both floors of the building are a total loss. After investigating the area, the cause of the fire has been ruled as arson. The Georgia Fire Marshal's Office says there were signs of forced entry and multiple items were missing from the business. I spoke with one resident who says she remembers the massive electrical fire that destroyed several businesses along this very street back in 2014. She says this is the second biggest fire she's seen happen here and knowing it's arson strikes a nerve.	
7/11/2022	4:30PM	JESUP: BUSINESSES DESTROYED		
4:29:00 PM	OD	IN FIRE		00:00:56

			Traffic was backed up this afternoon near the new Islands Expressway Bridge. Drivers in both directions had to take turns crossing over as asphalt work was being done. A spokesperson for the Georgia Department of Transportation says they received complaints about the transition from the road to the bridge being too bumpy. Crews spent a few hours smoothing it out. The bridge reopened around 2:30 this afternoon.	
7/12/2022		ISLANDS EXPRESSWAY		
11:01:00 PM	11PM OD	BRIDGE FOLLO		00:00:25

7/13/2022 4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	ENMARKET PARKING UPDATE	<p>In case you missed it - a quick WTOC update on a big project at the new Enmarket Arena. Parking lot paving is now moving into its next phase...expecting to relieve some of the congestion around big events. Savannah city leaders say the South Parking lot is already paved and has been used for several times. That lot holds up to 900 cars. Marking for spots will happen in August as well as paving the North parking lot. That lot is expected to add an additional 900 to 1000 parking spots.</p>	00:00:28
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7/13/2022 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	BEAUFORT WATER FESTIVAL BIZ IMPACT	<p>Covered Sot "This is like the Lowcountry's homecoming." Vo Folks from all over the region come into Beaufort for this 10-day festival. "We'll have somewhere around 10,000 to 15,000 people just at the weekend events." Vo Those crowds come ready to eat.... Nat cream cheese Vo And drink.... Nat espresso 2 Vo At local businesses like Rain N Bagels. "Water festival is definitely crazy, it's maybe a line up the sidewalk this year." Vo To deal with that high demand, they're popping out bagels... Nat toaster Vo As quick as they can. Sot "We just prep as much coffee, as much bagels as we can, extra bakes... extra people all the staff all the people we have." Vo To make sure customers leave happy... Nat have a wonderful rest of your day thank you Vo It's all hands on deck. Sot "We need everybody we can for staff." Vo The employees here are preparing to be full steam... Nat espresso 3 Vo Ahead. Business is expected to be booming away from the coffee Nat espresso 1 Vo Too. Sot "The beauty of water festival is it's about a \$7,000,000 impact on the local economy." Vo That's particularly obvious here on Bay Street. Paninis on the Waterfront looks right out at the park where much of the festival is held. he restaurant's owner says they're expecting... Nat receipt Vo For all kinds of business. "We have a lot of extra food coming this week so we can start prepping it all up today, tomorrow, going into the weekend." Vo From paninis to pizza... Nat pizza Vo There's a wide variety of food to get ready... but having been here for 11 years, he knows what a lot of people are really looking for... and he'll be stocked of that too. Sot "we'll have the wall of beer downstairs.30, 40 cases of beer sometimes. "</p>	00:01:38
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7/13/2022 LOCAL REAX
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD TO RISING INFLATION We spoke with a few shop owners in Richmond Hill today. Many say the increase has hurt just about every aspect of their business. Some are even cutting costs by closing early just to make ends meet. 00:00:12

7/13/2022 LOCAL REAX
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD TO RISING INFLATION : "At least 20 percent across the board, just cost of goods raised. Some things have gone up 100 percent to be honest." "If it's real slow in the afternoon, we'll close early because we can't afford to stay open and run electricity and everything if there's no one coming in." Business owners are pleading with the community to continue to shop small to help these local businesses. Even as prices rise. 00:00:23

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Today, the main event was slated to be Children's Day from 11 to 3. There was a delay because of heavy rain, but crowds weren't discouraged. Many people were walking around with umbrellas or hanging out under a pavillion. Event organizers say that the willingness to ride out the rain is a testament to how well the festival is going so far.

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The Beaufort Water Festival continues today at Waterfront Park. Tonight's festivities will be highlighted by Mowtown Monday. The 10-day festival kicked off Friday and has seen large crowds so far. Yesterday's Children's Day was delayed because of heavy rain. Many people were walking around with umbrellas or hanging out under a pavillion. Event organizers say that the willingness to ride out the rain is a testament to how well the festival is going so far. Bad weather did push some people inside restaurants on the waterfront, including Luther's Rare and Well Done. Owner Ron Stavac ((STAY-VACK)) says that business from festival-goers has been phenomenal. The festival continues all throughout the week, and ends next Sunday. You can find a schedule of events on our website WTOC dot com.

7/18/2022
10:00:00 AM CBS CUT- BEAUFORT
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Black Creek Golf Club was at the epicenter of the tornado's strength. According to the National Weather Service...the tornado passed through here at the height of its fury with winds at 185 mile per hour. And course owners say it took a lot of work to get the course open again. PKG: *nats of clubhouse video* This video taken from the club house porch when the tornado unleashed its fierce winds shows the storm's power. Hal Godwin/Owner, Black Creek Golf Club (off camera): "It's just really unfathomable how much damage it did and how much debris there was." Today...the clubhouse remains damaged...but the course is welcoming golfers back at the height of busy summer season. "People have been surprised about what has changed and how much it actually did change the golf course." Course owner Hal Godwin showed us around the course...as he describes the countless hours of work it took to remove the more than 500 damaged trees from the greens. *nats pop: "This right here was devastated." Once tree-lined fairways are now reduced to open fields...as Godwin says they've had to build up mounds to separate course holes. Hal Godwin/Owner, Black Creek Golf Club: "We were basically just trying to get our head above water, because we were pretty well underwater." But those who have returned to Black Creek say they're happy to be back on the course while also coping with the scars left from the tornado. "It's pretty surreal honestly. I haven't been in this area to see the aftermath...only on TV, but throughout the years that I have been playing here, it's a huge blessing that it's still open and still here." And while Godwin is happy to be open again...he says the work is not complete. Hal Godwin/Owner, Black Creek Golf Club: "It got very overwhelming for a little bit...but we put our faith in God and our friends and our family and with everybody's help and support, we pulled through it. We've come a long way since the tornado hit but we still have a long way to go." As he hopes the reopening... *nats pop of ball going in hole* ...is a hole in one. LL Tag: And Godwin says the financial toll was just as profound as the physical one. This clubhouse remains because Godwin says he's still working with his insurance company on assessments. In Bryan County...Flynn Snyder...WTOC News.

7/18/2022
4:59:00 PM BLACK CREEK
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7/21/2022 5:30pm This is the main highway on the Georgia-South Carolina Line leading into Savannah and connecting us
5:29:00 PM OD SARAH SETUP to Jasper County. Because of all the traffic and trucks in that stretch -- the South Carolina DOT is
expanding the road from two lanes to four lanes. 00:00:15

7/21/2022 5:30pm SARAH HWY Even with the summer rain we seem to be getting about every afternoon -- the South Carolina DOT says
5:29:00 PM OD 17 EXPANSION there are other things they can be working on during that time. That is why they were able to get the new
traffic signals installed at the intersection of Highway 17 and 315. Also, installing the drainage system to
give the rainwater a place to go so it does not flood the roads. While rain is expected in the south in the
summer -- the DOT says the project is still on time -- it is just a long process when working with the
marshy landscape. They're asking people to stay patient. 00:00:34

It's alarming thousands of people in the Savannah area are now facing. "If the rent goes up, no, I'm going to be forced to move somewhere else." Joe Martinez says - he thought his social security would allow him to live out his retired years comfortably in Pooler. He's now paying more than 15-hundred dollars for a 1-bedroom apartment off Pooler Parkway. He says, if the rent goes up any more, he'll have to move. "We're retired. We only get one check once a month. And, the very little bit of money we have, we have to make ends meet." Kaila Hall wanted to move her young family to Pooler... but rising prices, priced them out. "It's not even an option right now, because really we're just going day-to-day trying to get through it, you know?" So, just how high is the rent? We crunched rental data in Savannah and Pooler. We got these numbers from the research team at 'Apartment List.' They analyze rental data nationwide. It shows prices here have skyrocketed. On average, you'll pay nearly 12-hundred dollars for a 1-bedroom apartment in Savannah... up 23-percent from last June. In Pooler, you'll pay more than *15-hundred dollars... up 20-percent from a year ago. But it's not just Savannah and Pooler. "Rental prices are up across the entire Savannah region. That includes right here on Wilmington Island. In fact, this house behind us, it's up for rent, and it's one of the only available rentals in this area." "This is, as far as we know, the only rental available on Wilmington Island right now." Local realtor Emily Trust says it's an issue of supply and demand. - Homes are selling for record-high prices, and the current market is *highly competitive. - So, more people are renting. - She says supply chain issues are also delaying construction on new rental developments. - And Trust points out the Savannah area is very transient... making rentals, an even hotter commodity. She says there's also been a geographic shift, from states like California and areas in the northeast, to here in the southeast. Still, Trust says the high prices in Pooler stand out. "Yes, it does surprise us. Because Pooler is known to have a lot of new rental complexes, and a lot of homes to rent. Investors buy homes out there to rent. And yet, rentals are still unbelievably limited." Trust says people looking to save money on rent should shop areas in Savannah, but *not downtown. "We'll put a property up, and we'll have 10-15 applications the first day." Rental property manager Thomas McMillan says, if you are looking downtown, you should try to lock something

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REPAVING

The county says to expect lane closures on Sweet Hill Road starting Monday. The one lane closures start at 8 a-m. It's so they can repair and repave the section of the road you're seeing on your screen now. That's from Highway 144 to the cul-de-sac on Saddle Brook Drive. The county says the people that live there will have access throughout the project.

7/23/2022 6:00:00 AM 00:00:21

7/24/2022 11PM SHEA: Reactions are pouring in from people who live near Enmarket arena... as the Gwinnett Street bridge
11:01:00 PM WEEKEN CONSTRUCTI between Stiles Avenue and I-16 is finally open for use. Only one lane in each direction is open for now,
D OD ON VOSOT While some are saying the closure was inconvenient, they agree that the wait was worth it and are just
happy that the bridge is open. 00:00:26

7/24/2022 11PM SHEA: "You know the gas prices are going high. We had to go all the way around to go right up the street, but I
11:01:00 PM WEEKEN CONSTRUCTI do appreciate the way they have it looking. It looks awesome." Neighbors also say that the opening
D OD ON VOSOT came at a good time with the nearby Enmarket Areana hosting a concert on the 30th... they hope the
bridge will help with traffic in the area during events. 00:00:21

Tricks Barbeque in the Starland District says they usually serve around 200 customers a day. But now, they're not serving anybody, and they're not sure when they'll be able to. Savannah police say that on Saturday, the driver of a SUV was headed north on Bull Street, when he had a medical incident- causing him to veer off the road - crashing into and pushing a parked car into the grill pit at Tricks Barbecue. Taylor Middleton, who's family owns the restaurant, says three large grills in the pit, each worth over three-thousand dollars, were damaged. Middleton says they can't operate without the grills...they're working to get them replaced, but aren't sure how long that will take. "For that day, you know, we had to close because we had all of our food on the bigger grills, so the accident, glass, nails, fumes, it was a lot. But we're not really sure when we're gonna open up. We have a couple of grills around the corner, but they're so small and we're so busy and they're so small it would just throw everything off." Shea: Middleton adds that she and her family are grateful for their customers' patience both on the day of the accident, and in the days to come while they're waiting to reopen. Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.g in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

7/25/2022 4:30PM SHEA TRIX
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LL INTRO: This Lendmark location in Hinesville is now closed indefinitely... following a shooting Friday, that left two people dead. Law enforcement officials say they found the bodies of Christopher and Terrica Williams in the back of the business, in what appears to be a murder-suicide. The business is now boarded up, and the sign has been removed. All that hangs in the entrance are signs signaling the closure of the branch. Lendmark company leadership says they've redirected services to their Savannah location. The Liberty Square shopping center is a busy area, and people who come here often say this incident comes as a shock. One man says he was in town on Friday to see his barber which is right next to where the shooting happened.. "Yeah it was just unexpected. You think you're coming to get a haircut, then the next thing you know, there's police everywhere and shots being fired." LL TAG: We're also learning more about the victim in this shooting, Terrica Williams. I'm working on that story for THE News at 6. In Hinesville, HB WTOC NEWS.

7/28/2022 4:30PM HAYLEY
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 SUICIDE FOLO

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8/4/2022
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CROSS
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PARKWAY
LATEST

Roadwork continues on Cross Island Parkway over on Hilton Head Island. And the South Carolina D-O-T says they're changing approaches when it comes to paving. That's after issues with the repaving work that's already done. They say about 1 and a half miles of the road has been redone... but repair work will give drivers a better ride. They also say they'll repave the remaining 6 miles with a better method. In the meantime - they'll make repairs in the next couple weeks so drivers have a better trip now. They'll circle back for the final touches later this summer into the fall.

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"Pediatricians here at SouthCoast Health have seen more women deciding to breastfeed their babies because it's so hard to find baby formula on the shelves." "I can't imagine how scary it is to go from store to store to store and you're not able to find your infants formula." Which sparked a demand for lactation consultants like Carisa Elmore. "So now a lot of parents are really wanting to breastfeed even if they didn't intend to." On top of not having to stress about finding formula, she says breastfeeding has more benefits. "The immune system benefits are exponential." She also says breastfeeding provides better growth, brain and eye development. One of the biggest struggles of breastfeeding is going back to work. She encourages mothers to look at pictures of your baby while pumping to help the emotional bond and pump as often as needed to help your supply. "So if you're going to be gone for an eight hour day and your infant will feed two or three times then you need to be pumping two or three times and hopefully your work schedule will allow that." "She advises mothers who are breastfeeding to reach out to a lactation consultant if you're ever concerned or just need advice. Reporting in Savannah, Camille Syed WTOC News."

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The global race to fix pandemic-era supply chain shortages is bringing an onslaught of traffic to Savannah's ports. "As busy as the whole supply chain has been, the burden on Savannah to play a role in handling all that cargo has grown. It's grown well beyond what could've been forecasted for 2022." Port leaders here say congestion and labor concerns at west coast ports are continuing... Jamie McCurry/Chief Administrative Officer, Georgia Ports Authority: "Which has caused shippers to redirect cargo to the east coast, a lot of that has come to Savannah." Jamie McCurry with the Georgia Ports Authority says the increase has added to an already busy schedule. This comes just days after the Port of Savannah reported record-breaking cargo volumes last fiscal year. Jamie McCurry/Chief Administrative Officer, Georgia Ports Authority: "We have over 100-thousand container slots on terminal now. A year ago, we had about 80, so that's continuing to grow. We're prepared and we're going to stay prepared." But McCurry says the upcoming holiday shopping season could also add to the volume. Jamie McCurry/Chief Administrative Officer, Georgia Ports Authority: "The shippers have seen the negative impacts of not having sufficient inventories for the holidays and some key buying seasons so they have advanced orders ahead of schedule so they don't see those same delays in serving their customers in the future."

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The Savannah VOICE Festival kicked off their tenth season last night. It's a 2 week long series of shows highlighting opera, musical theater and song. This year's theme is voices from beyond and includes multiple opera concerts. After COVID precautions the past few years...festival organizers say the group's founders are excited to bring the music back to the Hostess City.

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The Uniform Source has been in the Savannah Mall for 15 years. "We've been here doing this with the school uniforms as long as Savannah has had the school uniforms." But the owner David Eichelbaum (EYE-KUL-BOMB) says he had no clue the mall was up for auction and a month later still hasn't been notified officially. "We learned through social media just like everybody else." But when everybody else learned about the auction that's now underway, his sales plummeted "Once they heard it was up for auction, people assumed the mall was closed, so a lot of people just didn't even show up. We were getting phone calls all the time...'well where are you know.'" "He says his back to school profits were cut in half compared to years in the past." He says he also isn't ordering more inventory because he doesn't know if or when he'll have to relocate. "I've been in Savannah long enough to know that when you move, it takes people many years to find you again." Alderman Kurtis Purtee representing district six says no matter who secures the mall at the end of bid, the city will have input in what's next. "We are going to stay engaged in this entire process. We have to." Alderman Purtee says the area has potential to be like Broughton street. He believes it should be a mixed-use area with retail and housing. "Maybe for seniors, maybe housing for students, housing based on income and then provide the resources around the housing such as grocery stores, little mom and pop stores." Eichelbaum (EYE-KUL-BOMB) wants the mall geared towards kids with retail mixed in. "Put in things like laser tag and maybe a movie theatre, bowling alley or whatever but different things and gear it towards kids." Regardless, they both hope the future of this property benefits the southside of Savannah. "We're just kind of sitting back and watching and waiting and hoping for the best." Camille Syed WTOC News.

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around 100 acres of land on the old highway road here in Effingham County has been rezoned to industrial in order to build new warehouses. However, there are citizens not just from Effingham County, but also from the City of Savannah, that are concerned the warehouses could pose a threat to drinking water all over the area. The drinking water source for Chatham, Effingham, some of Bryan County is on a creek called Abercorn Creek. There have been a series of warehouses and other buildings that have been permitted in the swamp surrounding this drinking water intake that are really putting it at very high risk, which is honestly pretty terrifying. That's 400-thousand people that are drinking out of that water every single day. For those reasons, Bonitatibus and several Savannahians spoke out against the new industrial zone at the most recent Effingham County Commissioners meeting. The item still passed. Our board is in no way going to do anything to put our residents or any person that drinks water that is treated from the waters removed from Effingham County in danger. That's not at all going to happen." Bonitatibus disagrees. She says with very little regulation over warehouses, there's no way of monitoring what goes on on the property. And if there was an accident of some kind, she says, there would be very little time to do something about it. Bonitatibus: "This isn't a mile away. This is next door, so if there's a fire on this site or the truck spills on the way to the facility of on the facility, the stuff that's in that warehouse is in the drinking water for the City of Savannah. There is no, it's gonna take a couple hours to turn things off. It's next door." She adds that the developer will put just a 5-foot berm between the warehouses and the new construction- which she doesn't believe is enough of a buffer. Kieffer says any plans, however, will be reviewed by proper authorities before they're approved. Kieffer: Everything will be designed and obviously is reviewed and approved at even the state level and corps of engineers, Department of Natural Resources. So it goes through a multitude of reviews on the design. When asked for comment on the situation, the City of Savannah released the following statement: The City of Savannah remains committed to working with our partners, both public and private, to safeguard the availability of clean drinking water throughout our region of Georgia. Shea: Reporting in Effingham County, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

8/9/2022 SHEA:
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Serving those... who serve the country... that's always been a goal of Zum Rosenhof. It's a veteran-owned, German restaurant in the heart of downtown Hinesville. The owners say homecomings like Tuesday's are welcome news. "It's like family coming home. It's like brothers, sisters, or my husband coming home. This is actually what it feels like. It's goosebumps." Anka and her husband, David, say now that these soldiers are returning home... it's like a sigh of relief. "There's a lot of less worrying going on. Granted, they were in Europe, but families are happy. Whether they're local family or not. Without the community, and without the military base, this place wouldn't be functioning the way it is." STANDUP: In addition to local business owners, county leaders have also been excited to welcome back these armed servicemen and women. They say nothing compares to a homecoming. "It's like Christmas in August to have them back home safe and sound. Living back in the community, school has started, they're getting back into those routines, all those things that make family what it is." Lovette says... the community is proud of the men and women who serve. "We support the role that Fort Stewart plays in keeping the world a safer place. So, every time units are deployed, we are there for them. We support them. Our prayers leave with them, and they return to our hugs." And back at Zum Rosenhof.... The owners say they're excited to see— "Every last one of them. That's it. They're all friendly faces. They're all family." In Hinesville, HB WTOC News.

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Around noon Savannah Fire brought their boat out to get around the back side here with a hose. The fire alarm went off in the kitchen at 12:17am overnight and fire crews say they got here in three minutes. Two firefighters got minor injuries while fighting the fire, and they're expected to be ok. Chatham Fire CEO Chuck Kerns says they can't say the restaurant is a total loss yet. Mainly because it's been a challenge getting inside.

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CAMILLE:
PEARL'S
GRILLE FIRE

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PEARL'S GRILLE FIRE "It is actually built on stilts overlaying the water so you can't really get around back of it to fight the fire and that's kind of where it started towards the back and the side of it so that made it very difficult, very dangerous." 30 to 40 people from different agency and volunteers have been here. While they believes the fire strated in the kitchen, they are still investigating the cause. 00:00:23

8/11/2022
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FARMERS MAKET NEW VENUE (sot) Organizers of the Main Street Farmers Market say the move to their new venue has been better than they could have imagined. (vo) After years of anticipation, the market moved in to the newly opened venue at the Visit Statesboro welcome center. The market manager says they've seen growth since they opened the season in April. (sot) At our previous location, we were averaging 700 guests per market - give or take. Now, we're averaging 900. So we're seeing an increase. Our largest has been 1,300-1,400. (vo) The new covered venue marks a switch from the Synovus bank parking lot downtown. She says the larger turnout of shoppers helps draw more sellers. (sot) Last year, we had 25-35 vendors per market. Now, we're pushing 40 and we're get about five new applications per week. (vo) She says vendors are making more money too. Shoppers are now spending \$18 to 20,000 per Saturday morning...that's up an average of \$5,000 per market. (sot) The market continues through November and wraps up with the annual Shop by Lantern Market on the Tuesday night before Thanksgiving. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news. 00:01:03

LL INTRO: The manager here at The Pizza Peddler in Midway says they don't have as many high school staff members as they once did. They say it makes it a little tougher on the staff they do have. Manager Shannon Lawson says they're lucky to have a handful of teens who have worked there for several years, but it's become more difficult to hire as many high schoolers as they normally would. This isn't uncommon, the U.S. Census Bureau says summer employment of teens aged 14 to 18 has trended downward over the last 20 years.... Quarterly workforce indicators show between 2019 and 2020, that same age group of workers declined by 15 percent in the summer. For small businesses like The Pizza Peddler... it's creating staffing difficulties. "it's a little hard on us. We have to overpay some of the adults sometimes to get them to stay longer. Not that the teenagers don't eventually move up to that pay, but to start with that training and learning the business, it makes a big difference on the hours that everybody works." Lawson also says summer jobs can provide important learning experiences for teens.

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YOUTH
EMPLOYMENT

In Midway, HB WTOC NEWS.

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"It was a big fire. It was a very hard fire to put out because of the structure of the building, the fact that it over hangs the water and they can't get around it. It's all wood and it had a metal roof which was kind of containing the heat inside like an oven." It was an emotional day for Lindsey Lynch who is a server at Pearls Saltwater Grille when she got a call early this morning that the restaurant caught on fire. She says there are about 40 to 50 people who work here and several more customers who cherished this restaurant.

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PEARLS
SALTWATER
GRILLE FIRE

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LL INTRO: Drivers here in Hinesville say while filling up their tanks is still expensive, they're thankful that prices are trending downward. Michael Priester owns a landscaping business... and fuel is a large part of his business costs. "It plays a major role, at least 90-95 percent of costs. With gas being high, it hurts us a lot. We have machines that need fuel. With it dropping, that helps us." Other drivers say the price still isn't where they'd like it to be. "What I used to pay, and what I pay now, it's hitting the pockets." Georgia's average gas price is \$3.54, which is below Friday's national average of \$3.97. One driver says she picks the Chevron station in Hinesville, because their prices are typically lower. She also says the price decrease is a relief. "It went down a little bit, because it was four something. I was like, if they go up any more, I'll be riding a bicycle, because I can't do this. But yeah, it has gone down a little bit, and it has helped out a lot." Ivery drives for Uber Eats, and says what she's used to budgeting for gas, isn't cutting it anymore. "Now, that doesn't even last me a whole week. It's gone before you know it. Right now, I've got to go back and do Uber Eats so I can fill up the tank later on... because I know this won't last the whole week." While Georgia drivers pay less than the national average, it's still above the price from a year ago. According to AAA, that was \$2.96. Still – this price drop is a welcome change. "I'm ecstatic about it." LL TAG: One driver even said that this recent decrease may help him take an extra road trip this year. In Hinesville, HB WTOC NEWS.

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GAS PRICES
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I would probably say at least 70 percent less.. Some people that live in Thunderbolt are reporting seeing fewer bees and butterflies this year than they have in years past. And though there is no data specific to the Thunderbolt area, a biologist I spoke with said this could be a symptom of the larger decline in pollinator populations worldwide. "It's been observed repeatedly in Europe and North America that general insect numbers seem to be dropping quite a bit. Our honey bees in particular have been struggling for a number of years. That could be due to a number of factors. Harvey says general climate change, pesticides, fungi, and parasites have all contributed to declining pollinator populations- which has scientists all around the world concerned. Harvey: Directly, it would be an environmental catastrophe if insect numbers do plummet to the numbers that some folks are concerned about, but it's also sort of a canary in the coal mine thing. Because declining pollinator populations will only lead to more environmental problems. Harvey says there are small ways that people can help, like starting their own bee colonies and keeping flowering plants around. He says they can also take part in the Great Georgia Pollinator Census- which helps track populations in specific areas. Harvey: Certainly the folks in Thunderbolt if they're concerned about this, they should really be involved in this project because it has been going on for a while. If there is an issue that's unique to that area, this would be the easiest way I can think of at getting some information available so people like me can look at it and say, yeah, those numbers seem abnormally low. The Pollinator Census is taking place this Friday and Saturday. We'll have a link to it on WTOC.com. Shea: Reporting in Chatham County, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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8/17/2022 5:00:00 AM	5AM DAYBRE AK OD	ALLSTATE CAR RATE HIKE IN GA	"You know, we worked with other companies. Other companies have asked for rate increases, and we worked very hard, and we ask them to provide us their losses, so that the rate increases are justified. I still have a hard time understanding why this one company has requested for a greater increase than most other companies in our market."	00:00:20
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8/17/2022 9:00:00 AM	MORNIN G BREAK OD 8 17	ZUNZI'S GIVES BACK TO HOSPITALITY WORKERS	<p>Many restaurants are having trouble finding workers post-pandemic. But some of the people who have gone back to work in the industry are struggling too. "the demands of the restaurant industry are the hardest and the biggest they have ever been. A lot of times when you're coming into a new restaurant, it's a restaurant that's already understaffed, their team has been operating for now almost three years with Covid and it's a very tough environment. And Chris Smith is using the environment at his restaurant to make things easier for all local hospitality workers. Zunzibar 's new 86/26 from 2-6 initiative will offer discounted meals to the people who work around food all day but might not have great access to it or themselves. "They can come to our establishment from 2-6 and we will 86, we'll take away, 26 percent of their check. All of our team members get free employee meals, but we wanted to share that love since inflation and the cost of living has really impacted everybody but especially bar and restaurant employees in the Savannah market. The offer is good seven days a week at Zunzi locations in Savannah and Atlanta, Smith says to show gratitude to those who are the backbone of his any many other local businesses. "The main reason I'm in this business is I lie the people aspect of it, I love working with our team, serving people ... extremely tight knit hospitality community in Savannah, definitely in the bar business as well. We have so many people from around the area that are serving guests, tourists, locals and have been doing it for a long time. And they come in and pay full price. So, this is just a way for them to come in during our slower time from 2-6, a chance to hang out and chat wit them, they can get a discounted meal and say thank you.</p>	00:01:44
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8/18/2022 4:30PM GA & SC Georgia is reporting 61 percent out of stock as of August 7th. That's down from 93 percent the week of
4:29:00 PM OD FORMULA May 22nd. South Carolina is reporting 55 percent as of August 7th. That's also down from 88 percent -
DATA LATEST which the Palmetto peaked at the same week as Georgia. 00:00:15

Jacqueline and Sabrena Delaney started the 26-week long journey to become Certified Nurse Assistants in March. (nats) They're two of twelve people to complete the Certified Nurse Assistant program by Savannah Tech and St. Joseph's Candler which allowed them to get hands-on experience while taking classes. "It was a challenge to work and study. It took up a lot trying to be here fulltime. Because we were at work full time and at school full time." Already certified CNA's in less than six months, it's a challenge they didn't mind taking. Mom Sabrena Delaney says seeing the impact they have on others makes it all worth it. "It kind of made me tear up a little bit and they thanked me for being so kind to them. It made me feel like I was really making a difference." "And while the duo shares the same DNA, they also share the same mission. Making sure patients are taken care during this nationwide nursing shortage." "With our position we can make a difference here with the patients. I know the nurses being busy, they're not able to tend to the patients like they would want to so we're here to lend that hand and give the patient some extra love." And Jacqueline's next step is to go to school again to be registered nurse in a time they're needed the most. "Getting my feet wet in this position, seeing how it is, I am going to take it further." Camille Syed WTOC News.

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NURSING
NEEDS

"The healthcare workforce commission is created to tackle those challenges of hiring and keeping workers in the healthcare field. The chief nursing officer here at St. Joseph's/Candler already has some solutions." (sot) "We are trying our very best right now to try to get back to normal." Chief Nursing Officer Sherry Danello says prior to the COVID pandemic in 2019 the St. Joseph's/Candler system had a 7 to 10 percent nurse vacancy rate. Now that rate is at 13 to 15 percent. Sherry Danello says their hospitals will be implementing a new team effort for nurses and nurse assistants that they believe will take a load of nurses this October. "The RN is the team leader and bringing some LPN's back into the acute care workforce and then the CNA or PCT working as a team to care for a group of patients." She plans to present the idea to the governor's taskforce commission. "The first meeting for that workforce will be this coming Tuesday in Atlanta. Camille Syed WTOC News."

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FARM FIRE

(sot) You can still see some flames popping up from the fire they've been battling since the middle of the night. (vo) Firefighters got to Dry Branch Farm just before 3am to find flames already climbing into the sky and lighting up the dark sky. It burned the conveyor belts and equipment the used to sort and grade onions. Inside you can see piles that represent hundreds of pounds of the crop lost. (sot) They had storage bins of onions to be processed and the plastic bins had started melting. It was a major fire when they arrived. (vo) Crews from across Tattnall County and surrounding fire departments came to try and put out the fire but also keep it away from a warehouse that holds tons of onions waiting to be boxed and shipped. (sot) We concentrated our efforts on saving the building behind me. It contains a good bit of the processed onions. (vo) Rogers says they would have likely finished all their onions by next week. Now, they must decide how they'll rebuild before next Spring. (sot) And they'll continue to monitor this through the weekend. In Tattnall County, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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The Old School Diner here in Harris Neck is tucked into the northern part of McIntosh County, but it's attracted some very big names." "My boy... Al Pacino..." The walls at Old School Diner are lined with thousands of photos of customers... since the restaurant opened in 2005. But one guest in particular stands out-- "I was just getting started in my restaurant, and I felt I needed someone special to come into my life to be here, so people would know this person came, and that was what brought Ben into my world." That Ben--- is movie star Ben Affleck. Chef Jerome says he's been to his restaurant about a half dozen times. "Ben's in the kitchen with me, hanging out with me, twice, when he was doing some movies in town, and Batman, he was here. Him and I we spent a lot of time together." The restaurant even has a room dedicated to Affleck. Chef Jerome says this weekend's celebration is good news. "It means he still loves the area. It's possible I'll get a chance to hang out with him." And Chef Jerome adds—that Affleck has always been a fan of his food... "Ben will tell you, I trust my chef. Point blank. I trust my chef." The warm welcome at Old School Diner... isn't just for celebrities. "I like to roll the carpet out to anyone who comes to Old School Diner. I want everyone to feel at home here." Chef Jerome says he hopes to catch up with Affleck sometime this weekend. In McIntosh County, HB WTOC NEWS. 00:01:21

8/19/2022
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BEN AFFLECK
IN RICEBORO

"Georgia is losing more nurses than it's producing." "We don't want the patients to feel that our care is not anything but excellent." St. Joseph's nurse manager Mary Robinson has a full nursing staff on her floor (nats) but that's not the case for nurses on other floors of the hospital. So nurses working overtime often pitch in. "Instead of picking up here they'll pick up an extra shift to help their sister unit." That's been the story since the pandemic began in 2020. Robinson says this lack of nurses calls for a lot of team work as nurses check on each other's patients. "We use very much a team approach so there's not any fragmentation of care." Chief Nursing Officer at Candler Sherry Danello says prior to the COVID pandemic in 2019 the St. Joseph's/Candler system had a 7 to 10 percent nurse vacancy rate. Now that rate is at 13 to 15 percent and it changes daily. "They were facing life and death everyday." Their focused on hiring nurses with experience. "It's very important to have the right mix of new graduates and experienced nurses at the bed sides." Memorial is also struggling to fill nurse positions. Right now, they have a 20 to 25 percent vacancy rate, their rate also changing daily. "And the chief nursing officer here at Memorial Health says there aren't as many nurses walking these halls because of the demand for traveling nurses." "They know that they can be mobile so we have to create an environment that fulfills them, that gives them good clinical practice and support." Isbell says because of staffing issues they brought licensed practical nurses or LPN back to the hospital in March. "To really extend the RN and to take the pressure off of some of the need for RN staffing." St. Joseph's Candler will begin a similar model in October. They'll both also have Patient Care Technicians pitch in. "We're going to continue to innovate and create opportunities to provide amazing care." Camille Syed WTOC News. 00:01:52

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SHORTAGE

((SHEA)) With all the new development going on in the Coastal Empire, there are several key road projects underway, meant to help with traffic. Ann Purcell with GDOT gave an update on some of those projects today, including what they're doing with the Bryan County Megasite, and the I-16/I-95 interchange. ((VO)) The entrance and exit ramps on that interchange are slated to be complete this December.. but that won't be the end of construction. The widening of I-16 from I-95 into Savannah won't be finished until the end of 2023. GDOT is also working on preliminary plans to ease traffic in and out of the new Hyundai Megasite in Bryan County, which will likely include adding a new interchange from I-16 and Old Cuyler Road, widening State Route 30 and US 80, and constructing a frontage road along I-16 east to Old Cuyler Road. These are just two projects GDOT is working on in the Savannah area. They know that the construction can be an inconvenience, but want people to remember that their commute will be cut down in the long run. Patience is the key with all of these projects that are going on. I'm like everyone else, I would love for it to have been finished yesterday, but it just doesn't work that fast. So I think that mobility will certainly improve, but also traffic is going to be increased. We know that. Purcell adds that safety is always at the top of GDOT's priority list, and that anyone with safety concerns shouldn't hesitate to reach out. For WTOC News, I'm Shea Schrader.

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Sot: (Logan Cunningham - Restaurant Manager, Station 300) "It's been the best summer we've ever had honestly, it's been nonstop." Vo He wants to end that historic season on a high and says there's no better way to do it than with a holiday promo. Sot "On Labor Day we're doing \$5 burgers throughout the entire building from 12-9, so we're definitely going to go out with a bang before kids go all the way back to school. Vo The place is expecting a huge crowd, and they're bringing in all the staff they can to keep up. Sot "We're going to double up everywhere. Usually we have about 15 people on, we're going to have about 25 people on Monday just to be ready for all the crowds."

8/29/2022 BLUFFTON
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Drivers here in Hinesville say the lower gas prices have been motivation to hit the road this holiday weekend. "I'm going to Charleston, South Carolina to visit with my son. I'm going to enjoy the weekend, probably go to the beach a little bit." Rosetta Henderson is just one of millions of Americans leaving home this weekend... She says the lower fuel costs have been a big help. "I'm happy the prices are down. We can get out and travel more and do a little more now that we have a little room to ride around and enjoy the gas prices." Over Memorial Day weekend, the average gas price in Georgia was \$4.15, according to Triple A. Now, that price has dropped to about \$3.37 as of Thursday. "It's a big difference. The prices have gone down, it's at least \$20 I'm saving on gas. So, I'm excited about that. Anything you can save is a total blessing." Drivers say the higher prices earlier in the year... limited their travel during the summer months. "I like to travel, and I have young kids. We were always going back and forth. Sometimes, gas is just too high. It became another bill at this point." Now, the lower prices—are opening some doors for drivers. "I'm thinking of seeing my family more often in Florida and Atlanta. I'm just grateful the prices are going down, and hope they keep going down." While prices are still higher than they were a year ago... drivers are thankful for the recent relief at the pump. LL TAG: Several drivers I spoke with today say they hope to see the lower prices continue, so they can maybe plan some extra trips this fall. In Hinesville, HB WTOC NEWS.

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Business is booming- that's according one local business owner I spoke to who says she believes more people are coming out this weekend for one final shopping spree before Labor Day signals the unofficial end of summer. Kasey Jackson owns Element Tree Essentials in downtown Savannah, known for their candles that melt into lotion. The business has only been open for four months, but in that time, Jackson feels its been embraced by Savannahians and tourists alike. That hasn't been more evident than this weekend- as Jackson says she's already made record sales. "Friday and Saturday we did record numbers so far, so it was very busy yesterday, people seemed interested in shopping and coming in and trying the candles. Everybody was in a good mood and seemed to be enjoying Labor Day, so yeah, we had a great day. And Friday the same thing." Despite inflation concerns, retail experts are actually expecting Labor Day sales to exceed last year's. The easing of supply chain issues means stores have more items in stock- which makes them easier to put on sale. Shea: Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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People on Tybee closed out summer on a bright note (?re-word however you want lol) this evening as thousands descended on the beach to catch the return of the island's Labor Day fireworks. *nats of fireworks* It was the return of a full-scale celebration that drew people to Tybee Island this Labor Day weekend. "We're staying for it all. We're going to be here all night. We're ready to party." Tybee Island welcomed back its beach bash...an event expected to draw more than 20-thousand people to the island. "It's the first time in a long time, everyone is ready to live life again." *nats of music* Crowds gathered under Tybee's pavilion on this second night of the two day event...for a performance from the Swingin' Medallions. "I come to the Swingin' Medallions every year, every year that they do this because they are so good." And while they came for the music... *nats of fireworks* ...many said they were staying for the return of Tybee's Labor Day fireworks. "I'm going to be on the third floor of our house over here to watch the fireworks." Put on pause the last two years over COVID concerns...the fireworks once again launched from Tybee's pier to the surprise of some. Sharon Polcyn/Tybee Visitor: "I had no idea that they were doing any of this." Anthony Ashe/Tybee Visitor: "I actually didn't know that they were going to be doing fireworks tonight." Tybee's first responders set up a perimeter on the beach near the pier to keep onlookers at a safe distance. But that didn't stop those watching from taking in the fireworks. Anthony Ashe/Tybee Visitor: "In the moments of the fireworks, it's so surreal. It's amazing because you get all these people together and they all come for this one thing. It's just great for everybody." LL: The event comes at a busy time for the island. Tybee officials expect roughly 150,000 people here this holiday weekend. Reporting on Tybee...Flynn Snyder...WTOC News.

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((PKG)) Triple-A reports that for the first time since February, the average Georgian can fill up their car for less than 50 dollars. However, even as prices continue to drop, a gallon of gas is around 35 cents more expensive than it was this time last year. And for some folks, that's kept them home this Labor Day weekend. We looked at traveling and going into North Carolina, but with the cost of gas, we just decided to stay here. White and her husband wanted to travel to see her children for the holiday weekend. Being closer to family was one of the reasons they moved here around a year ago- so White is left feeling frustrated. White: When you don't get to see them because the price of not only gas but everything else has gone up, you have to factor your budget into that as well, so it's frustrating. Some folks, on the other hand, are seizing the opportunity to travel while gas prices fall- even if they are higher than they have been in past years. "It's better to go now while the gas prices are better. It's kind of tight in the car, but you get your togetherness so it's cool. Then there ain't the hustle and bustle of getting on an airplane and getting stuck somewhere. Shea: Georgians still aren't paying state taxes on gasoline and won't have to for at least another month, as Governor Brian Kemp has extended the suspension on gas tax until October 12. Reporting on Tybee Island, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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5:53:00 PM 6PM OD TYLER: Sot: (Peter Savarese - Owner, The Ice Cream Cone) "It's been a fantastic year and it's the last big weekend so we have one last big push. We had some of the girls come in from college to help work, we were back at full staff for this one last big weekend and then we gear into our kinda offseason." Is there anything better than ice cream after a hot day on the beach? Probably not. Pete tells me on Sunday specifically they had a line around the corner that went for about 50 yards. 00:00:25
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11:01:00 PM 11PM OD SAVANNAH People from all over traveled here to the Coastal Empire and Lowcountry for one last getaway of the summer. *nats of rain* Despite a wet ending to the long weekend in some areas...many still came out for a chance to celebrate. "Crowds the last three days were wild. I've never seen this many people together in my life." From Tybee Island's beach bash...to River Street's entertainment...thousands of visitors took in a final weekend away on the unofficial end of summer. And they came from all over the country. Pop: "Detroit, Michigan" Pop: "LA, California" Including this Kentucky couple...celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary in the Hostess City. "This is just a great town. It's beautiful, the history, the homes, the restaurants. You're very fortunate to live here." And for those who had to work on this day dedicated to American laborers...a chance to make extra business...especially for workers at this late night hot dog stand. "We're hoping to catch some business and see what we can find. Usually we hit late, but it looked like a good day to be out here and see what we can find. When they see the bacon mac n cheese dog it's usually a billboard onto itself. They're like, 'What is that?'" While this weekend's weather may have proved challenging for some... Haberstick: "The rain is unpredictable, though. That's the only thing that's been hit or miss about trying to go to Tybee Island." ...many welcomed a return to celebrations without widespread covid impacts. Including this visitor from California who says he flew for the first time since the pandemic began. "Doing that, I feel like I can get out and do more things, go visit more and places and get my life going again." And many I spoke with said even though many had to either drive or fly to get here...the travel experience...so far...has been smooth. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN. 00:01:47
LABOR DAY
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The Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport served 18 percent more travelers this Labor Day Weekend than last year, and saw very few issues in the process. "We were lucky this weekend and everything went smoothly. You know, we had some delays, there were some weather issues, but no major cancellations or anything like that." With Labor Day marking the end of the summer travel season, Lynah says travelers can expect a slowdown at Savannah-Hilton Head in the month of September. "It's not gonna be as busy nonstop. There'll still be really busy days. We will definitely be busy on Thursdays through the weekends, on Mondays. A little bit slower through the week, then in October, it picks back up." That slowdown, Lynah says, will hopefully give airlines the chance to sort out pilot shortages and other issues that have caused mass cancellations, before the busy holiday season. This gives them a few months to add more staff and add more planes and more pilots across the board. So I'm sure they're preparing for that, but typically the holidays aren't as busy as the heavy summer travel days." Lynah adds that in the months to come, getting to the airport an hour and a half before your flight should be sufficient. That's a half hour later than was recommended during the summer months. Reporting from Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

9/6/2022 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD SHEA: AIRPORT LABOR DAY OPS

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The widening of I-95 through Hardeeville will be one of the biggest projects the Lowcountry's ever seen. The city's mayor tells me it's not just about the improvements to that major roadway though, it's also about the benefits this project will bring to roads through the city like these. Sot: (Mayor Harry Williams - Hardeeville) "Every backup on I-95 clogs our roadways." Vo Especially on holidays, he says it's a big problem for locals. Sot "Our residents who are a mile from their home take an hour sometimes to get through the interior roads." Vo The mayor says the improvements can't come soon enough and the traffic problems will only get worse as the area's population continues to rise. Sot "We continue to be, by percentages, the fastest growing municipality in south Carolina." Vo Because of that, he says city staff have keeping up with that growth through infrastructure... top of mind. Sot "The biggest challenge for us right now is to project the transportation needs that we'll have over the next decade or two." Vo The I-95 widening project will run through the entire city of Hardeeville and include the new exit three construction. The mayor says funding for both has already been set aside and now it's about picking and choosing what goes around the soon-to-be redeveloped areas. Sot "What we have to do is be more diligent and understanding the impact of any development that comes our way." Mayor Williams says the planning, permitting and design process will take about two years and after that construction will take another two to three. More immediately, if you're looking to get involved, there's a public meeting next Thursday that we'll have all the details to at this story on our website. Reporting from Hardeeville, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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"Generation One has been serving seniors for about 25 years. Members received this letter saying Generation One will be closing its doors, leaving many members emotional." "We have made the difficult decision to not to renew the lease and will close our generation one facility at the close of business Friday, November 11." About seven years ago, Hilda Fields began looking for a different activities after retiring and found Generation One. "They were line dancing. They were doing yoga." A member ever since, she goes about 2 to 3 times a week. "It's a tragedy, I mean it was just so much fun." A statement sent to WTOC from Memorial Health says in part quote, "We made the decision to focus our efforts on patient care and will continue to offer seminars and provide health education." While thankful for the years it's been around, Fields hopes Memorial Health leaders change their minds and truly understand how much the facilities mean to her and her friends. "Just point out Memorial Hospital what a valuable place this is to us and how meaningful it is and how much it does affect our health, both mental and physical." "She says they're hoping to get a petition started to keep this program alive. Camille Syed WTOC News."

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As a business owner, a fire is the last thing you want to wake up to...but on September 17th 10 businesses had to find somewhere else to go "It seems like I was probably asked at least 5,000 times...you gon' do anything with that building down there? It was so nice the day we got started when I had an answer...finally, yes we're starting today" "This isn't something William Wallace thought he would see about a year ago...the building he owned for decades coming back together after he thought it was a complete loss" It's progress after this time last year -- rebuilding didn't seem possible "After the fire I didn't even come this way down 144 I didn't even wanna look at it" The only business left standing -- was a church. No smoke or fire damage. William Wallace says he went back and forth with himself about what could be done about the rest of the building. "Everywhere from total disbelief to why did this happen to me?" Now -- it's more like -- will the weather push construction workers back a day "It's exciting to see things happening" Exciting for him and tenants new and old waiting for its completion "The old saying...slow and steady wins the race. You just gotta keep plugging and some days I've just wanted to get up and go...I'm not gon' do it" It's a full circle moment "My blood pressure has probably been better since we started." But nothing has or will stop him from pushing through until it's finished. "We gotta get up. Let's get this thing put back together and go with it" "Wallace says if they stay on track, the building should be complete by next year. In Richmond Hill, Alyssa Jackson, WTOC News"

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Just like buying gas and groceries has a designated code whenever you tap, insert or swipe your credit card, now instead of being classified as general merchandise...purchases at gun and ammo stores will have their own code. The change comes following a decision by the International Organization for Standardization that allows credit card companies to have a code just for gun and ammo stores. As a result, Pete Chaison with Top Shelf Ammo in Pooler, says he's anticipating a shift in customer spending. "I believe it will have an affect on it. I think the affect will not be in volume or transactions, but the affect would be in payment type. I think people will pivot from credit cards to cash." Those supporting the code change believe the measure could track someone buying an unusual amount of weapons and ammunition. But other's I spoke to today who didn't want to talk on cam say it's a violation of their privacy. Chaison says he feels the move toward the re-categorization is an effort to collect data, and track spending habits of credit card users, which he says was already a concern for customers. "People do talk about it, it is a concern. It is the only Amendment out of many that there is a tracking mechanism that is being put into place. So there is some concerns, legitimate concerns as far as people's spending habits and what they're purchasing." Chaison added he thinks there could be a slowdown in customer spending on firearms and ammunition, but says if people want to buy them, they'll do so anyway. In Chatham County, Sean Evans, WTOC News.

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"A final attempt is being made by the staff of the county and the town of Hilton Head." Vo Discussions that have gone on for months, now reaching the home stretch... a final attempt. At a council meeting Monday, we learned the town and county are coming together to try and finalize a cooperative agreement for Highway 278. "We think that things are looking good. As in any negation, things go back and forth and I think that's what you've seen play out over the summer." Vo For the next step to be taken with this bridge project, the t's just need to be crossed and the i's dotted on a memorandum of understanding... known as an MOU. Something the county believes would get things going. Sot "I think we're approaching the line where we really hope that we'll be able to get an MOU done and get this project going." Vo The timeline of action was one sticking point of the past, sspecially as the town wanted another study done on their part of the land. The county has now agreed to that study, with a caveat. Sot "As long as we don't hold up the overall project. So we believe that the study information can be incorporated into the last part of the design." Vo With that compromise made, the MOU has a few days to be finalized before facing a county vote. Pending passage there, Hilton Head tells us in a statement its council will take up this matter at its meeting on October 4th. The county tells me that should be the day we finally have an answer to this saga... meaning on October 4th, we'll know if the county and town will collaborate on one of the biggest projects in Lowcountry history... or not. For now at least, those hopes are looking much better than they did over the last few months. Reporting from Beaufort County, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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"I don't think it's impacting us as much as the younger generation, like our children. I volunteer for a nonprofit and I see it a lot there with the people that come in." "I think about it all the time. I'm know it's different, I know it's costing me a lot more money. You look at your retirement money and get nervous about it."

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9/13/2022 7:00:00 PM	7PM OD	PICKER JOES TV SHOW	<p>The people behind a local antique mall slash vintage market are getting their own TV show. Picker Joe's owner James Plumlee tells WTOG they've already finished shooting the first episode of a new show titled 'Sky Pickers.' Plumlee says it will be an unscripted reality show that follows he and his team as they take to the skies to search for must have items for movie sets or private collections. Plumlee has been a pilot for 35 years and is looking forward to using this show to highlight both picking and aviation. Right now he says he can't say what channel the show will be on but hopes to reveal more soon.</p>	00:00:35
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9/14/2022 7:00:00 PM	7PM OD	SHEA: RAIL STRIKE PORT IMPACT	<p>"Years ago, I loved telling people I worked for the railroad. Today, I don't want people to even know I work for the railroad. I would never recommend it to anyone right now the way things are." He says that's for several reasons- including what he calls unfair attendance policies and unsafe working conditions. He says his company is short rail workers- meaning those that work there are being asked to do more with less. He says as a result- some companies have already seen delays in receiving shipments, and wait times will get longer with a strike. Rail worker: "It's a delay that's already going on. It's not that we want to delay anything as workers, but we wanted to be treated fairly." As he prepares for a strike to begin as early as Friday- he sees only one solution that could prevent, or end, a strike. Rail worker: "Stop raising the cost of healthcare insurance so much. Make it fair and balanced. These owners have made record profits three years in a row. Through COVID, through it all, we haven't gotten a raise at all. At all." I was unable to reach anyone from CSX or Norfolk Southern for comment. I also reached out to Georgia Ports to see how a rail strike would affect their operations. They said: (full screen from young) Should a strike occur, GPA has the capability to sort rail-bound imports as they are offloaded from vessels, and send them to specific stacks on the container yard. The Port of Savannah recently added 20,000 container slots at Garden City Terminal. (full screen from young) Additionally, Georgia Ports has options for moving stalled rail containers by truck to depots away from the terminal. They say these options give GPA the ability to absorb the impact of unexpected variances in trade while maintaining the fluid movement of cargo.</p>	00:01:41
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9/16/2022	4:30PM	RICHMOND	In a little over a week, a portion of Ford Avenue in Richmond Hill will be closed down at the request of CSX for railroad improvements. It's a closure expected to impact many in the area and will start Sept. 26. I'm getting comment from the city at 1:30 and have reached out to CSX and GDOT for maps or detour info if available.	00:00:19
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9/17/2022	SAT 7PM	DAL: PEANUT	The annual Brooklet Peanut Festival returned after a two year hiatus due to the pandemic. They say it was one of their largest crowds ever. The one day festival pays tribute one of the area's biggest crops – peanuts – and agriculture in general. Organizers say they're excited to host the festival once again and they're hearing that excitement from visitors too.	00:00:21
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9/20/2022 RIDGELAND
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Take pkg Nat "Come pigs" Vo While there's a lot of pigs on this farm... Nat "pigs" Vo That number doesn't compare to the amount of golf fans on the way to the small town of Ridgeland. Businesses like this one... Nat "We are actually a working farm." Vo Are getting creative, and providing an experience fans have proven interested in. Whippoorwill Farms is run by Marissa... Nat "I pull the eggs out of these boxes." Vo And her sidekicks. Nat "My trusty German Sheppard Johnny and Bolt, they actually work really hard making sure the pigs stay in.." Vo Although the farm is productive in a traditional sense... Nat "We get about 125 eggs a day" Vo The business goes beyond that. "To experience the farm and be able to see the livestock and be able to walk the farm and the gardens you would do that just as a guest." Vo That's right... a guest. She's got overnight rental options on the property that she says were a hit during 2021's tournament and are already selling out for this year's. Sot: "We already have bookings for our Airbnb options and quite a few of our RV spaces." Vo Marissa knows many people will stay at hotels but says this is a unique option to consider. No matter where fans choose to stay, she's happy this small town's economy will get a jolt from the tournament. Sot "It's really good to see people coming to Ridgeland, I know a lot of the restaurants will enjoy that extra boost." Vo The owner of Fiddlers Seafood in the heart of town couldn't agree more.. "As the economy is like it is now and the high prices of food, we're looking forward to it. It's going to be a big help." Vo The CJ Cup starts October 20th but businesses like this restaurant and this farm are already preparing now. Reporting in Ridgeland... Nat "Chickens" Vo Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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9/20/2022 BELFORDS New at 11 - a City Market staple is back open for the first time in five months. You're looking at video
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD REOPENS from Belford's Savannah just a few hours ago. The iconic corner restaurant seated guests for dinner for
AFTER FIRE the first time since April...when a kitchen fire forced the doors to close. 00:00:16

And because that chemical remained, even after the industries that produced it shut down, it had to be cleaned up before the site could be used again. So in 2017, Dulany Industries spearheaded a 38-million dollar, privately funded brownfield cleanup of the site so it could be developed. That cleanup, which was the largest of its kind in the history of the Georgia Brownfields Program is now finished, and nearly two years ahead of schedule. "In large part because of something called the triadic approach. Which means that the U.S. EPA, Georgia EPD, Dulany Industries, environmental trust all sat together around a table and said how do we clean up this site? How do we do this in the best way possible?" Bergman points out the project was also finished millions under budget. "The money that was saved in the remediation of the site is actually going to be deployed elsewhere in the country to be able to clean up other sites."

SeaPoint is expected to generate upwards of 17-hundred high-wage jobs, and have an estimated annual impact of nearly a billion dollars. "That is a big deal for this community, it's a big deal for east Savannah. And none of that would have been possible if we hadn't cleaned up the site, remediate it, and return it back to productive use."

9/21/2022 SEA POINT
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Making a bottle with formula for their babies has been a challenge for many parents, as we've been in a baby formula shortage for the majority of this year. "Well Woman, Infant and Children experts are finding ways to make sure babies get all the nutrients they need." After months of parents scrambling to find a specific formula covered by WIC nutrition benefits earlier this year, WIC now allows parents to pick several different formulas. At appointments with moms, Pat Mobley with the WIC division at the Chatham County Health Department says they give out a list of substitution formulas that are still a good fit for your little one just in case your babies formula cannot be found on the shelves. "We before were limited to a certain can size and a certain brand of formula but we've expanded that list so there's a wide variety of formula that participant can choose from. So, that's helped in that regard." Dr. Spitalnick with The Pediatric Associates of Savannah says, eight months into this shortage, parents are still stred, going store to store trying to find their preferred formula. While companies are producing formulas again, many people are buying cans of formula in bulk....leaving shelves empty for others. "If you ask the formula companies, they'll tell you we're coming out of this, that we're almost at the end. If you ask some of our families, it's not much better. They're still seeing bare shelves, they're still seeing some of the most popular formulas not available and there's a lot of reasons but it's frustrating." Dr. Spitalnick hoping that frustration will end in the months ahead. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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9/24/2022 11PM TOOMBS CO
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Crews will start working on the roundabout intersection at state-route 292 and Oxley Drive. If you remember, the Georgia Department of Transportation announced their plans to put a single-lane roundabout earlier this month. Police warn drivers to be careful and alert during this time. The project is expected to be completed by the end of summer 2023

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		RICHMOND	Another traffic reminder -- a portion of a busy road in Richmond Hill is set to be closed for rail crossing	
		HILL	work starting in the morning. A section of Ford Avenue between Frances Meeks Way and Richard Davis	
	11PM	RAILROAD	Drive will be closed.... and there's possible lane closures from Cedar Street to Constitution Way.	
9/25/2022	WEEKEN	TRACK	Construction is expected to go until September 30th. The City of Richmond Hill is encouraging drivers to	
11:09:00 PM	D OD	CLOSURE	use other routes like Ogeechee Parkway and the Belfast Keller Interchange to access I-95.	00:00:30

LL: You can see behind me, this crossing is still open to train traffic but that's not the case for cars. Crews here tell me they're completely repairing this crossing, which is causing traffic troubles across town. VO: CSX crews say work on the railroad crossing replacement began early this morning. That work is forcing them to shut down a section of Ford Avenue near city hall until Friday evening between Richard Davis Dr. and Francis Meeks Way. Richmond Hill city officials have put out detour routes hoping to alleviate some of the expected impacts on traffic. Those routes include using US17, Harris Trail and Timber Trail Roads as well as Great Ogeechee Parkway and Belfast Keller Rd. to access I-95. Richmond Hill Police say they'll be monitoring and directing traffic, if necessary, at the detours during peak times. The city is also urging anyone using the detour routes to drive carefully as they say many students cross those roads while walking to school. City officials say that CSX has not alerted them to any potential work disruptions from the expected impacts of Hurricane Ian. And drivers say that so far...the work has been causing congestion on detour routes across the city. SOT: Daniel

		FLYNN: FORD	definitely caused me to be a little late. I've lived in Richmond Hill for nine years and it's been easy going	
		AVE.	getting from home to work and with the road construction, that's kind of slowed everything down for me."	
9/26/2022		CLOSURE	LL: The road is expected to reopen at 6pm on Friday. Reporting in RH...FS...WTOCN.	00:01:35
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(sot) Almost everyone in South Georgia agriculture has their eyes on Ian and the path it takes and the potential damage it could do this late in the growing season. (vo) Roughly a third of Bulloch County cotton sits exposed in the fields after farmers have begun spraying to kill off the leaves before harvest. At the same time, acres and acres of peanuts sit on top of the ground to dry before they're picked. Locals say the crops can withstand a storm in August, but not this close to harvest. (sot) At this stage now, we don't need.....An inch or two, and we're fine. But if we start getting a massive amount of water, it's going to be troublesome for peanuts and cotton. (vo) He says excessive rain can damage peanuts whether or not they're still in the ground. The combo of rain and wind can wash away tons of cotton fiber per acre. (sot) And we'll continue to bring you the latest on this storm. In Bulloch County, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

9/26/2022 5:30pm DAL: CANES &
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It may be a beautiful day here in Darien, but one shrimper I spoke to said the water was so choppy this morning, he was only able to bring back one bucket of shrimp. That's only going to get worse as Ian approaches, in the middle of what he says is an already slow shrimping season. "We don't need it. We just started catching a few shrimp. I did good yesterday, but this front that's gonna help steer this hurricane messed us up today." There's was a huge difference between Gale's pull today and his pull yesterday. He says he was able to catch 600 pounds of shrimp yesterday- but had no such luck at the same spot today. Gale: "I made one drag and had to hang up the towel because I only had about 60 pounds." That number will probably be even smaller in the days leading up to Ian. Gale says the storm could push the shrimp up to 10 miles offshore- an issue for in-shore boaters like him. The shrimp could also bury themselves under the mud and not come out for a week- though Gale won't worry about that until after the storm hits.. In the meantime, Gale and other shrimpers are getting their boats ready to weather the storm. Gale: "You just double your lines up, leave some slack, and usually you stay on the boat and watch the lines, make sure nothing gets tight, nothing gets bound up." Gale says he'll be riding out Ian in his boat, making sure nothing happens to it because it's what allows him to do his job. Reporting in Darien, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

9/27/2022 DARIEN
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PREP FOR IAN

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It may be a beautiful day here in Darien, but one shrimper I spoke to said the water was so choppy this morning, he was only able to bring back one bucket of shrimp. That's only going to get worse as Ian approaches, in the middle of what he says is an already slow shrimping season. "We don't need it. We just started catching a few shrimp. I did good yesterday, but this front that's gonna help steer this hurricane messed us up today." There's was a huge difference between Gale's pull today and his pull yesterday. He says he was able to catch 600 pounds of shrimp yesterday- but had no such luck at the same spot today. Gale: "I made one drag and had to hang up the towel because I only had about 60 pounds." That number will probably be even smaller in the days leading up to Ian. Gale says the storm could push the shrimp up to 10 miles offshore- an issue for in-shore boaters like him. The shrimp could also bury themselves under the mud and not come out for a week- though Gale won't worry about that until after the storm hits.. In the meantime, Gale and other shrimpers are getting their boats ready to weather the storm. Gale: "You just double your lines up, leave some slack, and usually you stay on the boat and watch the lines, make sure nothing gets tight, nothing gets bound up." Gale says he'll be riding out Ian in his boat, making sure nothing happens to it because it's what allows him to do his job.

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DARIEN
SHRIMPERS
PREP FOR IAN

Reporting in Darien, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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Also new tonight - Portal is pushing back the city's Turpentine Festival. It was supposed to happen this Saturday - October First. The city says they're pushing it back to October 29th because of the storm.

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9/28/2022
4:00:00 PM 4PM OD SHEA:
AIRPORT

According to officials with the airport, the airport itself is not closing- but it's up to individual airlines to decided whether or not to cancel flights. They say it's likely we'll see some flight cancellations over the next few days, especially tomorrow afternoon into Friday- and some people here visiting didn't want to risk getting stuck. I could feel the frustration from the folks I spoke to- but ultimately, the consensus is that it's better to leave now than to risk getting stuck.

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9/28/2022
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD SAV HHI
AIRPORT
PREPS FOR
IAN

"We were supposed to leave from Orlando, Florida, to Puerto Rico because it's a shorter flight and I have children. Then, due to Ian, all their flights were shut down." Enamorado was asked by the airline to fly out of Savannah instead. She says it was worth it to make it to her destination on time- but getting the change made took some time. "It's a long wait. I was on hold for like, two hours, calls were dropping. But they got us all able to sit together." Other travelers haven't had their flights cancelled, but opted to fly out a few days early- just to make sure they don't get stranded. "I'm lucky because I have a son that was a meteorologist that was able to send me the latest model and tell me, 'Yeah, mom, you probably should head home.'" "It is frustrating. The unknown is always scary. We don't know what may happen, we may get stuck, may not, but it's been really smooth so far. I'm a little bit sad but at least we'll get home safe."

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11:01:00 PM	11PM OD	SHELVES		heard from other store owners today - batteries, snacks, and alcohol.	00:00:16

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9/29/2022 12:00:00 PM	NOON OD	SAV HHI AIRPORT PREPS FOR IAN	<p>"We were supposed to leave from Orlando, Florida, to Puerto Rico because it's a shorter flight and I have children. Then, due to Ian, all their flights were shut down." Enamorado was asked by the airline to fly out of Savannah instead. She says it was worth it to make it to her destination on time- but getting the change made took some time. "It's a long wait. I was on hold for like, two hours, calls were dropping. But they got us all able to sit together." Other travelers haven't had their flights cancelled, but opted to fly out a few days early- just to make sure they don't get stranded. "I'm lucky because I have a son that was a meteorologist that was able to send me the latest model and tell me, 'Yeah, mom, you probably should head home.'" "It is frustrating. The unknown is always scary. We don't know what may happen, we may get stuck, may not, but it's been really smooth so far. I'm a little bit sad but at least we'll get home safe."</p>	00:00:54
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9/29/2022 4:29:00 PM	4:30PM OD	HAYLEY: SAVANNAH	<p>Lots of sandbags were up for grabs this morning... as business owners were trying to protect their products from being damaged. It was quieter down here than normal... but there were still lots of tourists checking out some of the stores that were open... trying to mark things off of their Savannah to-do list before the weather gets worse. One couple visiting from Hawaii... is waiting on a canceled flight.</p>	00:00:24
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9/30/2022 HHI AIRPORT the Hilton Head Island and Beaufort Executive Airports are closed. Beaufort county officials tell us they
7:00:00 PM 7PM OD CLOSED plan on reopening tomorrow at 10 A-M. 00:00:09

ISSUE 13-THE STATE OF NATIONAL, STATE AND COUNTY ECONOMY AND WHAT THE GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO DO ABOUT IT. LOCAL REACTION TO INFLATION RISING, HHI RENT TRENDS, PUBLIC HOUSING APPLICAITONS, SC. PANDEMIC ASSIST AVAILABLE, HINESVILLE HOUSING MARKET, LOCAL JOB NUMBERS, SAVANNAH HOMELESS PROBLEMS, SOLAR TAX CREDIT, BLUFFTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING, SOURCE: FED AND LOCAL GOV, PRES BIDEN

7/1/2022	4:30PM	WYW: LIMIT	<p>RACHEL DEPOMPA/REPORTER: If you're planning to buy a home in the next year, make sure you limit opening new credit accounts. Cherry Dale a financial coach with the Virginia Credit Union says every time you apply for credit there's a hit to it, especially if you're looking to buy a big ticket item. Cherry Dale: "In 2022, if you're getting ready to get a mortgage this year you do not want to open up any new credit for at least 6 months before that. You apply for that mortgage you want to keep it clean." DEPOMPA: Dale says a mortgage inquiry can affect your credit score by 30 points or more because it's such a big ticket item. If you open new accounts in those 6 months prior to your home purchase the number of inquiries or applications, you make factors into your score and could lower it by the time a lender checks your score for the mortgage. Dale says make sure you pay your bills on time too in those 6 months prior every little action you take can improve your credit standing. With this Watching Your Wallet, I'm Rachel DePompa.</p>	00:01:00
4:29:00 PM	OD	NEW		
		ACCOUNTS		

7/8/2022	5PM OD	GA GAS TAX	<p>The governor's office says this month's smaller loss is because the state's gas tax was also suspended this time last year. You may remember - Governor Brian Kemp signed an order to temporarily suspend it following a cyber attack on the Colonial Pipeline in Texas created gas shortages... driving fuel costs up.</p>	00:00:18
4:59:00 PM		REVENUE		
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LL Intro: Those who own local shops and restaurants say the recent price increases have hurt just about every aspect of their business. PKG: *nats pop: "Everyone is feeling the pinch out there." Local business owners are grappling with rising costs as inflation hits a 40 year high. : "At least 20 percent across the board, just cost of goods raised. Some things have gone up 100 percent to be honest." Green Spork owner Blake Young says the rise is costing his plant-based food business an extra 10 percent from just six months ago. Blake Young/Owner, The Green Spork: "Anything that we can do to buy local to limit that transport cost and shipping and all of that is going to be a huge benefit for us." Across town at Flowers by Rose...employees say the inflation increase is causing business to wilt. Wendy Webb says the store has had to cut her hours to make end's meet. Wendy Webb/Flowers by Rose Employee: "If it's real slow in the afternoon, we'll close early because we can't afford to stay open and run electricity and everything if there's no one coming in." She says she's worried about the price increases for most things as people cut back on non essentials. Wendy Webb/Flowers by Rose Employee: "It's a luxury to have flowers so people are going to cut back on things they don't absolutely need. But you buy flowers, you buy an emotion, hopefully we'll have enough customers to keep going." LL Tag: And local business owners are pleading with the community...asking locals to continue to shop small...even as those prices are on the rise. Reporting in Bryan County...Flynn Snyder...WTOC News.

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TO INFLATION
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Standup: While housing on Hilton head is still selling at increasingly high prices, experts say other numbers are declining showing that the market is finding its new normal. "At one point a multiple offer scenario was pretty much the norm and now we're seeing where we're getting offers on our listings and there might be a couple of offers, but you don't need 30 or 40 offers to get a good contract on a property." Vo She says year over year, median sales prices in the lowcountry has risen 28.7 percent, but the number of sales itself has decreased due to a smaller inventory. So: "The market is still good, our prices are still high, but the sales are down." On cam tag: She wants it to be very clear that this does not mean it's no longer a sellers market but instead it's just normalizing what the market looks like for possibly years to come. Reporting from Beaufort County, Tyler Manion, WTOC news.

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7/21/2022	5:30pm	ECON	"You combine that with all the pent up demand that was released as consumers went out on spending	
5:29:00 PM	OD	EXPERT ON	binges, post-covid spending binges and you've got these labor market shortages, increased demand for	
		UNEMPLOYME	personal services, consumer goods, combined with less available workforce, means we all have to	
		NT	basically wait longer to get stuff or services we'd like to have."	00:00:21

7/25/2022	6AM	SARAH:	Yolanda Fontaine / Savannah Housing Authority Property Management Director "Public housing rents	
6:00:00 AM	DAYBRE	PUBLIC	are calculated on 30 percent of the applicants income and so that range, you have people that may pay	
	AK OD	HOUSING	a very low amount, some may pay a higher amount but you can assure that the higher amount are less	
			than market rent in most cases." All you will need to apply is your information including name, date of	
			birth, social security for everybody on the lease and you will be prepared to answer questions about	
			income and prior residences that you have lived in.	00:00:33

This is a pre-application to get on the waitlist to eventually get placement in public housing – there is a short window to apply and its happening now. Those waitlists will be for 2, 3, 4, and 5 bedroom units at the 5 public housing communities in the city. If you and your family are interested this is the first step – you apply online today and then you will be placed on a waitlist – as new units open up – then you can begin the process to get placement. With soaring rent prices right now – the Savannah Housing Authority is expecting an influx of applicants today. (Yolanda Fontaine / Savannah Housing Authority Property Management Director) "Public housing rents are calculated on 30 percent of the applicants income and so that range, you have people that may pay a very low amount, some may pay a higher amount but you can assure that the higher amount are less than market rent in most cases." All you will need to apply is your information including name, date of birth, social security for everybody on the lease and you will be prepared to answer questions about income and prior residences that you have lived in. All of that is done completely online. It opens today at 8 a.m. and is open for a short time until tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. Head to our website WTOC.com for a link. Live in Savannah, SW, WTOC News.

7/25/2022
4:00:00 PM 4PM OD SARAH:
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Standup: The most recent study done for the town told Hilton Head's council they needed 2200 more homes to address their affordable housing problem. Something leaders want done right, as the surrounding areas become more and more attractive to workers. "The idea that folks are going to continue to travel to Hilton head for work is not going to be the same. The environment is going to change right in-front of our eyes fairly quickly here." Vo The 13 acre development is a solution that will sit in Councilman Brown's district as he says the town has shifted its mindset. Sot "For too long I think we have run away from the problem, but now we're running towards it." Vo He says the homes will be cheap enough to keep employees of all kinds on the island, while building a sense of togetherness among them. Sot "The biggest thing for me is whoever we decide to partner with is in it for the same reasons we're in it, which is building community." On cam tag: Brown is one of five on the committee that now has to pick a developer for this project. From there they'll start writing up legislation to propel the process forward and improve affordable housing options on the island. Reporting, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

7/25/2022
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AFFORDABLE
HOUSING

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Today is the last day that people can apply for public housing in the city of Savannah. This is a pre-application to get on the waitlist to eventually get placement in public housing. It's all done online and is only open until 4:30 this afternoon. Those waitlists will be for 2, 3, 4, and 5 bedroom units at the 5 public housing communities in the city. If you and your family are interested this is the first step – once you apply you will be placed on a waitlist. As new units open up – then you can begin the process to get placement. With soaring rent prices right now – the Savannah Housing Authority is expecting a lot of applications. Again.. they will stop taking applications today at 4:30 p.m. Head to our website WTOC.com for a link to sign up.

7/26/2022
10:00:00 AM

SARAH:
CBS CUT- PUBLIC
INS OD HOUSING

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The federal government has sent hundreds of millions of dollars to South Carolina – to prevent people from being evicted or getting their lights shut off when they're have difficulty paying bills. On a telephone town hall today hosted by AARP South Carolina – the state agency in charge of distributing much of that money says it's still available. "As of basically July 22, we've helped 46,000 families to stay in their homes and to prevent evictions. That translates into spending \$186 million just on those families." That's coming through the S-C Stay Plus assistance program. S-C Housing is in control of that money for 39 counties in the state – while seven of the largest counties received their own portions that they've distributed through their own programs. S-C Housing says this money go toward catching up on rent that's up to 12 months past due – while another program can help homeowners with mortgage payments. South Carolinians seeking this assistance have to fill out an application and submit certain documents to show they need the help. "This includes personal information such as a driver's license or passport, proof that you're obligated to pay rent, which is commonly known as a lease or something to that effect, proof that your rent is past due, which is typically a summary of what is owed, and proof of income." Various power and utility companies in South Carolina spoke on the town hall about programs they have to help their customers. So they recommend anyone interested in learning more reach out to their provider. Reporting in Columbia, I'm Mary Green.

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LL INTRO: Realtor Jimmy Shanken says there's always a need for housing in Hinesville, but recent trends are giving some power back to the buyer. This house just hit the market two days ago... and this four bedroom is ready to sell. However, Shanken says the days of getting multiple offers in a few hours... are over. "We're not seeing as many multiple offers as we were in the past. A few weeks ago, homes were on the markets for a few hours, and we'd have multiple offers above list price." While houses are still selling fast, Shanken says this is slightly extending the amount of time they spend on the market. Sellers are still getting their asking price, but he says there's a little more wiggle room for buyers. "With fewer offers in the marketplace, buyers are able to negotiate some closing costs. I don't think we're back to the point where they're getting 100 percent of their closing costs, but they are getting some incentive to purchase a home." Let's break down the numbers on this home... It's on the market for \$269,900... with an interest rate of 3 percent, which Shanken says was common a year ago – you'd be paying a little over \$1100 a month. Shanken calculated today's interest rate on a VA loan, commonly used by Hinesville residents – with a rate of 4.7%. This would make your monthly mortgage just under \$1400. "There will always be ups and downs in the market. But, you're not marrying your rate, you're marrying your house. So, find the home you love." Shanken says it's also a good idea to get pre-qualified for a home loan. "Understand where you are financially. You wouldn't go to the grocery store without knowing what's in your check book. The same with buying a home. You wouldn't purchase a home or go looking for home until you understand exactly what your buying power is." LL TAG: If you have concerns over your interest rates, Shanken says the best thing to do is to reach out to your lender. In Hinesville, HB WTOC NEWS.

8/3/2022 5:30pm HINESVILLE
5:29:00 PM OD HOUSING
MARKET

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Robert Roszell is one of many people in the coastal empire on the verge of homelessness "we was homeless for 10.5 years. we lived in the woods on the eastside for 10.5 years" Roszell says they're back to a place they never imagined they'd be... trying to find somewhere to live after a 30-day notice of a lease termination ended today. "...we gotta go back in the same situation we was in before she's 60 years old... I don't want her dying in the streets" He says the property manager thought they were a nuisance to the mobile home park.... and they've searched vigorously for a full month...and there's nothing out there they can afford especially with him out of work caring for his wife who's on disability "I called every place I know to call..every trailer park every place i know to call ...no we full we don't have no place to rent" Roszell's status as a registered sex offender also complicates his search. He was convicted of sodomy almost 30 years ago... "You can't be 100 feet within a school or a church..say if a school was here you can't live here..if a church is here you can't live here" They're waiting and dreading where they'll have to sleep for the nights to come "I located us some woods we'll go up in them woods and put a tent up stay right in there I reckon...that's all we can do" But he says they know how to get through it "If we have to live out there another 10-20 years we'll do it...we've did it before" His situation isn't the first and he says it won't be the last in this economy "somebody told me a long time ago they one paycheck away"

8/4/2022 ALYSSA: SAV
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PROBLEMS

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LL: If you've been to any service industry businesses in the last year, you might have noticed staffing shortages. Now...some businesses we talked to say they're starting to see an increase in applicants...but not everyone is experiencing a hiring boom. PKG: *nats of diners* The dinner rush at Dockside Seafood on River Street means it's all hands on deck. *nats of restaurant* And while managers here say hiring was slow this time last year... *Nats pop: "I mean, it's just showing up on our front door right now."* ...they say the tide is now starting to turn on staffing shortages. Chase Krenshaw/General Manager, Dockside Seafood: "Since this time last year, we've probably quadrupled our numbers when it comes to applicants, and it's made my life much easier when it comes down to it." It's good news for an industry that's been plagued by pandemic-era labor shortages.. thanks to one group specifically.. Chase Krenshaw/General Manager, Dockside Seafood: "There's been more of an influx of younger people when it comes down to most people that I have walking up. It's really the young people who have been showing up a lot recently." But at Waystation Coffee in Richmond Hill...it's the young people returning to the classroom who are forcing shop owners to once again put up the "Help Wanted" sign. Patty Gunderson/Owner, Waystation Coffee Co.: "In trying to hire again, I would say there's been a little bit of difficulty in getting the right applicants or getting any applicants at all." Owner Patty Gunderson says a lack of proper staffing could impact her shop's operations. "Finding people with the right skills would be such a big help. It fills the void that we're lacking right now." As business owners hope prolonged staffing shortages soon become a thing of the past. Reporting...Flynn Snyder...WTOC News.

8/9/2022 LOCAL JOB
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Governor Kemp added, quote... "Our world-class logistics infrastructure and business-friendly environment make it possible for companies to operate in every corner of the state while still enjoying direct access to national and international markets and a highly-qualified workforce."

8/10/2022 BRYAN CO.
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8/10/2022
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD GA FY2022
YEAR END
FINANCE REPORT Governor Brian Kemp says of the record investment, "We have consistently set records; only to shatter them the following year as we have never been content to rest on our laurels." 00:00:10

8/11/2022
10:00:00 AM CBS CUT- BRYAN CO.
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If you're thinking about installing solar panels in your home, now might be the time to do it. The Solar Tax Credit, which was passed as part of the Inflation Reduction Act, allows homeowners to subtract 30 percent of solar costs off of their federal taxes for the next decade. ((VO)) The Department of Energy says that there's several things that qualify for the Solar Tax Credit, including of course solar panels, and all the equipment needed to get them running. It also applies to any labor costs, as well as inspection costs. Installing solar panels can cost anywhere from 15 to 40 thousand dollars, according to folks from Empower Solar in Savannah. But that hasn't been stopping people from installing them lately, and the Solar Tax Credit will only make them more affordable. We've been super busy. We've been going probably three to five houses, every consultant. We've installed a little under 10-million dollars worth of solar on residential homes in Chatham, Bryan, and Effingham Counties in the last 12 months. For homes that are a good fit for solar, they can greatly lower their energy bill. They can add to the value of the house, and the federal tax credit makes it a 0 down program. They get that amount of money back whenever they go to file their taxes, and once again I know we've said it 100 times, but it makes it easy and accessible for homeowners here locally. Shea: All taxpayers qualify for the Solar Tax Credit, and there is no dollar limit on it, so whether you spend 10-thousand dollars or 100-thousand dollars on solar equipment for your home, you're still entitled to that 30 percent tax break. Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOG News.

8/19/2022 4:30PM SHEA: SOLAR
4:29:00 PM OD TAX CREDIT

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Mayor Van Johnson /City of Savannah "This project has been years in the making and is a huge step forward and it makes available \$3.2 million in infrastructure, up to \$2.5 million from the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund for the construction of cottages and a residence services building and vacant city land on which these improvements can be made."

8/25/2022 5AM SARAH:
DAYBRE AFFORDABLE
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Standup Thanks to views like this, living in Beaufort county is expensive and specifically here in Bluffton a quick Zillow search will show you there are no available options to rent under \$1500. Making it harder and harder for the workforce to live here." Sot: (Stephen Steese - Town Manager, Bluffton) "Affordable housing is a very large issue in Bluffton, it's a large issue in the region." Vo Because of that, the town of Bluffton will be turning this nearly 2 acre plot of land into a workforce housing neighborhood, as they look to keep their front-line workers in town moving forward. Sot "The kind of people we're talking about that these homes are being targeted for are teachers, nurses, firefighters, police officers." Vo The town hopes to encourage home ownership with this project. To make sure it's affordable, they say they've made investments in the land and partnered with a developer. Sot "The public side of that is to help that private developer offset some of those costs so that the cost of the home is able to be lowered." Vo On top of that, there is also a three-decade affordability covenant on the 12 to 14 unit neighborhood, which will ensure its purpose doesn't change. Sot "For the next 30 years that home can only be sold to someone else who meets that same affordability factor and that ensures that it 's not just an affordable house when it's sold, but it's affordable for the next 30 years as well for the community." On cam tag The town knows this 1.78 acre plot of land isn't the solution to this problem, but they say it's a step in the right direction and for now that's a start. Reporting form Bluffton, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

8/25/2022 4:30PM TYLER:
 4:29:00 PM OD BLUFFTON
 AFFORDABLE
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Living in Beaufort county is expensive and finding affordable housing is a problem. A quick Zillow search of Bluffton shows no available options to rent under \$15 hundred per month. Leaders say that's making it harder and harder for the workforce to live there. So, the town plans on turning a nearly 2 acre plot of land into a workforce housing neighborhood. To make sure it's affordable, they say they've made investments in the land and partnered with a developer.

8/26/2022 5AM TYLER:
 5:00:00 AM DAYBRE BLUFFTON
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LL: The job fair marked the first time people could actually be hired to help with construction of the electric vehicle plant that's expected to have widespread economic impacts across the region. PKG: A mega job fair for Bryan County's Mega Site. "It's a great opportunity and there's a lot of money involved." Construction company Barnett Southern hosting a hiring event in Pooler. "We're hiring heavy equipment operators, excavators, that kind of stuff, also off-road truck drivers." The company...expecting a big turn out at this two day event. "Personally I hope it's going to be a thousand. I've done some big job hiring events, and I've seen a large number of people. And hey, we had 25 people before we even a started an hour early today." Barnett Southern will work with partner companies on ground prepping work at the mega site for phase 1 of the project. That work is expected to start this fall. And for applicants...it's a chance to be a part of a project they say will have a big impact on where they live. "Being a resident, I just feel like it'd be a great opportunity to have a long term job that is beneficial for my community." Barnett Southern says they're offering competitive pay and hiring bonuses up to 12-hundred dollars...a big draw for those looking to get hired. "To see the actual rates that they were giving, to know that they were really more than 25-30% higher than the other jobs, that meant a lot to know that they're actually investing into the workers themselves." As the company says it hopes to keep these jobs long term. "Ideally we would like to keep getting jobs in the area and keep people working. That's the ultimate goal. LL: If you missed today's event...the company will host a second day tomorrow at the same location. Details can be found on our website...WTOC.com Reporting in Pooler...FS...WTOC.

8/29/2022 4:30PM FLYNN:
 4:29:00 PM OD MEGASITE
 JOB FAIR

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No matter how much time passes between storm events, or how quiet tropical activity may seem, Georgia insurance officials say it's important not to wait until the last second to make sure your home and property insurance policies are in order. "When one has taken place, then consumers start scrambling...oh I should have looked at this, I should have talked to my agent. So they do get a little more active after a storm has taken place, but again, that's usually too late." JoAnne Oni, Director of Consumer Services for the Georgia Office of Insurance and Safety Fire says in the event that your home is damaged in a storm, it's important to note that your insurance policy probably has a percentage deductible. "So someone with a \$300,000 policy, if you have a ten percent deductible, that's \$30,000 that you have to have to incur before the insurance company pays the first dollar on it." Oni also says it's important to know that the value of items in your home could depreciate over time, so it may cost you more to replace those if they're damaged in a storm. "Learn the difference between replacement costs and actual cash value. Because that's a big issue. You need to make sure that your policy has replacement cost coverage." Oni also recommends looking at getting flood coverage, even if you don't live in a flood zone. To learn more about that look for the link attached to this story on our website. In Chatham County, Sean Evans, WTOC News.

8/29/2022 5:30pm HURRICANE
 5:29:00 PM OD INSURANCE

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9/13/2022
7:00:00 PM 7PM OD PORT OF SAVANNAH UPDATE Taking a LIVE-look overlooking The Port of Savannah. The port just had a record-breaking month. Listen to this. The Georgia Ports Authority says over 575-thousand containers moved-through in August. That's an 18-and-a-half percent increase from last year. 00:00:16

9/14/2022
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD CLEAN ENERGY The Georgia Public Service Commission held the show at Savannah state University today. It provided an opportunity to learn about clean energy and see a variety of electric, renewable natural gas, and propane-powered vehicles in one place. Commissioner Tim Echols says on top of cost efficiency, there are other benefits of choosing a "green" vehicle. 00:00:21

Standup: In the last week, the city of Beaufort agreed to join a region-wide affordable housing trust. The intergovernmental agreement will dedicate millions of dollars to solutions across the Lowcountry over the next decade. Sot: (Mayor Stephen Murray - City of Beaufort) "If workforce and affordable housing was a tropical storm before, it's now a category four hurricane." Vo Mayor Stephen Murray knows solutions are needed now, and not just in his city. He says this intergovernmental agreement will bring cooperation across the area. Sot "Housing isn't a problem only in the city of Beaufort, or a problem only in the town of Bluffton and so you'll see probably monthly meetings of all the jurisdictions getting together to talk about the problem." Vo He's hoping those conversations will lead to action, and the city is putting their own money behind the effort. Sot "Each of the jurisdictions has committed 3% of our ARPA funds, so for that it's just over \$180,000 and then we're committing about another \$30,000 annually in ongoing contributions for up to 10 years." Vo Here in Beaufort they've done a few projects of their own, like these quadplexes near downtown. The Mayor says even with this new deal, they'll be looking for more solutions like that moving forward. Sot As much as I think the housing trust is going to be greatly beneficial, I also think argue that it's one tool in the toolbox." On cam tag Joining Beaufort with that tool in their toolbox so far are Bluffton, Hardeeville and Yemassee... while Hilton Head and Port Royal have said they'll join the agreement in the next few weeks. Reporting from the city of Beaufort, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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You may remember - the county is appealing a vote to stop their plans from moving forward. That referendum happened back in March of this year - after some people who live in the area expressed concerns over the development. The county is asking the court to declare the outcome of that vote invalid. They're arguing the state constitution does not allow voters to repeal board decisions like this. That case goes before the court on October 6th.

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9/30/2022	PCE	The Federal Reserve's preferred inflation measure showed prices surged again last month. Personal	
4:59:00 PM	INFLATION	Consumption figures in August rose by more than 6 percent. Continued growth in inflation puts more	
5PM OD	SURGED	pressure on Fed Chair Jerome Powell, who has promised to make taming inflation his main focus.	00:00:18

ISSUE 14-HOW CHARITBATBLE AND FEDERAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE HELPING THE COMMUNITY. CITY OF SAVANNAH YOUTH CAMPS HELPING KIDS SAFE AND ENGAGED, TYBEE PROM BENEFITING HUMANE SOCIETY, FOSTER CARE ADVOCATES FEATURE, UNITED WAY BRYAN CO. TORNADO RELIEF, CAT JOB FAIR, INFLATION AND NON PROFITS, EMERGENCY STRESS MANAGEMENT, MIRACLE TREAT DAY, ST. CO CANDLER DR. HELPING UKRAINE, FAMILY PROMISE, RBC HERITAGE CHARITY IMPACT ON THE LOWCOUNTRY, GA PORTS BACKLOG OF SHIPS, UNITED WAY, JASPER CO. ANIMAL RESCUE NEEDS, RICEBORO HEADSTART, FREE DENTAL CARE, STEP UP SAVANNAH HELPING WITH HOUSING CRISIS, TYBEE K-9 FOR A DAY BENEFITING HUMANE SOCIETY, ANNUAL UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN, POOLER YMCA RENOVATIONS, SOURCE: NON-PROFITS,

(sot) The Woods brothers say they've seen "the system" from the inside and want to help fix it. They say they started their walks to raise awareness and have met plenty of people who also want to see the system reformed. (vo) Davon and Tavon have literally hit the road for the cause. The 26 year old twins have known it first hand since Day One. (sot) My brother, Davon, and I were removed from our biological family at birth due to our mom using drugs. We were adopted at the age of two. (vo) They've taken their message to anyone who'll listen. They believe state agencies that oversee foster care and adoption often look at beauracracy above the child's best interest. So far this year, they've walked in Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina. They believe policy makers should listen to the people who've lived the experience. (sot) We need people like myself and others who've been in foster care, been adopted, and come together sit around a table and figure out what would be the best way to make a change. (vo) They also hope they can inspire kids currently in foster care or adoption to make the most of their lives and help others. (sot) They hope to walk through all 50 states. This time next month, they'll be in Ohio. They'll go there next because of the support they've gotten from there. In Statesboro, DaCannadyWTOC news. ?

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This summer, the City is hosting a number of camps and programs aimed at keeping young people safe and engaged all summer long. The one happening here, is geared toward budding entrepreneurs. NAT: (welcoming students) "There's really no bar for young people to start businesses. And it's a great thing to learn. It's basically the building block of our economy, is small business. And the younger we start, the better off we are." Carl Biathrow, Business Development Coordinator for the City of Savannah, is guiding this particular workshop which lays out a blueprint to starting a business. "What I hope they see is how to think about the numbers involved, and what it costs to provide a product, what it costs to run a business and how to develop profitability in their business." One of the goals for Biathrow is helping the aspiring business owners hone in on what kind of business they want to start. "You have to look for something that first of all, you know something about and that you've seen a need in the marketplace for providing a product or service, perhaps not in the normal way, but in a little different way." Biathrow says it's his hope those leaving the workshop will have a more clear path forward for starting a successful business. And on July 15th, the City is also hosting a summer youth class to help young people get career ready and design a personal brand an online image. That class will be right here at the Entrepreneurial Center at 2pm and on Zoom. In Savannah, Sean Evans, WTOC News.

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BRYAN CO. TORNADO RELIEF United Way is working with Bryan County Family Connection to give out the money. They say it can be used to offset moving and rebuilding expenses...along with any other needs related to the tragedy. You can apply directly with the United Way office in Pembroke or by calling the number on your screen. 00:00:18

7/12/2022
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD CAT JOB FAIR They are looking to fill several positions including full time and part time bus operators, Marine Mechanics, Training Coordinators and more. Full-time bus operators start at more than \$17-dollars an hour. The job fair is Wednesday from 10-to-4 at CAT's Central office on East Gwinnett street. 00:00:18

The 100th anniversary of the Savannah club receiving its charter and becoming Georgia's first sanctioned Boys and Girls Club. They marked the occasion with an open house for supporters, board members, former club participants -- and also inviting people who might help lead the Callen club's current expansion plans into other areas of the Coastal Empire. Callen is one of 5,000 Boys and Girls clubs across the nation that serve more than 4 million school-aged children every year with after-school and summertime youth-development programs. And last night, Jim Clark, the president of Boys and Girls Clubs of America was at the open house to help recognize what the Callen Club has meant to our community.

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If you have that sparkly dress or tuxedo hanging in your closet and you've needed somewhere to wear it... now is your chance because it's all about the bling this year at the prom! VO This year's prom is called 'Bling it On' and it's being held at the island's American Legion on Saturday from 7-11p.m. This event has been a popular one ever since it started in 2004. Over the years, proceeds from the ticket sales went to different local nonprofits. Now, and for the last few years, the money goes to the Humane Society for Greater Savannah so they can continue to provide animal rescue services. One of the organizers, Marie Rodriguez says they've already sold more than \$10,000 in sponsorships and are hoping to raise a few thousand dollars more in ticket sales. Toward the end of the night a drawing will be held for the coveted Tybee Prom crown! SOT "Everybody comes out and has a great time and they love it! I remember the first time I went. It was 'pretty in pink' and I went and got a pink gown from Goodwill and I said 'this is a blast!'" LLTAG This is an adult only event. Tickets are \$40 and you can buy them at the door. Rodriguez says if you don't want to get all dressed up, that's ok you can still come on out for a good time! On Tybee Island, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

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UW BRYAN
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United Way is in the process of giving out the donations they organized for tornado relief. They're working with Bryan County Family Connection to make it happen. You can apply directly through the United Way's office in Pembroke - or by calling the number on your screen. The money can be used to offset moving and rebuilding expenses... along with any other needs related to the tragedy.

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Helping people in need.. That's the goal of America's second harvest of coastal georgia "People who've never been to a food bank are seeking assistance because they just can't make ends meet and put food on the table" The organization is a go-to place for families dealing with food insecurity...especially during the summer when kids are out of school But the price hike at the pump....and at the grocery store is putting nonprofits in a tough spot. "I was checking the fuel book a couple of weeks ago and there was a 500 dollar charge for fuel and I went and found the driver and I'm like what did you do?" The nonprofit's executive director Mary Jane Crouch says their fuel costs are up by 50-percent... "That has really impacted our bottom line of what we're able to do and where we're able to go" The U-S Bureau of Labor reported for the 12 months ending in June, the consumer price index went up by 9.1%, the fastest year-over-year jump since the '80's They added gasoline, shelter, and food as the the largest contributors "We used to be able to buy a truckload of peanut butter for 40-45-thousand dollars and that same truckload now is in the 60-65 thousand dollar range" They've given out thousands of meals to families this summer so they hear the need directly from the community "Mom and dad are still working or mom's working and dad's working and that rent is still the same and there's just no way to make it all work" Second Harvest says inflation is pushing them to scale back some of their mobile food pantries. They plan to write for more grants to make sure they can bring enough money in to get people the food they need

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"We have hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of bags that are ready to go for this." *This is the focus of an "upcycle" workshop... where you can learn how to use plastic bags to create sleeping mats for the homeless. The chance to fight two problems at once. "We must really conserve because these plastic bags are filling up waterways and landfills so that's one issue. That's a big global issue. And then the other thing is to look at it locally, that this is something that can actually help with serving the homeless." The museum hosted a similar workshop last year... after learning about the process. "It was taught to us by an organization, MStarArts. They taught us. This is something they do and they call it the "Plarn Matters" program. So, plarn is like plastic and yarn. So we make balls of plastic yarn." The Bull Street Library is hosting Saturday's workshop -- aimed at tweens and teens. "Our summer reading theme this year is oceans of possibility. So we're focusing on that impact that preventing these bags in our waterways and landfills can have on our oceans and waterways." Making an impact on lives now... and in the future. "There is a Namibian proverb that says the world is not ours, the Earth is not ours. It is a treasure that is left to us to leave to generations to come."

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"Most people in the community may see a tragic event once or twice in their lifetime. These folks that are in this room today may see one or two a shift." It's part of the job most first responders don't like to talk about. "We think we can handle ourselves. We can just suck it and do it." A burden they feel they can carry, until...they can't. "We are seeing actually, more retired public safety committing suicide than anything else." A trend and stigma Scott Dakin of Critical Incident Consulting is aiming to fix. By doing what they typically don't, talking about it. "It's not normal for us to see what we see. It's time to talk about that, deal with it, admit that it bothers us and start healing from it." Scott trains first responders on Critical Incident Stress Management. Helping them to stop burying their struggles and start getting the help they need. "One of the things we talk about in EMS is, 'if we get hurt, we can't help others.' This is effecting our ability to be able to treat the community that we're out here to help on a day to day basis." Something Scott has experienced firsthand. "I was actually diagnosed many years ago with PTSD." Something he, like so many others, once kept to himself but is now finding healing through sharing. "It's time we started taking care of ourselves. It's time we started holding each other up and help each other out." So, perhaps what really makes a hero, is admitting when you need help. "We are there to support but sometimes we need support." And being tough means being willing to show your weakness. "I really hope that they take back that it's okay that a call bothers you. That's really okay." In Chatham County Sam Bauman WTOC News.

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"I was about 50 miles from the Russian border and about five miles from the front in Southeast Ukraine." When St. Josephs/Candler Dr. Anthony Foley heard about Russia invading Ukraine, he knew he had to help. "It would be silly to say we weren't nervous." Nervous but more than willing when he learned there were just three surgeons in this small hospital with lots of casualties. "They were in the neighborhood of 20 to 30 casualties a day and they would operate on around six to eight of them." With \$50 thousand in medical supplies and his military background, he and a few other American soldiers got there and went straight to work for three weeks. "We took care of soldiers, we took care of civilians or who ever happened to come into the small hospital where we were." And he will never forget patients going through the unimaginable show endless gratitude with the smallest gestures. "He gave us a big smile and big thumbs. he was perfectly happy to have Americans take care of him." "On the fore front of a war in a hospital much poorer than this one in America, he says he's happy to have made a lasting impact on many." Ironically... "I think the biggest impact was on me." Because of their thankfulness "The hospital didn't have very good food. We didn't have reliable water or power, obviously it's a combat zone, those things a scarce but they still figured out a way to put together a farewell dinner." He already has plans to go back. "I think the biggest thing I brought home with me is the resilience and the strength of the Ukraine people." While their struggle might not be at the fore front of our minds, they are still using that strength in a war that's far from over. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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The home that Family Promise has used here in the Blueberry Village area of Richmond Hill for the past two and a half years actually has to be cleared out by the end of this month, meaning anyone who needs in-person services, will need to go to their Chatham or Effingham County locations. "The owners of the house that we had in our Bryan County, Richmond Hill location, decided that this was a good opportunity for them to sell. And we completely understood that, they have been amazing to us the last two and a half years." Bostick says when it comes to finding a backup location, her organization is at the mercy of the housing market. "Just like our families, in this housing market it's extremely difficult to find something in that area so that we can continue to serve." Before Family Promise opened up the Bryan County office, Bostick says they relied on their interfaith hospitality network, rotating families from church to church for shelter. "Right now, what we're looking at is definitely taking a shift in how we serve. We've been looking at the numbers, what would probably be the best, most beneficial and impactful way to serve Bryan County, and that is to do outreach." "We may be serving differently, but we'll still continue to serve." In Bryan County, Sean Evans, WTOC News.

FAMILY
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7/28/2022	5:30pm	DAL LIVE:	They stated at noon with an auction that raised \$1,500 for one Blizzard!! The staff here usually leads or	
5:29:00 PM	OD	MIRACLE	shares the lead in money raised. They bring volunteer staff, hold a 5k the weekend before, everything	
		TREAT DAY	they can do to raise the funds. The owner, Zuber Malek, says they could not do this without their	
			customers and the entire Glennville community.	00:00:21

7/29/2022		GA & SAV	There's also a few resources still available in Georgia. Locally - the Chatham County Emergency	
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	RENTAL	Rental Assistance Program reopened in May. This program is for renters and landlords only.	
		ASSISTANCE	Applications can be submitted online through the county's website.	00:00:15

The Heritage Classic Foundation announced the 2022 RBC raised 1.6 million dollars spread across their nearly 80 charitable partners, one of them being right here at The Children's Center. Nat Hello Vo The smiles on these kids' faces match the joy of the charity's executive director when it comes to donations from the Heritage. Sot "They are the best." Vo They partnered with Heritage from the beginning... and say it's been a priceless relationship. "Both their birdies for charity and their champions for charity program has really moved the needle for a lot of families here at the Children's Center." Vo This kids paradise... Nat ABC Vo Allows parents to bring their children of all ages to a safe place while they work... and the funds from the Heritage Foundation help it be affordable. Sot "The money that we get from them we put toward tuition assistance." Vo The leader of the Foundation behind almost 50 million dollars over the last few decades says getting to help organizations like this The Children's Center is what it's all about. "That's why we do and the Heritage Classic Foundation does what we do is for the bottom line and giving back to charity and there's been a couple lean years." Vo He says that shows their goes far beyond selling golf tickets. Sot "We're just not a golf tournament in April, we have programs throughout the course of the year that we support." Vo With smiles like this... Nat Vo It's easy to see why. On cam tag: Reporting in Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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LL INTRO: McIntosh County Animal Services is nearing capacity, and they say they're always on the lookout for the right homes for their pets. Meet Rooster—he's taking a splash to avoid the heat. He's one of the 33 dogs currently calling the McIntosh County animal shelter home. The shelter also has 19 cats... Director Marianna Hagan says while every cage isn't full, they have to reserve some vacancies for emergencies. The county has a good track record of moving animals in and out of the shelter... but Hagan says people are continuing to breed their pets... which leads to many of them ending up in their care. "There's really no need for that. There's lots of organizations that can help with the cost of spay and neuter. Which is expensive, we understand that. But there is help available. Just call us, and we'll do our best to send you in the right direction." Hagan says they often try to transfer pets to other rescues, but many of them are facing similar issues of being at capacity. She also says they're lucky to have a very low return rate... once they find a home for a pet, that is often their forever home. LL TAG: If you're interested in adopting one of the pets here, we'll have links in this story on our website. In Darien, HB WTOC NEWS.

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			(sot) United Way leaders say they're not just excited to have their biggest event of the year, but also getting the community involved in helping so many worthy local causes. (vo) The 12th annual "Tasting Statesboro" brings together hundreds of people for an evening of local food, music and fun. United Way of Southeast Georgia supports dozens of non-profit organizations in Bulloch and five surrounding counties. The causes range from adult literacy to afterschool programs for students to support for new parents. Organizers say the event started small, raising about \$2,000 the first year but more than \$20,000 last year. (sot) So it's really grown. The first year, I think we had 10-12 restaurants and we had 30 last year. (vo) She says it's also a chance to check out local restaurants or food companies you might not have tried yet..all while helping good causes across the region. (sot) Tickets are still available online or at the United Way office. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?	
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Around the time when most people were feeling isolated, Trinity Lutheran Church started inviting the community in. "we saw more people coming to us. And what they were going to the Southside Savannah church for were necessities - food, clothing and personal items - and still are at the church's Heart of Compassion clothes closet that started during the pandemic but continues to meet the needs of the homeless on the Southside. "We probably have a core group of maybe 30 that we see on a regular basis and then we'll have lot of newcomers that they bring to us. "I love their church, they've been treating us really good. They're like our sisters and brothers. "The need is still there. They know that we are here, the community knows that we are here, the neighborhoods knows we are here. The neighborhood helps us out sometimes by donating some goods and helping out with their time and efforts. Hearts of Compassion grew out of a food pantry the church was operating prior to the pandemic. That has grown and volunteers still deliver meals to the homeless every Monday and Friday. "On Monday, we do 30 bagged meals that are made by different people in our congregation or the community that help us out. And on Fridays, we do hot meals and deliver those to the individual camps. We know where they are and if they move, they tell us so they can get a a hot meal. But the clothing closet is what brings people to the church - and what has allowed the homeless identify with the WTOC Hometown Heroes so willing to help them there. "We know them. We know a little about their stories. They're all different and they're just people trying to get by. "We see it at least staying at this if not growing a little better. The need is definitely here. There is nothing else on the Southside like we are here. "It's the right thing to do. It's part of our church's ministry and I really believe the outreach is so much needed right now. Tim Guidera, WTOC News

8/15/2022
 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD HOMETOWN HERO: HEARTS OF COMPASSION

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?(sot) The parking lot of Statesboro High will be packed Saturday morning for the monthly food distribution. Organizers say they can't believe they're reaching the milestone they'll see on Saturday...or that the community has needed the help this long. (vo) Feed the Boro will give out their 1,000,000th meal somewhere among the 1,000 family packages they distribute. They've been doing food drops for the past 15 months, giving out a week's worth of food to needy families. Organizers say it began during a time when businesses were closed and people were out of work. Now, they're helping working families deal with fuel prices, inflation, and more. (sot) The needs are different. People are suffering in ways they never expected. They're coming to the lines saying "I never thought I'd be in this line. Can you help me?" (vo) They'll start at 8am and anticipate more than 1,000 families in line. (sot) They'll distribute for as long as supplies last so they encourage people to get here early. If you'd like to volunteer, you can sign up on their website or just show up Saturday morning. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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8/17/2022
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PIRATES
MASCOT
REVEAL

"For the very first time we're seeing the Savannah Ghost Pirates mascot, Davy." (nats of people cheering) Stepping onto the pirate ship at Memorial Health's Children Hospital.. (nats) "Davy" That's right....like the pirate's name Davy Jones. Davy was just one out 3,000 submission's for the mascot's name to represent Savannah's first franchise Hockey team. As the Chief Operating Officer of Memorial Heath and President of the Ghost Pirates Bob Ohrablo welcomed the pirate they envision thousands in Savannah will know and love....they say Davy is a pirate of the public. With more than 5,000 season tickets already sold, their mission is to have Davy bring joy especially to children. "The mascots become in any city, any team become the face of the team and it was so great to finally unveil Davy and get him out there. We've been working on him for quite a while and we will get him out not only at games but also out in the community." While Davy was the star of the show at the beginning at this event, the kids at Memorial got to be his first fans. See how he spread joy where it's needed the most on THE News at 6. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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8/18/2022 5AM
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Today – at the empowerment center in Garden City they will host a housing fair to help fund the down payment for people looking to purchase homes. You can get up to 7500 dollars from the city of Savannah and 7500 dollars from the state of Georgia to put towards the down payment. There will also be lenders on site to qualify you right away. Representative Carl Gilliard says this is just the beginning and he hopes to change the current law in the state so that renters don't find themselves in this same situation in the future.

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Buying a home has a lot of costs up front. The city of Savannah and the state of Georgia are teaming up to help get more people out of rentals and purchasing homes. Today the empowerment center in Garden City will host a housing fair to help fund the down payment for people looking to purchase homes. You can get up to 7500 dollars from the city of Savannah and 7500 dollars from the state of Georgia to put towards the down payment. There will also be lenders on site to qualify you right away. Representative Carl Gilliard says this is just the beginning. He hopes to change the current law in the state so that renters don't find themselves in this same situation in the future. He says the best solution is getting more people buying homes and paying a smaller mortgage.

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A lot of the funding, in fact, the majority of the funding comes out of her pocket. And most people don't understand the degree that it comes out of her pocket. She needs funding, she needs additional volunteers and most of all, she's needing to be able to expand. We know the needs aren't once a week, we know that they are daily and we know the needs are a lot broader than what she is able to accomplish here. So, we can get some attention, everybody can see what's going on here, we can see some public support and some private support and really create a more sustainable model that can open up and serve people every single day of the week because the need is every single day of the week. Yesterday was also important for Kristi because her parents were in town -- and her dad, a Vietnam veteran, led the group in a spirited version of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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8/20/2022 6:00:00 PM	WKEND 6PM OD	SHEA: TOM TRIPLETT MARKETPLAC E VOSOT	Vendors from all over the area gathered in Tom Triplett Park today to set up shop and help the United Way. Vendors paid a fee to participate, which went to the United Way. Businesses like Prewitt Homestead and Baked by Maggie... sold handmade crafts and baked-from-scratch goods... Tony Murphy of Chatham County Parks and Recreation says today is about all-around community building.	00:00:23
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8/20/2022 6:00:00 PM	WKEND 6PM OD	SHEA: TOM TRIPLETT MARKETPLAC E VOSOT	We're trying to bring back the full sense of community, giving people an opportunity to get out and enjoy and connect. It's anything to be able to go to a retail outlet and shop malls, but here you've got time to be leisurely, enjoy, bring your family out. There's open space to play, run, relax, enjoy good food and good company. BRIAN PREWITT- OWNER OF PREWITT HOMESTEAD} We love doing these pop-up markets. It's the core of our business. We do a lot of business from our home, but these markets are where we get a lot of exposure to the community. This is where people come and visit and hang out and try products, and we just love doing these pop up markets. In total, there were 18 vendors in the marketplace today -- and many said they'd gladly participate again.	00:00:44
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8/22/2022 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	LYONS GARDEN CLUB RENOVATION S	<p>This historic building has been used by many in the community since the 30s. Most recently it was used as the Lyons Garden Club, but soon it'll turn into a recovery center called "Gardens of Hope." Gardens of Hope Director Craig George is also the founder of FORGE. An in-patient recovery program that helps men who suffer from addiction. With as much need he says the Toombs County community has, he wanted to create a place where people seeking recovery or who are in active recovery could come and get free, immediate help. George says this two-story building will have an activity center and an office/meeting space. George says once it's up and running, people can walk through the doors at any time. They will get to learn from their peers about the several pathways of recovery, get access to counselors and help finding jobs... among other things. "The motto that we go by is connection is the opposite of addiction and so the opportunity to not only connect the individuals together with others who have found long-term recovery, but also connecting the resources together I think is what excites me the most." George says they hope to have the center up and running by the 1st of next year. Until then, if anyone needs their services or knows someone who may ... they can get in touch with FORGE through their social media accounts. In Lyons, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.</p>	00:01:21
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8/22/2022 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	SCAD & UNION MISSION	<p>New at 6--- A makeover for Union Mission's Mental Health Counseling Center. A SCAD student-- Robin Maaya-- decorated the new Parker's House with her pieces of work. She captured 28 black and white photos --showing some of Union Mission's clients. The young photographer says she has been an advocate for mental health in all of her work. She says she had to make personal connections with people in a short period of time in order to tell their stories authentically.</p>	00:00:28
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The nation is experiencing a housing crisis.... and prices in Savannah are out of reach. That's according to this year's report from the National Low Income Housing Coalition. 'Step Up Savannah,' a non-profit that helps lower income families, says they aren't surprised "It is insane" Johnson says it's a city-wide problem. "I can actually take maps from 1929 and lay them over the city and see the same redlined communities that are disenfranchised and marginalized are the ones today that are suffering" The report points out that - with minimum wage at 7.25 an hour - someone would have to work 2.5 jobs or 100 hours a week to afford a 1-bedroom apartment in Georgia. "People feel like they've been sentenced to a life of poverty" And Johnson says, in some areas, the high rent prices just don't add up. "Rent rates and hikes in places where they could almost give it away for free" She says the housing crisis is a layered issue. "We have an asset poverty rate, in the savannah metro area of about 43-percent for households of color... that means they have a networth of zero, they don't own a home, have a savings account, life insurance, 401k anything that can be transitioned for cash." Johnson says public transit also plays a big role. "We don't have county wide transit so transit doesn't run to where the jobs are." And she says generational wealth, is less common. "Here in our community, we've passed on persistent generational poverty." A cycle Johnson says can't be broken without a strategic plan. "I told my staff all the time that hope can't be a warm, fuzzy feeling like 'I hope they do better...oh i hope the schools get better...oh I hope we have more housing. No, hope has to be a positive expectation of a favorable outcome."

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Nat If you come here in the winter, there might be five cats in this room. Vo Instead, there's three per cage. It's the county's shelter, and this summer it's gotten more over-crowded than ever. Sot: (Caitlyn Schake - Executive Director, Jasper Animal Rescue Mission) "We have almost 120 dogs which is three times our comfortable capacity and the same for cats, we're at 150 cats which is more than three times our comfortable capacity." Vo They've even had to start housing some of the animals in the lobby. She believes the overcrowding is due to the pandemic boom of adoptions reversing, and she says this problem is hitting their partner organizations too. Sot "Adoptions have been very slow and a lot of our rescue partners are also very full so our transfers have been slow as well." Vo Jasper Animal Rescue Mission is using every square foot they've got... and with dog crates stacked three high, soon there won't be anywhere else for these furry friends to go. Sot "We do everything we possibly can to not have to euthanize adoptable animals, but we are quickly running out of space." Vo They recently transferred over 50 dogs to the northeast, but she says those opportunities are hard to come by... with a much easier solution all around them. Sot "We can't got on like this for much longer so at this point we're just begging adopters, fosters, anything to help."

8/23/2022
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ANIMAL
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LL INTRO: It was an important and exciting morning for parents here in Liberty County, as they got to drop off their children at Liberty County Head Start's new, permanent location. ***NATS GOOD MORNING** Children under 5... stepped off the bus.... And said goodbye to their parents... before entering their first day of early learning... in a brand new building. "I cannot contain our excitement, we are elated. We waited for a while. The parents are excited. The community has supported us through these years, because we've been waiting a while." The facility serves children ages 6 weeks to five years. It's funded through federal grants... and provides early education to qualifying families at no cost. Parents say... this program is already making a big difference. "Childcare can be very expensive. They can come in as young as two years old to do head start.. and I think that's awesome. It's free. That helps the community a lot." And the students say... it's giving them something to look forward to. "I'm excited to have new friends." This facility... now serves about 60 new friends, to be exact. The program has existed in Liberty County for decades, but has moved around numerous times... adding to the significance of this new building. "It's like going out, it's almost like renting someone else's car, you finally get your own car, and get a chance to drive it." The building expands the program's capacity by four classrooms... with the ability to serve more than 100 kids. Jakes says the organization has a focus on helping families holistically. "Sometimes, you bring us in with your kid needing an education, but you need a job. We can help. Maybe you bring your kid in and you live with your mom, and you can't feed her in the summer, well we have meals on wheels, we can help there too." This... serving as the first day ... of the future of Liberty County Head Start. LL TAG: Staff members with the school say there's still room for more students, if you'd like to enroll your child here at the head start program, we'll have links in this story on our website. In Riceboro, HB WTOC NEWS.

8/24/2022
 4:00:00 PM 4PM OD HAYLEY:
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It is first come -- first serve. The dental clinic is for Chatham County residents 18 and over -- you do not need to show an ID, you do not need insurance and there is no co-pay -- all you have to do is show up. The Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council is teaming up with Remote Area Medical for this clinic. Services available for free include dental cleanings, dental fillings, dental extractions and dental X-rays.

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			Reginald Lee / Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council Executive Director "A lot of people simply cannot afford healthcare in general and specifically dental care. We completed a needs assessment about a year ago and 60 percent of the people responded, indicating that they had not seen a dentist in over a year and a lot of it was because of cost." Hundreds of volunteers will be at the clinic this weekend including from Savannah Technical College and their Dental Hygiene students and staff as well as Georgia Southern Students and staff who will be doing oral cancer screenings and hearing tests.	
8/26/2022	5AM	SARAH: FREE		
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			((PKG)) Dental cleanings, fillings, X-Rays, and even oral cancer screenings- those were just some of the services that were offered today here at the Garden City Recreation Center, completely free of charge. It's a ginormous help, because when you think about it, we put other priorities over just essentials. Make sure our teeth are clean, make sure our eyes are good, we put other essentials over that just so we can survive, especially with everything going up nowadays. That's why Remote Area Medical and the Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council put on the free dental clinic. The Safety Net Planning Council did a survey last year, and found that 60 percent of the people that responded hadn't seen a dentist in over a year, largely due to cost. Not taking care of your oral health, however, can cost more than just money in the long run. Studies have been shown that poor dental health can cause problems with the cardiovascular system. I've personally known families of people that have died from dental infections, so it's- there's a huge need to keep your dental health up so your overall medical health is stable." Though medical and dental issues are often linked, their insurance is separate. However, the dental clinic doesn't require insurance, a co-pay, or even ID- to make care accessible to anyone that needs it. Still, it takes plenty of time, and people, to pull the clinic off. It's a great group of professionals here in the Chatham County area that've come together. They've got the expertise, they've got the knowledge, we bring the stuff and the systems, and it just comes right together so the whole community right here in Garden City and the Chatham County area can be taken care of. Tripp: Come down and get it done. Take time out your day and just come get it done because it's worth it. They did a good job. Shea: If you missed out on the clinic today, no worries. It is open again tomorrow from 5AM until noon. Patients are seen, however, on a first come, first serve basis. So the earlier you come, the better. Reporting in Garden City, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.	
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DENTAL
CLINIC

Experts recommend that you go see the dentist twice a year- but that's often not possible for people who don't have dental insurance. Still, dental health is critical to overall health- which is why the Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council teamed up with Remote Area Medical for the second year in a row, to make dental care accessible to folks all around the area. WTOC's Shea Schrader reports.

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8/28/2022	11PM	MARIAH:		
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		CELEBRATION		

			<p>Parker's House, officially opened to the public today, is the only facility solely focused on providing comprehensive services and emergency shelter for unaccompanied women from Florida to South Carolina along Georgia's coast. "Women come here, they get a mental health assessment, they get food, clothing, transportation...they get a bed. There's all sort of enrichment, peer groups. We have the whole mental health counseling center here." And beginning next week, Parker's House will begin providing that support to about 100 women annually. "It means a lot, in terms of getting individuals to stable housing. And ultimately that's our goal; get people to stable housing." Parker's was an integral part of this faciliity becoming a reality, donating 250-thousand dollars toward the cause last year. "This really resonated with us, because our brand has been focused on women. Our brand filter, the focus through which we look at everything, is a working mother. And it's been that for over 25 years. So we felt that there was a need, and we were asked, we said, time to step up. Let's do something about it." And Parker says finding out the hardships women without shelter in the community face, further led to his company's decision to be a part of the effort to open a facility to help them. "The fact that there are over 180 women any day in Savannah, the greater-Savannah are that are homeless, is really troubling. And then when you find out that 40-percent of them have been sexually abused, 70-percent of them have been physically abused, really pulls at your heart strings." Each woman coming into Parker's House will be assigned a case manager, wellness checks employment support and referrals to primary and mental health providers. In Savannah, Sean Evans, WTOC News.</p>	
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<p>9/2/2022 4:29:00 PM</p>	<p>4:30PM OD</p>	<p>MARIAH: TYBEE K9 FOR A DAY</p>	<p>LL The K9 For a Day program started about two years ago and since then dozens of animals have been involved. They say they've had tremendous success. VO The program started when the Tybee Island Police Department and the Humane Society for Greater Savannah wanted to work together to not only get police out in the community more, but find animals a forever home. What they didn't know was just how successful the program would be. To date more than 50 dogs, and a few cats, have been an officer's k-9 for the day. The even better news? Adoption Manager for the humane society, Nina Schulze says all of them have either been adopted or put with a foster family. SOT "While out on patrol we usually get the phone calls or the emails and sometimes they do get adopted the same day. Normally it takes no more than a week for the animals to get adopted." TRACK VO Shulze says when the animals go through the program they also learn more about what the animal is like, which helps them work with potential adoption families. Schulze says programs like this also help keep overcrowding from happening at the shelter. Mariah Congedo WTOC News.</p>	<p>00:01:06</p>
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<p>9/6/2022 5:53:00 PM</p>	<p>6PM OD</p>	<p>CHIMNEY COVE EVICTIONS NOT HAPPENING</p>	<p>Starts in Spanish... "We feel good with more time and without all the pressure." Vo Just like the first time, the notice came taped to their door... this time with positive news ..in both English and Spanish.. Starts in Spanish... "Now I feel much better, especially because my kids didn't want to move or start new schools." Vo There are around 75 school-age children here.. who won't be pulled from their friends anymore... or so it seems at the moment. "We don't know if this is a permanent thing or if they will be asked to leave again in a couple of months." Vo Christ Lutheran Church is right next to Chimney Cove... and along with the Deep Well Project, they've been helping residents since the original lease termination was posted. The two organizations tell me they've raised almost \$50,000, but say the uncertainty moving forward still has them concerned. "We don't know if we have three days, 30 days, or 90 days." Vo She's encouraging Chimney Cove families to continue to look for housing because of those questions... advice some in the area are taking. Sot: Maria Starts in Spanish... "I started looking for another place after the first letter and haven't stopped because I don't want to deal with this anymore." Vo On the other hand inside the Salgado's home, there won't be packing anytime soon. Sot: Salgados "We're not looking for a new place anymore, we're happy here and it's our cheapest option." Vo That lack of other options was discussed at a special called town council meeting Tuesday. Strong opinions were voiced, but no permanent solutions were agreed on... specifically when it comes to Chimney Cove. Sot "If we knew what we were dealing with, we could just work so much more effectively."</p>	<p>00:01:40</p>
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(sot) You get a sense of genuine excitement from people at the United Way campaign kickoff. United and, once again, in-person. (vo) (nat) A marching band... (nat) And cheerleaders added even more of a festive spirit. But this gathering meant even more this year, because it was a gathering- the first since 2019. The past two campaigns were held virtually due to the pandemic. Planners say for those two years it was hard to manufacture the enthusiasm this meeting brings. (sot) "So, we're thrilled to be seeing all our friends and donors together in a room again." (vo) United Way works with many of the region's largest employers to get their team members to donate - either once a year or through each paycheck. The funds help United Way fund a range of non-profits that help almost every aspect of the community. (nat) They hope the excitement of from gathering today can fuel the campaign through the coming weeks. (sot) In Savannah, DalCannadyWTOC news. ?

DAL: UNITED
WAY GOALS

9/8/2022
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(sot) As United Way of the Coastal Empire gets back to an in-person campaign kickoff, they say the needs in 2022 could not be stronger. (vo) It looked and sounded like a pep rally... (nat) ..complete with the United Way team's entrance. Campaign chair Cindy Robbinett says it will take a team effort to help the agencies that rely on United Way. (sot) The need is tremendous. Last year, we were able to help over 206,000 people in our four-county region. (vo) With a gameday theme, their goal this year is to get more people in the game - getting them to donate what they can afford to give. (sot) Every little bit counts. Every single donor, no matter what they're able to give, counts enormously. (vo) For Ariana Berksteiner and others at Emmaus House, the funding from United Way helps them serve the community..especially as they've just reopened their doors to clients. (sot) It has been very exciting to allow people back in our building, inside our four walls...and really be in that space. (vo) Former UGA and NFL player Matt Stinchcomb challenged the crowd to work together as a team to serve the community in a tough time when people need it most. (sot) They hope everyone in the region who's able will give what they can. In Savannah, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

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PERSON

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9/8/2022
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KICKOFF

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9/12/2022
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD POOLER YMCA RENOVIATION New at 6 - Leaders at the West Chatham YMCA in Pooler took the first swing at giving the location a brand new look. Today's Golden Sledgehammer Swing marked the beginning of a renovation project as part of a broader effort to refresh facilities by the YMCA of Coastal Georgia. The updated facility will have more space in the fitness area, as well as a more flexible layout for childcare. President and CEO Joel Smoker says the upgrade marks the first major investment made at the West Chatham YMCA since 2002. 00:00:30

9/12/2022
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD POOLER YMCA RENOVIATION "I've heard recently the Dept. of Transportation is projecting the growth in the county to almost double in the next 3 to 5 years. So the YMCA just wants to be relevant and wants to be a community partner, whether its for childcare or for families, we just want to be a part of that growth in this community." The project is expected to take 6 months, and cost about 1.6 million dollars. 00:00:22

LL INTRO: The McIntosh County Boys and Girls club has doubled the number of students they've been able to serve over the past year, and it's all thanks to this new building. Previously, the program was confined to one classroom... for about 50 students. Now, with a building of their own, the Boys and Girls Club has expanded to serve more than 100 students each day ... from pre-K to high school. "If our programs are growing, we know we're doing something right. We're giving them a product they're enjoying, that's helping them. We feel as though we're doing the right things for this community." Unit director Dominique Pugh says the program's expansion comes at the right time. "We have seen a need here in the community, just from various interactions with stakeholders, community leaders, parents, and kids, we know there's a true need here. It's very important and I'm excited we're able to provide that for them." With the new building... serving as a new place of belonging for many McIntosh County students.

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MCINTOSH CO
BOYS AND
GIRLS CLUB

"Giving kids a place to be after school is incredibly important for the development of a child. Just to give them a place, give them a safe place." Each afternoon has designated homework time, activities, and social time. LL TAG: If you'd like to register your student for the program, there's still time. We'll have links on how to do that on our website. In Darien, HB WTOG NEWS.

9/15/2022 4:30PM
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Steven Kellam was the lucky winner- and got to drive away in a brand new 2022 Nissan Rogue. The car was presented by the President and C-E-O of the 200 Club Mark Dana and the owner of Grainger Honda Nissan Bill Grainger- who also paid the sales tax on the new ride. The raffle helped raise money for the club- which provides support for surviving family members of first responders who lost their lives or was critically injured in the line of duty.

RICARDO:
CAR RAFFLE
WINNER

9/15/2022 7PM OD
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9/16/2022	4:30PM	DAL: FEED	Feed the Boro will host their monthly food drop in partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank. They'll distribute 1,000 bundles of food, each with enough food to feed a family of four for a week. Feed the Boro has now been doing these for more than a year. They say they're seeing two-income middle class families coming because of the sharp jump in food prices.	00:00:21
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9/17/2022 SAT 7PM FOOD
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MARIAH:

Nearly 600 people lined the parking lot waiting for their turn to shop the free groceries at Immanuel Baptist Church. Founder, Charlene Keith says every month the giveaways get bigger. She says they have a lot of people who come every month, but recently there's a lot of new people too ... which she says shows the sheer amount of food insecurity there is in the community. Nearly all of the food is donated by local grocery stores and America's Second Harvest. Keith says the only thing they buy is the meat. The giveaway includes an abundance of meat and fish, veggies, fruits, bread and much more. 00:00:35

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9/18/2022	11PM	FLYNN:	Today marked the start of the two-day long event, that helps raise money to support critically ill children and their families right here in the coastal empire. Tonight featured a casino experience ... where attendees could test their luck at various Vegas-style games... Organizers say it's the group's second-largest event of the year, and they're expected to raise more than 150 thousand dollars for the Ronald McDonald House.	00:00:26
11:02:00 PM	WEEKEN	RONALD		
	D OD	MCDONALD		

9/18/2022	11PM	FLYNN:	"We're an operation that's 24/7/365. We never shut during COVID, we don't shut at Christmas or holidays, we have to keep the lights on and the doors open. We get to do that because of events like this, that are so amazing that this community is philanthropic and giving. We're blessed to have this. Tomorrow is the Ronald Open golf tournament with more than 140 golfers... That tees off at 10:00 a.m. WTOC is a proud supporter of the event.	00:00:25
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	D OD	MCDONALD		

9/18/2022 11:02:00 PM	11PM WEEKEN D OD	FLYNN: JEA GALA	"This is, of course, a fundraiser, but also an opportunity for us to gather again as a community. This is our first one back indoors in three year. So, it's just nice, in addition to, of course raising money for all of these programs, to be able to get together again." The gala featured a silent auction as well as circus-themed catering.	00:00:20
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9/19/2022 4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	SHEA: SALVATION ARMY	The Resource and Job fair has been virtual for the last several years, but this year, it's back in person at the Salvation Army Community Center. ((VO)) The Salvation Army is working with the Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless and Union Mission to put on the fair. There will be 25 local companies there to discuss job opportunities with those in attendance, as well as other organizations to provide free clothing, haircuts, flu shots, and health screenings for COVID and HIV. The Salvation Army has worked with local shelters and other organizations to get the word out about the fair to people struggling with homelessness, especially veterans,- though it is open to everybody. Linda James, Center of Hope Director for the Salvation Army, says in the 18 years they've had the fair, she's personally seen the positive impact it has. ((SOT)) "A lot of times we'll see more individuals coming to the shelter, but also connecting the vets to those needed resources, to medication, to healthcare, to jobs. I think it benefits the community widely in finding individuals for the jobs that are open, but also giving them the resources they need to make it past each day." SHEA: To make sure that as many folks make there as possible, trollies will begin making stops at various squares at 7AM and take people to the Community Center. The job and resource fair does run from 8AM to 1PM. Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.	00:01:24
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? (sot) As rural hospitals struggle around the country, folks at Evans Memorial think they might have found a "vehicle" to raise money and awareness. (vo) Nancy Stephens bought the winning ticket and came up from Savannah to pick up her new Chevy Blazer. The hospital teamed with nearby Kyle Durrence Chevrolet as a way to raise money but also give supporters a chance to win. (sot) We never expected to win. I actually told Mike that even if we don't win, we've done a good thing for the community. (sot) One of the things we do is look at ways we can subsidize and support what we do so we can be here for the long term. (vo) Supporters purchased more than 600 tickets for the drawing. The funds help the hospital continue to offer healthcare even as they struggle with rising costs and a volume of patients who're uninsured or underinsured. (sot) And Lee says they will likely look at doing this again next year if possible. In Claxton, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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"Ronnie? I've got your creamer. Thank you ... Willie DeLoach doesn't just take care of everything participants need at the Savannah Adult Daycare Program. He's the reason most of them are here. "there are a lot of words you could use, but I'm just going to say a kind gentleman. 'Coach DeLoach' as he is known transports seniors to the Moses Jackson Community Center five days a week ... "you want me to grab this strong arm. He's so strong, oh my God ... But he is more friend than driver to dozens of people who attend the City of Savannah senior program every day. "He comes in with a smile on his face every day. He is warm and giving toward our participants. He really shows up and gives his all every day. DeLoach has worked for the city's Department of Recreation and Leisure Services for nearly 30 years. He was transferred to help the Senior Daycare Program during the pandemic. "we were initially driving meals to the people who are participants in the program. And after they were allowed to come back into the building, I requested that I remain with the program. Soon, he was central to the program -- getting seniors to and from, serving them breakfast and leading daily calisthenics. "march 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 "He has a ton of energy, more than I do. He is full of joy and he brings that exercise component that was lacking before. DeLoach actually is a coach, having spent time at Savannah States and with several local high schools and middle schools. And he actually is a senior himself with his 72nd birthday approaching next month. But it's his background as a teacher for more than 20 years that has been such a unique addition to the senior program. "He also brought some of his cognitive games where he's really looking to stimulate people's minds. "We interact all day and essentially have fun ... The thing we're trying to do here is make sure they stimulate their brains, keep them active and involved in something so they can maintain an attitude about life. I've seen some senior citizens who don't have an activity to go to and it causes them to deteriorate a little earlier. Participants in the senior program don't only have a coach to keep them engaged - they have a friend in this WTOC Hometown Hero making their days fun, interesting and productive. "you get to know him, you begin to like him because he's that type of person. "Coach Willie DeLoach is one of the most genuine people you will meet ... he is a staple in our community and in our program "I like what I do. Some guy said if you like what you're doing, it's not work anymore, it's fun. Tim Guidera, WTOC News

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9/20/2022 SHEA: WORLD Here at the Liberty County Neighborhood Center, they also act as a senior daycare center. And some of
4:59:00 PM ALZHEIMER the folks they care for have Alzheimer's Disease. ((VO)) That's why they're hosting an Alzheimer's
5PM OD AWARENESS slow the progression of the disease down." Shea: Anyone is welcome to attend the walk around the park
MONTH tomorrow and the trivia session to follow. It'll get started around 10AM. Reporting in Hinesville, Shea
Schrader, WTOC News. 00:01:07

9/22/2022 5:00:00 AM 5AM DAYBRE AK OD SARAH: HUNGER ACTION DAY Mary Jane Crouch, the executive director says they are seeing an increase of people in need but also, a changing face to hunger in our community. 00:00:09

9/22/2022 5:00:00 AM 5AM DAYBRE AK OD SARAH: HUNGER ACTION DAY Mary Jane Crouch / Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia "A lot of people think of hunger think of a homeless person or things like that and it's not that we don't want to help them and we do through our pantry programs and our congregate feeding sites but right now the people that we are seeing and coming to us have never been to a food bank or the covid pandemic was the first time they even knew there was a food bank." In addition to the mobile food pantries – they are also serving about 4000 meals a day to kids after school to help fill the need. 00:00:31

They come in with their dresses *NATS And they get their tiaras A princess for a night.... "Elsa" With their own special prince.... "I liked how the man had gave us these flowers and when we came in they was clapping for us" First responders, military and county leaders lined up one by one "We always looking for the kids to be the future of our country. Sometime later on in life I hope someone take my position whether it's a young lady or a young gentleman in this world": Stepping in for 65 young girls...without father figures. "Yeah I feel really beautiful" It's not a feeling Operation Kid Forward's founder Nisha Giustino wants to go away "I want these little girls to 10 years from now remember this night and go home and talk about this for weeks to their friends and family and leave feeling beautiful and empowered like a princess" Well we asked the girls -- do they feel special? "Yeah, and I just got here" It's safe to say the girls all had different expectations "I didn't picture all these decorations and stuff" "So they told me it was gonna be free food it's gonna be hair stuff from over there..." *nats Their own personalized princess experience -- all of this to show them they are beautiful "I barely wear dresses and I think it looks nice" And embracing their natural beauty "I had my hair all out and they gave me a lot of compliments because I got a lot of hair" Is the true meaning of a princess "I really love it" 00:01:22

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"This is gonna be a wonderful time to gather the community together, and let me tell you. I've never seen so many people together at Hull Park all at the same time, so this is really exciting!" (nats: violin) One event organizer estimates that more than 300 people showed out for the Savannah Philharmonic's concert in Hull Park. An exciting turnout- and a sign that the goal of the performance was accomplished. "That was the main idea, just to kind of demystify a little bit the performance of classical music. It doesn't have to be in the usual setting we're all used to." The hundreds of folks in attendance were able to enjoy the sounds of violin and piano- dressed down and relaxed. (nats: singing) This particular performance was in partership with the Savannah Voice Festival- so the audience was also treated to singing, paired with the music. "There are so many wonderful ways that we can partner. Voice needs orchestra, voice needs piano. And orchestra and piano is enhanced with voice." Something that was so beautifully demonstrated to the audience... for free. Sonka adds that not everyone has had exposure to classical music, but that these performances give everyone the opportunity to experience it. Sonka: "This music speaks to everyone whether or not they know it. Enriching people's lives, no matter who, through this kind of music is really important. (nats music... fade out) 00:01:19

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9/24/2022 11PM FLYNN: "I can't emphasize enough. There's no way here at the association that we can do what we do without
11:01:00 PM WEEKEN ALZHEIMERS the community support. We're the leading voluntary nonprofit organization towards Alzheimer's research.
D OD WALK So there's no way we can do what we do without our community partners." The Alzheimer's Association
says...Savannah is one of more than 600 communities that host similar fundraising walks nationwide. 00:00:24

9/24/2022 11PM FLYNN: The Alzheimer's Association puts on the annual event which aims to raise money and awareness for the
11:01:00 PM WEEKEN ALZHEIMERS 150-thousand Georgians who have the disease. Flowers spun in the wind at this morning's opening
D OD WALK ceremony...representing family members and loved ones who may have Alzheimer's The walk kicked off
shortly after as organizers say this is their biggest fundraiser of the year. 00:00:22

With concerns over Hurricane Ian, the Statesboro Service League is opening up parts of their huge annual Attic Sale early and online. Crowds have flocked to the sale for the past 49 years, to grab bargains and support local causes. The Service League supports a host of non-profit agencies in the community with the proceeds of the sale. Earlier this year, they started selling some things year round through Facebook Marketplace. With severe weather possible this Saturday, they're opting to put many of the large furniture pieces online for auction. Organizers say it helps the people who can't get here Saturday, but also saves the items from getting soaked or even ruined. This will make it much easier. We know "well, it's not raining right now. So you can pick it up tomorrow or in 24 hours. In addition, they're moving any of the items that might usually be outside on the Kiwanis Fairgrounds into the main building to keep it out of the elements. But if you're one of those people who doesn't consider it an Attic Sale if you're not at the door Saturday morning when they open, with coffee and doughnut in hand....they'll see you Saturday at 7am. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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9/29/2022	4:30AM DAYBRE AK OD	UKRAINE ICU DONATION	While crews loaded the beds up - the organizer of the donation was able to video call her cousin -- who is in Ukraine and will help distribute the beds once they arrive. She says this donation will be a great help to medical staff on the front lines.	00:00:15
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			"This is a very emotional experience for us. St. Joe's team came together, they are truly miracle makers. They are providing critically needed medical supplies that are going to support these children and innocent victims in Ukraine. And it makes me so proud to be able to work with the great people here at St. Joes Candler Hospital." She says the beds will arrive in Ukraine in about 10 days and be sent to nearly 20 hotspots across the country.	
9/29/2022	4:30AM	DAYBRE	UKRAINE ICU	
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9/30/2022 3:00:00 PM	AFTERNOON BREAK OD	SAM: TYBEE ISLAND	"This is an epic day! This is what we live for! Beaches aren't crowded, good waves!" As you heard there the beaches were far from crowded compared the a typical Friday on the Island, BUT the water was full of surfers. In fact many of the surfers I tried to talk to were so excited about the waves they would hardly slowdown long enough to tell me they couldn't talk because they wanted to get into the water. While most brought their boards one body surfer I managed to catch up with said he wasn't too surprised by the turnout given the conditions.	00:00:31
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9/30/2022 4:00:00 PM	4PM OD	HURRICANE IAN RELIEF EFFORTS	There is a way you can help with relief efforts in Florida. The Salvation Army is accepting donations. 100 percent of donations are used to support specific relief efforts. You can either visit the Salvation Army's website, call or text. All that information is on your screen and on our website WTOC dot com.	00:00:18
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ISSUE 15--HOW VOLUNTEERS ARE A GREAT ASSET TO NON PROFITS AND THE COMMUNITY. VOLUNTEERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN COMMUNITY. HOW VOLUNTEERS ARE HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED THROUGH THE PANDEMIC. TEENS HELPING TO IMPROVE A WEST SAVANNAH NEIGHBORHOOD THROUGH PROGRAM, MAKING MEALS FOR CITY WORKERS, HELPING TO CLEANUP ST. CATHERINES ISLAND AFTER FIRE, TYBEE LITTER PREVENTION VOLUNTEERS, SOURCE: VOLUNTEERS, ETC.

Five neighborhoods are involved in the latest iteration of the neighborhood improvement initiative, including West Savannah. "What we've been doing, which has been really exciting, is basically picking up litter and trash. But also helping seniors, those that are 55 and older, with things like their lawn, or light jobs like painting or removing vines off of their house." There are eight teens and two adults working to improve their West Savannah neighborhood, working out of the Moses Jackson Center. "We believe that if we can get them involved between 15 and 19 and we give them a sense of responsibility, as well as a sense of knowing that, if I can take care of my neighborhood when I'm young, I can do it when I get older." And Pastor Buford says the neighborhood improvement program is more than just putting the teens to work. "But also get some hours in training, things like communication...some knowledge of what gun violence is, and how to put some things in place that would help them not get involved in gun violence." Pastor Buford says the teens will continue to work until school starts. She says they'll likely open up after school and weekend work opportunities after that. In Savannah, Sean Evans, WTOC News.

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The group of volunteers are making 400 meals a day through out the work week. The meals are prepared for any city worker in Savannah including police and first responders. The group has been doing this for about three years now. Also on hand to help with this initiative--District 3 Alderwoman Linda Wilder Bryan. The group says they are doing this to give back to the community.

8/3/2022
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8/3/2022 CITY WORKER "it's just knowing someone cares enough to make sure that your day goes a little smoother. It's one less
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD LUNCHES thing you have to worry about--is finding time and finding a place that's not busy and you can grab a
meal real quick." 00:00:13

LL INTRO: Staff members here at Keep Liberty Beautiful say the recent fires on St. Catherine's Island make their annual cleanup even more important this year. This is what the island looked like toward the end of June... Georgia Forestry officials say lightning sparked multiple fires that burned around 2,200 acres on the island. The fires burned for days before finally being put out on July 5th. Now, Keep Liberty Beautiful will head over to the island in September for their yearly cleanup. Executive Director Dr. Karen Bell says the beaches weren't impacted directly by the fire, but Keep Liberty Beautiful is lending an extra hand wherever it's needed. "The only thing we're looking into is finding out if we can help more. Maybe plant some trees or plants, what else we can do besides clean it up, so it just gave us something else to ask, what can we do for our community." Bell says they have space for 60 volunteers for the cleanup scheduled for September 10th, and they're still in need of boat captains to take volunteers to the island.

8/10/2022 HAYLEY: ST. CATHERINE'S CLEANUP LL TAG: If you're interested in signing up to be a boat captain or a volunteer, find links in this story on
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD PLANS our website. In LC, HB, WTOC NEWS. 00:01:09

8/20/2022 6:00:00 PM	WKEND 6PM OD	DAL: FEED THE BORO	<p>"Feed the Boro" held their 15th straight monthly food drop and distributed their one millionth meal since they started. They partner with Second Harvest Food Bank to give out boxes of food to 1,000 families that will feed them for one week. They rely on sponsors for the monthly drop. Longtime sponsor Food Lion was on hand to mark the milestone and distribute gift cards along with the food.</p>	00:00:23
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8/26/2022 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	TYBEE LITTER PREVENTION 5 YEARS	<p>Volunteers with the program tell me much of their success has come from one simple message. "When you see that message, 'Georgia's Coast is not an Ashtray' it does connect in a lot of peoples' minds that 'oh, this does end up in the water most of the time.'" This message is under the umbrella of the Cigarette Litter Prevention program that Tybee has been a part of for the last five years. "We've been having these ashcans around, we've been giving out coasters, we've been having people with t-shirts." Volunteers with the program, like Kate Burns, have worked hard to raise awareness about the harmful effects of the nation's number one most littered item- cigarette butts. "I think we have 6,000 coasters to give out and we're going to do that this afternoon." The awareness involves putting the message out in front of people. Burns says giving coasters to the local restaurants, for example, has had a big impact on how people treat the island's environment. "I believe that our efforts have brought this island here to stop smoking." Burns says so far, this is the program's biggest success story. A beach-wide smoking ban that the city put into effect in June. "We have a baseline of how many butts volunteers remove and this year it's down 75% on average." Tim Arnold spearheads the beach cleanups and says litter prevention programs are the only way they'll ever get the amount of litter they pick up down to zero. "A lot of people are here on vacation, they're enjoying themselves and they forget that little acts like dropping a cigarette butt or straw, collectively with 30,000 people on the beach, makes a huge difference." Vacationer, Susan Styre says she's been coming to Tybee for 20 years. This year, she says she noticed a big difference. "No cigarette butts. Very clean. Not even trash. It's very, very clean. Much cleaner than it has been in years past." The program is funded by the Keep America Beautiful grant and Burns says Tybee has gotten about \$25,000 from it. To celebrate the last five years, there will be a community-wide clean up tomorrow at Memorial Park. It'll be from 9:30 to 11:30. Everyone is welcome to join. On Tybee Island, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.</p>	00:02:07
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9/19/2022			A city-wide day of service is coming back to Savannah. The City Sanitation Department and Keep Savannah Beautiful is hosting a clean-up day. The event is Saturday, October 2nd from 8AM to 1PM. Everyone is encouraged to join them in their effort to beautify the city. If you're interested you do need to sign up. The deadline to register is October 14th.	00:00:21
7:00:00 PM	7PM OD	SAV CLEAN UP		

9/21/2022			America's Second Harvest Food Bank of Coastal Georgia hosted a luncheon to pay tribute to its volunteers. Savannah's volunteer of the year, Kate Fox-Marrs received special recognition. Mary Jane Crouch - Executive Director of the organization - say without volunteers the nonprofit could not fulfill its mission every year.	00:00:20
4:29:00 PM	4:30PM OD	SECOND HARVEST LUNCHEON		

9/21/2022 4:30PM SECOND HARVEST LUNCHEON "We actually use the equivalent of about 22 full time employees every year .in volunteer hours. If we didn't have those volunteers there is no way we could ever go out and hire that. We actually have people who come out every week in our kitchen to prepare those meals for kids cafes. It is just amazing. they have become a part of our family." America's Second Harvest of Coast Georgia distributes food to 21 counties. Last year, they provided more than 28 million pounds of food to people in need. 00:00:29

9/23/2022 4:00:00 PM 4PM OD FOOD DISTRIBUTION "We would love for people like corporations, churches and different organizations just to come together to do food drives for us. That's truly how we make what we do happen. Last year we gave out 28 million pounds of food and that was huge for us, so we need to replenish our shelves to make sure we got food to get through the winter." Today's meals included meat and produce and each person received enough to feed their entire family. 00:00:25

9/23/2022
4:00:00 PM 4PM OD FOOD DISTRIBUTION The food bank brought meals to Oglethorpe Mall earlier today. Volunteers handed out food to the first thousand people who showed up. Executive Director Mary Jane Crouch says the food bank needs more involvement from community organizations to make these distributions happen. 00:00:17

ISSUE16 DELEVOPMENT AND GROWTH OF ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESSES AND TOURISM AND HOW IT WILL AFFECT PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY. RICHMOND HILL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, GLYNN CO. TRAVEL CTR APPROVED, SAVANNAH MALL SALE, HINESVILLE PARK OPENING, LIBERTY CO. INDUSTRIAL PARK APPROVED, VIDALIA ENTERPRENEUR CENTER, HHI AIRPORT REBRANDING, ISLANDS EXPRESSWAY NEW BRIDGE, TOM TRIPLETT PARK UPDATE, MEGASITE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, SYLVANIA LIBRARY REPAIRS, CONGAREE PGA TOURNAMENT PREPS, BRYAN CO MEGASITE FOLO, EVANS CO. RAIL YARD EXPANSION, DARIEN COASTAL MARKET AND WELCOME CENTER, SEDA ON BRYAN CO. MEGASITE, DARIEN BRIDGE PLANS, LOCAL FILM MONEY, NEW BUCEES IN GLYNN COUNTY, BRYAN COUNTY ST. JO CANDLER HEALTH INITIATIVE, BRYAN CO. DEVELOPMENT PLAN, STATESBORO ZONING, EVANS CO. INTERNET UPGRADE, SAVANNAH FAIR GROUNDS, REZONING QUESTIONS FOR CENTER JUST OFF I-16, YAMMACRAW DEMOLITION APPEAL, HHI BRIDGE TALKS, EVANS MEMORIAL NEW IN PATIENT UNIT, SAVANNAH BANANAS LEAVES COASTAL PLAIN LEAGUE FOR WORLD TOUR, MCINTOSH CO. NEW PROFFESIONAL BASKETBALL TEAM, LABOR DAY BOOST TO ECONOMY, LIBERTY CO. TOURISM, PHIL THE PARK, LYONS ROUNDABOUT, PORT WENTWORTH CHURCH EXPANSION ISSUES, ENMARKET HOSTING NCAA BBALL TOURN., SEDA MEGASITE TAX CREDIT UPDATE

Source: City of Savannah, Chamber of Commerce, , MEMORIAL HEALTH, SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL, etc

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5:00:00 AM	DAYBRE	HHI AIRPORT	Source: City of Savannah, Chamber of Commerce, , MEMORIAL HEALTH, SAVANNAH CITY		
	AK OD	REBRANDING	COUNCIL, etc		00:01:00

*NATPOP Everyone who came down to Plant Riverside for the 4th of July had their own reasons for what makes it so special. "I've always wanted to come to savannah cause I just love history and they were having a big fireworks show *NATPOP so we just came down here to see it" *NATPOP "We live in America and it shows how much we love the world" *VO "I love the fourth of July and what we celebrate it for and what it stands for." "Honestly just the community. Everyone seems to be having a good time it's a nice vibe that's going around" "Swimming and bounce houses...and fireworks. I like the fireworks" Plant Riverside was the spot to be and it also gave families some much needed time together.

7/5/2022	5AM	ALYSSA:			
5:00:00 AM	DAYBRE	PLANT	"Spending time with our family on the fourth of July that's normally what we do and last time, we watched fireworks and I rode a rollercoaster that was scary." It was a three-day celebration and some Savannahians and tourists can't wait till next year.... "Happy 4th of July...fireworks"		
	AK OD	RIVERSIDE			
		4TH OF JULY			00:00:56

(sot) Staff members here at the Recreation Department say they're as disappointed as anyone that they had to cancel the Independence Day weekend fireworks Sunday morning after an accident in another town the night before. (vo) Crowds were noticeably smaller than the usual 10,000 or more. Children's games and other events continued despite the fireworks cancellation. Staffers say members of the fireworks company that would have provided their show Sunday night suffered injuries Saturday night elsewhere at another show. (sot) We're going to sit down this week and discuss and get back with the fireworks company where they get back in to work and look at the options -whether we reschedule or how we go from here. (vo) She says the vendor has handled the fireworks show at Mill Creek for several years. But neither they nor the rec department could find a backup vendor on such short notice- especially on the busiest fireworks day of the year. (sot) We'll keep you updated on what they decide to do. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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Even though this project has a 25-year timeline...some of the first homes have already been built and sold. And officials tell me this development's first residents could move in by the end of this month. PKG: *nats of construction trucks* It's a massive new development...that's been years in the making. *nats pop: "It was over 8 years"* And now the first homes have been sold in Heartwood at Richmond Hill...a new community slotted to have 10,000 homes in 25 years' time. *nats of construction* It's a project that could significantly increase Richmond Hill's population...but that growth won't come overnight. "I don't want people to walk away from this thinking there's going to be 10,000 homes tomorrow. This market is typically 250-500 new homes/year, and we expect that to continue." It's part of a larger project from timber company Rayonier...which has partnered with Richmond Hill and Bryan County to open a nearby commerce park...and build the Belfast Keller interchange on interstate 95...a move that made Heartwood's location ideal say developers. "With Belfast Commerce Park, we're creating jobs, with the new interchange we're creating a venue for more commercial and retail. So the housing is just one component of it." And despite some concerns over growth for other projects...city officials say they 8 spent years planning and building infrastructure at Heartwood before the first "for sale" signs went up. "I don't think that Richmond Hill, or any community can survive without growth. This is not an overnight thing. We've put in water main loop, so the water is out here. We've also put in sewer and now we have a main lift station." Developers say they've also donated land to expand existing roadways and building schools...while city officials say talks are also underway to open a new police substation in the area. A needed addition say officials as the city grows. "We have a lot of traffic, a lot of people see Richmond Hill. We now have 3 exits. So, all in all, it's just going to make this community continue to grow." So far 114 single family homes have been given the green light with an additional 185 waiting for final approval. And that's just a drop in the bucket of the total numbers of houses expected to be built here by the time the project is completed. Reporting in Richmond Hill...Flynn Snyder...WTOC News.

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"Everybody has been talking about Waters Avenue for such a long time. There seems to be a conversation in the city about, when is Waters Avenue going to get going again." But rather than wait for someone else to make the first move, Clinton Edminster says he's diving in headfirst. "We are sitting in what is going to be in the next couple of months, Waters Café." An addition Alderman Nick Palumbo feels is a perfect fit. "It's exciting to see Waters Café thinking outside of the box because this is exactly what we need. The very worst urban land type out there is the old abandon building. We need to revitalize them." Edminster says he's aiming to not only breathe life into an old building but fill a need for the area. "We hope to not only bridge the gap between people and good food but bridge the gap between neighbors and each other." Of course, to do that he'd like a little help. "Putting together a café is not necessarily the most inexpensive endeavor a person could take on." But he isn't just asking for money, he's offering a chance to be part of the café. "We are selling naming rights to literally everything inside this café." Yes, everything. "We've got the Beth Vantosh toilet, we have the Chelsea Phillips wifi." Electrical sockets, sinks, chairs, just about anything you can fit a name plate on....and so far people are jumping at the opportunity. "I'm an investor as well, put your money where your mouth is. So, \$100 of my own personal money is invested here for the Nick Palumbo Potted Plant." And while it is certainly good for his business, what Edminster really hopes is it proves there's a lot of promise on Waters Avenue. "It's time. It's time for Waters Avenue to start building up and building back. We'd love to have other neighbors in this part of town as well. There's some incredible buildings and some incredible spaces up and down Waters that I'd love to see come to life again." IN Savannah SB WTOC News

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The council also approved the building of a Sojourn Hotel within the Tanger Outlets. A approval is contingent on the hotel agreeing to make an adjustment to its building plan. It will be a 100 room hotel. 00:00:12

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"It's been a long time coming." It's replacing the draw bridge that officials say slowed down the traffic headed back and forth to the islands. The west bound bridge will be a one lane express way for traveling both ways for now until the east bound bridge is ready in 2024. Jill Nagel (nay-gul) with the Georgia Department of Transportation says it's best to avoid the expressway while they are switching traffic patterns over night while they change the traffic markings. But if you do use it there will be help top navigate you. "When we go to put traffic on the new bridge we will have a pilot car that will lead them, kind of like follow the leader so they'll know which way to go and everyone will just follow from there on." Soil stability issues pushed the construction of the west bound bridge but Nagel says it's safe now. "We hit a hiccup we had to change some design on the bridge but that is going to be a bridge that will last for years and years to come." While Nagel says the project will improve traffic, Tybee resident of 20 years Michael Nolin isn't as excited. "I think they'll miss the charm of the draw bridge." Living in Savannah for two years, Marlene Lemons is excited for the improvements. "It's very convenient and I guess I didn't live here when it was a draw bridge but we come over about twice a week and it's just really nice and it's convenient if we're going out to Tybee or we make a right and go out to Wilmington or whatever."

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New tonight - the Savannah Mall is for sale. That is according to the real estate website Ten-X. According to the post the online auction begins August 8th. Right now the starting rate is at \$2-point-5 million dollars. WTOC spoke with someone who rents space inside the mall and they say as of today they haven't been notified of the mall being up for auction online. We are keeping a close eye on this story and will update you as we learn more.

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LL INTRO: Tuesday's rezoning vote is the latest decision in an effort to industrialize portions of eastern Liberty County. People who live in that area say they have some concerns. This industrial rezoning follows a decision from March of this year... to rezone more than 230 acres to industrial and commercial as well. All of these requests are from the Foram Group... and create the potential for 11 new warehouses or distribution centers in the area over five years. "It's the proximity to the Savannah port. That's one thing that we have to sell, and the county has made that a strategy for their economic development over the past 20 years." Rapid development... that neighbors in the area say may be too much, too soon. Some say they'd like the county to issue a moratorium on industrial rezonings. "Our concern is where do we stop. When is enough is enough? We are asking for a moratorium. Okay, you've got your 10 buildings, let's just slow down." Janice Kay and Debbe Robinson are part of a group called Residents for Liberty... with an e-mail distribution list of about 1200 people in the county. One of their concerns is safety on the roads... Ricketson says the new warehouses have the potential to employ more than 1,000 people. "Increased building creates increased traffic, and increased risk. It's pretty simple. Do it thoughtfully, do it in a planned fashion, and do it timely." Ricketson says the county is beginning to look at options for funding to widen the bridge over I-95 to four lanes.. as well as improving Islands Highway and Highway 84. In Liberty County, HB WTOC NEWS.

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7/8/2022			Starting tomorrow the public will have access to the additional restrooms, a boat ramp for canoes and kayaks, a playground, a large multipurpose field, parking and the new dog park. The county will be hosting a celebration at the dog park with treats for the dogs – and everyone else – starting at 9 a.m. through 1 p.m. on Saturday.	00:00:20
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7/13/2022 BO: Hyundai is three years away from being at full production in Bryan County. That's expected to happen in
4:59:00 PM MEGASITE the first half of 20-25. Construction on the new facility is expected to begin in January. This will be the
5PM OD TIMELINE first fully dedicated electric vehicle and battery manufacturing facility in Georgia. 00:00:18

7/13/2022 MEGASITE LL In: These improvements will be along US-280 in north Bryan County as officials are expecting an
4:59:00 PM ROAD increase of trucks using the roadway when the megasite opens. VO: The road work is expected to start
5PM OD IMPROVEMEN early next year along multiple sections of 280. This is the preliminary design for what officials are calling
TS one of the most important intersections: 280 and highway 80. Other areas include the intersection of
280 and oracale circle parkway which is expected to receive a new red light early next year. Also
happening next year will be a roundabout at 280 and Wilma Edwards road The I-16 and 280
interchange is also due for some upgrades. Some of the projects will be partially funded by G-DOT. And
county official say that the design approvals are paving the way for work to begin. SOT: Matthew
Kent/Bryan County Communications Manager: "We approved that last night in the commission meeting
for the detailed design. And then hopefully sooner than we would've had the megasite not been
announced, we'll get that improvement on the intersection under construction." LL Out: And officials
expect much of the work to be completed either before or shortly after the megasite opens. Reporting in
Bryan County...Flynn Snyder...WTOC News. 00:01:13

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4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SLYVANIA
LIBRARY
REPAIRS

? (sot) The fire on the other side of the library did about as much damage as it could without touching the building. They're dead in the water, but the library staff is trying to keep things going. just across the street. (vo) A fire three weeks ago burned the transformer and the lines into the library. Yesterday, the staff reopened at Ogeechee Tech's Sylvania campus. Library staff say they're told it could take months or longer to get a new transformer. Staff members say they've brought over as many of the popular books and new arrivals as they can as well as children's books for people to use. They're making select trips in to the library each day to grab things as requested. But they're encouraging people to send over any requests then give them time to go find it. (sot) It's dark in the shelves. If we go over there, we have to carry a lantern or a flashlight to grab stuff because it's just completely black in there. (vo) She says they're grateful to have the space, and have it so close at hand. (sot) They don't know how long they'll be this way, so they're asking for everybody's patience. In Sylvania, Dal Cannady WTOC news. 00:01:04

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EPRENEUR
CENTER

For almost four years the Toombs County Development Authority has had their eyes on this property. So what's going to be built here? A \$5.6 million state-of-the-art entrepreneurship center. "We all know what was here and how it kind of plagued our community for a long time. Now it's going to be the exact opposite. It's going to be about life and growth and development." Mayor Doug Roper says over time the Econo Inn motel, that used to sit here, became an area for criminal activity and when the owner decided to shut down and sell ... the city took over. "We believe that rural Georgia communities can grow their own opportunities." So, they're doing just that. Through a big partnership with local organizations and the state ... the city has announced the development of the Greater Vidalia Center for Rural Entrepreneurship. "We're always looking for ways to retain some of our local talent and we understand that where you start a business the environment is extremely important" Michele Johnson works with two of the organizations helping bring this project to fruition. She says the center will take up approximately half of this site. It'll house about 10 small, start-ups at a time that will rent the space until they're ready to move their business to a permanent location. "Perfect their dream before they go out into the real world. A place where they can share ideas and network and collaborate and be exposed to mentors." Johnson says the center is being funded through a state grant, special purpose funding and by the city, the chamber and the development authority. "We want this to be an example for other communities of what rural entrepreneurship looks like." Roper says there's still a lot of design work and planning to be done, but laying the foundation of what's to come is very exciting. "We couldn't be happier for multiple reasons. For the fact that this will bring an anchor to our already existing great downtown and it'll bring economic growth and development." The goal is to have the center completely done by June of 2024. In Vidalia, Mariah Congedo WTOC News. 00:02:02

7/15/2022 BO: RH All this - as Bryan County ranks as the fastest growing county in the entire state, adding 14 thousand
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Nat Vo When a champ was crowned at Congaree last June, there was no guarantee there would ever be another... Now we know this October will change that, and the county is excited to play host once again. "Every time South Carolina gets a golf event and they come to Ridgeland, it's better for us and it's better for the state." Vo Jasper County leaders say they're more prepared for the PGA tour this time around, starting at the airport. So "We'll have fuel sales or fuel available for aircraft, we'll have a new ramp available and we also have a temporary terminal fixed space operations building." Vo That temporary building expected to provide the service these pros are used to. So "We have all the amenities that flight crews need and all the things - the conveniences - that passengers need." Vo Emergency services say they're more prepared as well, as their staffing level has increased. "With our current staffing we should be able to, but if we encounter some challenges our neighboring jurisdictions have in the past always been a tremendous support." Vo Last year, the June tournament came with high temperatures... so Wells says October weather will be better for everyone too. So "It's going to be a great time, it's going to be a great venue. Temperatures should go down and humidity should go with it." Vo The PGA Tour's return to Jasper County is just three months away and we'll continue to update you on the area's preparations as it approaches. Reporting, Tyler Manion, WTOG News.

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Looking ahead to the weekend - Hinesville is rolling out a massive celebration for its newly renovated Bradwell Park. This Saturday is the ribbon cutting...and they're inviting everyone out to celebrate. There will be live music, food trucks, and the new splash pad will open for the first time. Things kick off at 11 a-m at the park on Commerce Street.

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?(sot) Hospital leaders say this redesigned ER helps them treat patients faster and offer more medical services..and that matters, even in a small rural community. (vo) Nurses, doctors and others celebrated what they say is more than two years of planning design and construction. Part of the improvement is grouping the ER space with the labs needed in a crunch. (sot) When a patient comes in with a stroke, or a patient comes in with trauma, or cardiac issues..they're literally steps away from CT. (vo) Optim Medical teamed with the community to spend roughly \$2.5 million on the new ER. It includes a reworked HVAC system that helps them deal with patients who've been exposed to anything from farm chemicals to factory accidents. (sot) every room in this part of the facility has the ability to be a negative-pressure room, which means we can isolate areas. (vo) Optim members say the new ER can help them provide more treatment for patients that they previously had to transfer somewhere bigger. (sot) When you look at this facility, aesthetically and the medical service it can provide, it's really front of the line. (sot) They'll officially open this up 7am Thursday morning. In Sylvania, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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You've probably been to a show or heard of some big names coming to Savannah because of the Enmarket Arena "Savannah's most expensive, largest municipal project ever" It's officially one year since the arena got its name "So far it's been pretty lit" The arena has sold approximately 175-thousand tickets at more than 60 shows since it opened 5 months ago. "I started this process many years ago as an alderman and to end it as mayor was exciting but it was more important that the community stuck with it when we didn't think it was gonna happen" Mayor Johnson says the investment by Enmarket in partnership with Oak View Group helped subsidize the cost of the arena and save taxpayer's money "Every major city has an arena named for something and it's not because you like the name it's because there's money being generated by the use of its name" 520 Wings is one business generating more money because of the it...right inside those doors "We've had some people come in and say i had your wings at the arena (not verbatim)" It's an opportunity the restaurant with other locations in savannah and hinesville doesn't take lightly "It's almost like we've left the city. You know once we're in the arena who's to say we can't be in another arena. i'm speaking that into existence" And they say they never really know what to expect but they're always prepared for a show "It's almost like another restaurant so as far this extra income with the sold out shows they allow us to bring the food truck out so it's double money" It's a profit, a staple, for local businesses like 520 and the city of savannah for years and years to come "No longer will great performers pass savannah by to go to jacksonville or columbia or charlotte or atlanta. They can do what they do right here in savannah"

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Recognizing the massive economic boost the manufacturing plant will have on the region, members of the Savannah harbor-Interstate 16 Corridor Joint Development Authority worked out terms of an Economic Development Agreement with Hyundai Motor Group, finalizing the agreement last week. "A lot of those folks cam to the table and sat down, a lot of late nights going back and forth with the incentive package and things to make it a good incentive for Hyundai to come here." As part of the agreement, Hyundai will receive a 26-year property tax abatement for its investment, a tax incentive that is typical for a development this big according to the agreement. Also in the agreement terms, Hyundai will pay over 357-million in leasehold ad valorem property tax. In addition to those tax payments, surrounding communities will benefit from increased sales tax revenue, new jobs as well as housing, retail and commercial sector growth. "We're at that stage now, that they picked our site, and now the work really begins on the back end, right. An incentive package is done now, now it's beginning to start the construction process...laying it all out, getting permits in place and things like that." "Not only that process, but then starting to get those employees coming to Hyundai...setting up that part of the project, too...which is really when the work starts."

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LL In: Leaders are hoping the 500-thousand dollar grant for railyard expansions will put Evans County on a fast track to economic expansion. PKG: While it might look like just an empty field right now...economic leaders say once complete...the new railyard will bring endless economic possibilities to Evans County. "So many people now are wanting to use rail. Any product that can be shipped or has the ability to be shipped by rail could be brought to the door of that company." Using a mix of county funds and state money, crews will build the roughly 1-million-dollar rail spur from existing lines to serve current industries and attract new ones at nearby Industrial Park West. Construction will be done in two phases...with the first being used to build transloading stations for deliveries. "Then for the second phase of our process, the rail will be taken into our park with the whole idea of providing better access for the use of rail, but also more prospects will be looking at our park to come." In a statement from the Georgia Department of Community affairs, "the lack of rail access cost Evans County the potential to bring 125 jobs to the area. Standup: "And Evans County economic leader says the demand is here for this project. They say they've already had industries reach out that require rail service, so they say now is a good time to build this project ahead of projected growth from the Bryan County megasite." "With Evans County being so close to that site, we are starting to get phone calls from people that are interested. So I think as that plant grows, we'll continue to hear more things and they'll be a lot more interest." As county officials now hope to keep economic development chugging along. LL Out: We did speak to employees off camera at the industrial site who say they're skeptical since they don't know how traffic and neighborhoods might be affected. Crews hope to break ground on the railway expansion within the next 3 months. In Evans County...Flynn Snyder...WTOC News.

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LL INTRO: This week marks one year since the opening of The Coastal Market here in Darien, and shoppers say it's filling an important need in the community. It's safe to say Buddy Phillips is a frequent shopper at the Coastal Market. He's here at the store --- "Every day. 365 days a year." Hayley: "you come here every day?" "Yeah!" Phillips, like many shoppers in Darien... say they're glad to have easier access to fresh foods. Before The Coastal Market, people in the area lived about 30 minutes from the closest grocery store. "I used to drive all the way to Brunswick or Eulonia, so this is very convenient." Last year, Darien went three months without a full grocery store, when the previous and only store in town permanently closed... Then, the Coastal Market opened in the same location last July. "We just felt the need in the community to provide a service here, to not let this be a food desert. We had a unique opportunity to do it." Something McKinzie says... is critical for this small, coastal city. "We have a large population that can't travel that far. A lot of folks decide to convenience shop, no one wants to drive 25-30 minutes to pick up some groceries." With many feeling the impacts of inflation and high gas prices, shoppers say every bit helps. "You can get everything here, and it doesn't take \$5 in gas." And over the past year, McKinzie says business has been good. "We're able to be here and provide that service for them, and they're happy about it, and they've proven that they are because they're supporting us, and we couldn't do this without them." LL TAG: McKinzie says he plans on this store staying open for years to come. In Darien, HB WTOC NEWS.

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LL INTRO: Leaders with the Darien-McIntosh Chamber of Commerce say with a location conveniently off of I-95, the new visitor's center has brought in travelers from around the country. This new building... modeled after many of Darien's historic buildings... now serves as the new welcoming point to the city and McIntosh County. It's partially funded through SPLOST dollars... and features displays of the county's history, attractions, and even the city's famous sea monster—Altie. A coffee bar will also be open in the building soon. Darien-McIntosh Chamber of Commerce President Kat Hoyt says the building has officially been open for a week, and they've seen visitors drive from as far as Maine. "It's been really exciting to see the number of visitors coming in that are just popping in off of 95. The traffic has exponentially increased from when we were at our old location in the previous outlet mall. We could go days without a visitor coming in, and now we're having multiple people come in each day." The chamber of commerce offices have also been moved into this building. LL TAG: The visitors center is open from Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In Darien, HB WTOC NEWS.

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7/28/2022 4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	GEORGETOWN REZONING SCRAPPED	According to Savannah City Alderman Kurtis Purtee, the developer is postponing a public hearing until they complete a traffic study. That study is expected to take place after the school year begins. They are likely to bring the petition back to the Metropolitan Planning Commission sometime in September. We'll keep you updated.	00:00:20
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7/28/2022 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	SEDA ON BRYAN CO. MEGASITE	<p>"The benefits the company provides far outweigh any incentive." There's a lot of money going into this project that will bring 8,100 jobs. SEDA President Trip Tollison says the board approved the \$8.2 million investment in infrastructure costs with Chatham County. According to Tollison, the tax break the Joint Development Authority agreed on last week, does not mean Hyundai won't have to pay any taxes; they will pay partial taxes over a span of 25 years. "It's important to note that while the company is making a massive investment and they're going to be hiring really well-paying jobs, they are going to be paying some form of taxes relating to the property and not only to the property but the personal property which is the equipment inside the facility." But he says the incentive package played a role in Hyundai choosing the Bryan County mega site for the facility. He believes it's worth it because of how many jobs it will bring. "That's like hiring a small town. The average salary is going to be above \$58 thousand a year with benefits and so the company is definitely going to do their part. They're going to hire everything from executive management to middle management to line production, engineering. It's going to cover the gamut." And surrounding areas will also be compensated from Hyundai Motor Group. "There's a revenue share agreement between Bulloch, Bryan, Effingham and Chatham Counties where we think the project's going to impact the most. They will be receiving revenues from the project to help them with roads or whatever it these counties need to be successful to help the project."</p>	00:01:35
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7/29/2022 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	CHURCH MOVIE SHOOTING IN SAV	<p>"To be honest with you, we went to Atlanta, we looked Marietta, and we were like " oh wow this is great". Then we came down to Savannah, and we were like....this....this is where you make a movie. Savannah is beautiful, the people are wonderful. We've been using people from savannah in this movie and you'd be surprised how good of actors these people are as well, so its been a real treat to come to Savannah Georgia and make "Not Another Church Movie" Directors began working on the film in February and they say the film is set to release next Spring.</p>	00:00:32
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7/29/2022 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	DARIEN BRIDGE PLANS	<p>Broad Street is where you'll find a lot of Darien's locally-owned shops and restaurants... located just steps away from the Darien Bridge. Local shop owners and employees say this traffic... is what helps them stay in business. TAKE PKG Chad Simpson has owned Zio Carlo coffee shop for six years.... Right next to the bridge. In April, GDOT announced they were planning to shut down the bridge completely during construction... a major concern for area business owners. "We're very dependent upon tourists and pass-through, whether they're stopping to get gas, grab lunch, what have you, grab a cup of coffee from us hopefully, and get on down the road." Now – GDOT has reversed course... and has stated while they're committed to reconstructing the bridge, they're working on a new plan that allows traffic to continue to flow through. Something Simpson says... he's thankful for. "It's good news the DOT has been able to arrange for us to keep the bridge open just to have that through traffic for businesses like us." Businesses like... Molly Jane's Boutique on Broad as well... Susan Fell, an employee there, says the bridge brings in customers from all over. "It makes it really easy, since we're at the foot of the bridge, for people coming from Brunswick, St. Simons, Jekyll Island, to just stop in." Fell says her neighbors feel the same way. "I think it's absolutely essential for the survival of our downtown area in Darien. And really for the convenience for all of the people who live here." GDOT says it will take several months to update engineering work on the new plan to keep the bridge open. LL TAG: GDOT plans to present their new plans and timeline for the bridge's at a public meeting later this year... In Darien, HB WTOC NEWS.</p>	00:01:41
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Leaders from the four counties that will see the most impact from the electric vehicle plant have come up with an agreement on how they'll split the money that the site brings in. And we've learned that Bryan County will get a large amount of that money. "It's like a pie between four counties and we're getting a majority of that chunk." That's how Bryan County Commission Chair Carter Infinger describes the Megasite Revenue Sharing Agreement...that details how Bryan, Bulloch, Effingham and Chatham counties will split the money the site brings in. Under a separate incentive package...Hyundai will have a 26 year tax abatement period...but will still make payments to the impacted counties to help cover the costs to build new infrastructure and maintain schools. "That's going to pay back our investment, our initial investment into it. And then when it's all said and done we'll begin to get those taxes in." According to Commissioner Infinger...Bryan County will receive 58% of the money generated from Hyundai's payments. He says that money will go towards county schools and projects. A recently approved agreement between Bryan County and its school district says the county will keep 63% of the money from Hyundai's payments with the remaining 37% going to the school system. After the abatement period...Hyundai will then pay taxes to the county...which Infinger says will bring in even more money to the county." "We'll get about \$35 million a year in taxes when it's all said and done. It's a win win situation. Not only are we going to be able to provide good paying jobs for our community...they can live here and work here in our community and then also they're going to give back to our community to help our community grow in a positive way." County officials say this money is necessary. They say the project will bring in more jobs...meaning more students and more space needed in county schools. They say they'll also need to boost infrastructure as the 20-25 deadline to get the site open looms. Reporting in Bryan County...Flynn Snyder...WTOC News.

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In Savannah, the department that issues permits for film productions says they're having the busiest year since 2015, and that they are on track to do even more than last year, when we had 174 permits given out. "When you really break it down and think about it, the fact that there was such a demand for programming following the pandemic and all the shutdowns, it really makes sense why things really exploded." Savannah Film Alliance founder, Charles Bowen, points out Savannah's share of the record-setting production dollar total is growing. "Just a few years ago, the percentage that was being spent in Savannah versus Atlanta was extremely low, only like two percent. That number has continued to grow, to four percent, and then to eight percent...to now over ten percent. So we are seeing a tremendous increase here in Savannah...even at a greater rate than Atlanta." One thing Bowen says would speed up the growth of Savannah's television and movie production dollar amount, is building sound stages in the area. "Atlanta has dozens and dozens, and we don't have a single one. So, in order to really grow the industry to its capacity here, that's what we're still missing."

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(sot) This ground breaking ceremony might just be catching up to the weeks and weeks of actual construction. But doctors from Optim say they need newer space, and more of it, to meet the regional demand for healthcare. (vo) The new 22,000 plus square foot medical center will give orthopedic doctors, physical therapists, and patients one third more space. Doctors noted Optim's arrival in Statesboro decades ago and how they're seeing more patients as the community becomes a hub for healthcare as well as retail shopping. (sot) People used to just go to Augusta or Savannah. But now, people in surrounding communities whether it's Jenkins County, Screven County, even Emanuel County. They're all coming to Statesboro for medical care and we're happy to see that. (vo) Aaron also spoke about Optim's emerging role in rural healthcare with their emergency rooms and hospitals in several rural counties. (sot) In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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LL INTRO: Many people use this dock right on the waterfront here in Darien. The Department of Natural Resources says it's about to undergo some much-needed repairs. The Georgia DNR Coastal Resources division has granted the Darien Downtown Development Authority permission to update the dock at Settler's Bluff. This map shows the initial plan for the repairs... which includes replacing walkways, railings, and fixed decks. DNR officials say this maintenance is something they tackle often, and they don't expect it to be completely shut down during repairs. "It's a requirement of the permit that's issued that you maintain it in a serviceable condition. Serviceable meaning that it can be used for its intended purpose, and these structures are over publicly owned water bottoms, so it's required to maintain these structures." LL TAG: After some updated changes are made to the plan, Noble says construction could start as soon as mid to late August... and must be completed in six months. In Darien, HB WTOC NEWS.

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LL INTRO: Buc-ee's will soon be the newest addition to exit 42 along I-95 here in Glynn County. Travelers along I-95 say they're looking forward to it. "I'm super excited!! That's so awesome." Travelers I talked to at the Golden Isles Georgia Welcome Center, just a few miles down from where the Buc-ee's would be, say the future location of the popular gas station chain is perfect. "It breaks up the trip, which is great when you have kids, which we do. And, it's just nice, you have all the options, food snacks, shopping, gas, and it's closer." Glynn County has agreed to invest \$3 million for improvements to the exit. Officials with the Golden Isles Development Authority say this money will be repaid to the county through something called a "payment in lieu of taxes," or PILOT payment, from Buc-ees. That means the company will pay the county back for all the road work in exchange for getting a tax break. FULL SCREEN NO SUPER: "All of the improvements, all of the dollars would be spent on public infrastructure and public right of ways, to improve the entire corridor for Buc-ee's and the impending growth that would come after Buc-ee's." Officials say Buc-ees is expected to invest at least \$30 million and will create 175 jobs. "It's going to be great, it's huge for us. Exit 42 on I-95 is one of the last undeveloped interchanges in the state, there's nothing there currently." Some travelers I spoke with had plans to visit the next closest Buc-ee's location, which is all the way in Florida. "My wife is about to have her first experience in about an hour. She's heard all about it as the week has gone on, so she's dying to see one." And some...are even making plans to visit this one once the new location is built. "Whenever we travel, we'd probably come by here, and we'd stop." LL TAG: Glynn County economic leaders still haven't released an official timeline for the project. In Glynn County, HB WTOC NEWS.

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Continuing coverage on Tybee Island - where this section of Jones avenue is now back open. You're taking a look at some video from when a sinkhole that spanned the width of the two-lane road opened for the second time. City Manager Shawn Gillen says the area was damaged by water and erosion, which happens because the island is built on sand. Again - both the road and golf cart path are back open... just take it slow as crews still have some repaving to finish up.

8/8/2022 5:30pm TYBEE:
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This announcement promises a multimillion-dollar investment in a new way of delivering health care to those who live in Richmond Hill. PKG: It's a sea of tress now...but this plot of land across from the Heartwood Development in Richmond Hill will soon be a new 5-building health campus from St. Joseph's/Candler. "It's a complete shift in the paradigm when we talk about a health provider." The group announced the new initiative that will integrate health services into the new development...which is slated to have 10-thousand homes in 25 years' time. "Health care is what everyone of those people need. And healthcare is going to be on the top table in the front end for economic development." The plan calls for the campus to be built in stages...with the type of services decided as the community develops. St. Joseph's/Candler leaders say they'll also work with Bryan County schools to provide classroom spaces and simulators for students on the medical path. "They're going to do their clinical rotations as high school students, not as college students, high school students at St. Joseph's Candler. " " We can keep our awesome students here, working in Richmond Hill even after the graduate from college." It's a first of its kind move to make wellness a part of a growing community says St. Joseph/Candler's president. "So you've got residential housing which is one leg of the stool. Healthcare...the second leg of the stool. The third leg of the stool is education. We have looked all over this country. This is probably the first model we've seen where they're all integrated in 7 thousand acres and it's very unusual." According to the health group's president...those living in the area will be able to receive about 85 percent of their health care needs in Bryan County's south end. The group will also host classes and other wellness events at Heartwood with the first building at the campus housing primary care and urgent needs. Crews plan to break ground on the new building early next year with the plan to be open by February of 2024. Reporting in Richmond Hill...FS. WTOC N.

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SAVANNAH, Ga., Aug. 8, 2022 – The Georgia Ports Authority kicked off its new fiscal year with the fastest start ever, handling 530,800 twenty-foot equivalent container units in July, an increase of 18 percent. Since January, GPA has moved 3.4 million TEUs, up 231,400 or 7 percent over its performance during the same period in 2021 – a record year in which GPA handled 5.6 million TEUs. Annualized, the July volumes have the Port of Savannah moving containers at a rate of more than 6 million TEUs per year. "The Port of Savannah has clearly become a preferred East Coast gateway for shippers globally, including cargo diverted from the U.S. West Coast," said GPA Executive Director Griff Lynch. "Our expedited infrastructure projects, extended gate hours and the outstanding work of our employees and partners are key to our ability to move cargo at a record pace." To better suit drivers' needs, GPA has shifted operations to start two hours earlier, with gates now open from 4 a.m. to 9 p.m. without interruption. Since the new hours were implemented on Aug. 1, the port has seen strong adoption from drivers, with 3,000 transactions completed in the 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. time block over the past week. Lynch commended Gateway Terminals and local members of the International Longshoremen Association, including the clerks and checkers as well as maintenance and repair workers, for keeping the truck gates fluid, and the containers and chassis in working order. The Port of Savannah's gate operations averaged 15,000 truck moves per weekday in July, including both import and export transactions. "Our partnership with GPA allows us to optimize efficiency for a continuous flow of containers to foreign markets and to the factories, distribution centers and retail outlets that serve our nation's economy," said Kevin Price, president of Gateway Terminals. "The tremendous demand for services from Georgia Ports is a testament to the customer-centered drive that is at the heart of all our efforts." Lynch noted that Savannah's container operation is growing to deftly accommodate the increasing needs of existing and future customers. Current infrastructure projects will soon increase berth capacity to handle vessels faster. GPA has eight new ship-to-shore cranes on order, with the first four arriving in February and the next four arriving by the end of 2023. Additionally, another big ship berth at Garden City Terminal is 60

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LL: Bryan County is set to hold a series of public input sessions for those who live here to give their thoughts on how the area should grow over the next two decades. VO: Every few years...the county updates its comprehensive plan which spells out the zoning and the placement for a lot of the growth expected for the area. It divides the county for residential...commercial and industrial uses. And while the meetings aren't set to happen until later this month...an online survey is already available for those living in Bryan County to give their input. County officials say that survey has already garnered hundreds of responses and they say that typically getting public input is half the battle when creating these plans. So...positive or negative...they say the feedback will help in the plan's creation. "It's important, as we're growing, to get that feedback. We want to hear what people want near them, what they want around them. That helps for people who live here now and preserve their property now. LL: For full details on when and where the input sessions will take place...just look for this story on our website...WTOC.com. Reporting in Richmond Hill...Flynn Snyder...WTOC News.

8/9/2022 4:30PM FLYNN:
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? Statesboro has tweaked their zoning ordinances over the years. But they really haven't revamped them since they were first put on the books...in 1977. To put that in context, Jimmy Carter was president. Georgia Southern was a college. And only 14,000 people called The Boro home. City leaders say it's time to update them, but it won't happen overnight. (vo) They'll get input from the public in a series of meetings as well as a survey on the city's website. The city's planning and development director says the zoning ordinance doesn't take into account the huge housing and retail boom the city has seen since the late 80's and 90's. The revamped zoning plan will factor in housing, the environment, storm water, trees and more. The update will reduce the need for council to grant zoning variances for numerous projects. (sot) There are many things we can do to update this ordinance to make it more friendly to developers and for residents to understand. (vo) The final step will be vote to approve by city council. They anticipate having everything ready sometime during 2023. (sot) In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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"nats: he's the first player to ever sign a contract in ghost pirates history." That is goaltender Darion Hanson- a 25 year old Minnesota native, who played his college hockey at Union before finishing his career at the University of Connecticut. At Union- Hanson played for Ghost Pirates head coach Rick Bennett. He says that relationship will serve him and the team well in the first season later this fall. As for being the first player in team history- Hanson isn't letting that add any pressure to his young career. "no, no. it's not any pressure. It will only be pressure if I put that pressure on myself. This is fun. I'm glad to see the city of Savannah is so excited, but at the end of the day, it's just playing hockey. It doesn't matter if you're the first or the thirtieth or whatever it may be." Hanson will be a rookie this season, but already has a taste of action in the ECHL. He played one game for the Reading Royals at the end of the 2021-22 season, making 22 saves in 23 chances in a Royals win. The Ghost Pirates also officially introduced assistant coach Alex Loh at Tuesday's news conference. Loh says he's looking forward to working with a critical part of the team's foundation. "he's a big goalie. that's usually step one. big guys usually tend to get in front of the puck a little more often. but he also has a lot of athleticism. he certainly knows what he's doing back there. you always want to build from the goaltender out when it comes to building a new team, so with him as that initial building block and being able to go from there puts us in a great spot." "And Hanson is just the first player on this roster. There will be more player announcements to be made in the next few weeks. The Ghost Pirates begin their very first ECHL season on October 22- on the road against the Greenville Swamp Rabbits. From EnMarket Arena- I'm Jake Wallace- WTOC News."

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FIRST PLAYER

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"The ability to work from home, which is kind of becoming a more norm and natural, that's almost impossible in rural Evans County. But not today. Not today." That's thanks to the USDA ReConnect Grant. PAC Fiber, under the Pembroke Telephone Company, has received over six million dollars to date in grants to provide high speed Internet to Evans County. 964 households now have a high speed internet connection and 1,326 more will have access soon. "Having this high speed internet is crucial to build our economy and support the rural places that frankly support so many people across America." Kids in school will also benefit from the new Internet access. Doing schoolwork at home was a challenge for many in rural areas during the pandemic- but shouldn't be in Evans County any longer. Small: "They can do their homework online after school and not have to go to a parking lot to get it done." This is just the beginning for PAC Fiber, Covington says. They've been able to make significant progress in bringing high speed internet to rural areas and have no plans to stop now. Covington: "Our plan is long term to serve all of Evans and all of Tatnall County. Some of these areas are served, but we're really focusing on the unserved and underserved areas. And that's what our desire is, is to take care of people that are being overlooked." Pembroke Telephone Company will be applying for more grants through the federal program as well. Reporting in Evans County, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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8/10/2022 SAVANNAH A WTOC update - the auction for the Savannah Mall is now closed. The listing from Ten-X says the
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD MALL SOLD property is in escrow. Once it has closed -- auction details will be available. WTOC saw the price go over
\$8 million dollars before the bid closed... but the official sale number has not been announced. We will
keep you updated as we learn more. 00:00:20

8/10/2022 GARDEN CITY "We've been working with the school system for 5 years and that's why we haven't invested any funds in
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD GYM UPGRADES it. We had been planning on this day but it's taken a little bit longer and now then plan is coming together
and we're so excited to be able to do this" Garden City is planning to build their own recreation center
on 14 acres of land in Rossignoll Hill. The mayor says he can't talk about the school system's offer for
the sports complex just yet, but if council approves this on Monday, they'll have enough for the down
payment. 00:00:30

LL INTRO: This will soon be the location of Midway's newest coffee shop, but they're serving up much more than just cappuccinos and lattes... "Our motto is our coffee is hauntingly good." Patrick Welsh is in the middle of setting up Haunted Grounds Coffee.... A café that will also serve up some scares... with paranormal investigation classes. "we're going to be teaching paranormal 101 and 102. It's a basic paranormal class. It helps those interested in the paranormal to learn more and to figure out how to go about doing investigations so they can do it themselves safely." Welsh is a member of the Paranormal Society of Savannah. Haunted Grounds is a way for the group to fund their ghost-hunting excursions, because they don't charge for their investigations... and this building comes with a story. "We were called out here by the previous owner, that said this facility is haunted. We did an investigation, and unbeknownst to us, they moved out." So, Haunted Grounds moved in... and Welsh says he doesn't think they're alone... "Keys not where they're supposed to be, papers falling off, we've had chairs move. Our banner here has fallen over backwards." He even says they have videos of conversations with what he calls a spirit within the shop. *video of talking to ghost* "Tell us your name..... Ashley...." "We have no idea who Ashley is." Welsh says there's one thing he wants the community to know – "We're not demon worshippers. We don't conjure Satan or anything like that." He says the goal of the shop is to be unique. "We wanted to bring something different that nobody's doing. You can't go to McDonald's and get a cup of coffee and hear a ghost story." LL TAG: The target opening date for Haunted Grounds is August 27th. In Midway, HB WTOC News.

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This is a look at some of the demolition in Clearview Homes... just a fraction of the homes are already torn down and many of the families who were displaced back in December were forced to figure it out. "Some of that was ugly." The process of clearing out Clearview *NAT POP...started 22 days sooner for the few tenants left around 8 months ago...so where did they go? "I still get phone calls from some of the displaced residents" Family Promise of the Coastal Empire says they helped 12 households and ten of those were connected to permanent housing. One family with a housing choice voucher is still waiting for a place. There are people who've lived near this property like Charles Daniels Sr. for 50 years. "I've seen some changes from mixed Black and white to predominantly Hispanic to this" Residents say the conditions were almost uninhabitable for years -- but those evicted were forced to stop living within their means and face the reality of the housing crisis. "They had to go...none of us liked that. We don't like to see people just put out on the street with no place to go." The company, Cardinal Capital Management, has not responded to repeated questions from WTOC involving the property. Neighbors say they still don't know what kind of housing will be built. "We don't know what to expect. They say this is going to be affordable housing and I don't know what that means" Alderwoman Lanier says, it sounds like gentrification. "Of course we are replacing with a low income development with a market rate development and the market drives this." Neighbors are trying to remain hopeful that developers do what's right. "There are 150 units over there now..what I'm told is there are gonna be 300 units so it's gonna be busy around here. Peaceful community... hope we get some good neighbors" In Savannah, Alyssa Jackson, WTOC News.

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(nats) We went to Atlanta, we looked at Marietta, and we were like, 'Oh, wow. This is great. And then we came down to Savannah and we were like, 'This... This is where you make a movie.'" (nats) I was lucky enough to shoot a project here two years before the shutdown. So, when I got the call, they were like, 'Hey, we're doing this movie. It's shooting in Savannah.' I was like, 'I'm in.'" (nats) I love it! It's hot. It's hot. I'll tell you that much. But I'm staying hydrated. But it's absolutely beautiful. (nats) It's nice and quiet. The people are nice and friendly. There's a lot of walking going on in Savannah... I know the tennis shoe market is sky high. I took so many walks and just the energy here, and it's just beautiful. You just drive by and everything is so picturesque. It really does... Savannah looks like a storybook, in a way. Everyone's so welcoming, the southern hospitality. I mean, this is a great, great town. (nats) Savannah is beautiful, the people are wonderful... It's been a real treat to come to Savannah, Georgia and make not another church movie.

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Economic leaders say the 87 million dollar investment from WebstaurantStore will soon bring a change to the types of jobs available here in north Bryan County. PKG: Sot pop: "213 jobs is going to be a great impact on our community." Food service distributor WebstaurantStore promises more than 200 jobs...housed in a 1.1 million square foot facility just off I-16. A big boost for the area say county leaders. "These jobs are going to start out 24 or so a job. That's pre-benefit. For Black Creek/Ellabell, Georgia, that's pretty good pay. That's pay that we have to go out to Savannah to get." In a statement from WebstaurantStore...company leaders say, "We are pleased to continue our operations in Georgia and the Georgia Ports Authority market, with what will become our largest distribution center to date. The labor pool and skilled logistics workforce of the greater Savannah area made our decision easy when selecting another site for distribution." According to Georgia governor Brian Kemp's office...the new facility will handle large restaurant equipment...and will be looking to hire shipping managers as well as inventory control and quality assurance associates. "We've been searching high and low to bring in manufacturing jobs, and those are always the most stable, highest paying, best benefit type jobs in general." The new facility is the latest in a growing number of manufacturing sites in Bryan County's north end including the massive Hyundai plant.. "All of the industry partners that we have, their role in our local economy as far creating jobs, they ultimately will be taxpayers and that takes pressure off of rooftops in Bryan County." Leaders who represent this district say they've heard mixed reactions from those who live here as concerns over the area's readiness to handle large industrial growth remain. "It's going to be a big change on our way of life. Everybody wants the infrastructure, and you don't get the infrastructure without somebody to pay for it. And these are the types of companies that come in, create a tax base that'll help pay for the infrastructure that we all want and desire." And WebstaurantStore is no stranger to the Coastal Empire. Last year the company announced 100 new jobs in Chatham County and already has facilities in Albany, Georgia. The Bryan County center is expected to be complete by October. Reporting in Ellabell...FS...WTOC News.

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Last fall, Savannah City Council voted to hire P3 Venture Group for the development of the old Coastal Empire Fairground property off Meding Street. Former state representative, J. Craig Gordon, was part of that group, and committed to the residents in the surrounding neighborhood to bringing affordable housing for seniors to the site, as well as a police substation, health and wellness facilities and a film production studio that would provide job training and partnerships with local schools. But back in March, Gordon sent an email to Savannah City Manager Jay Melder detailing a number of concerns about one of the partners in the venture group, concerns that ultimately led him to bow out of the project along with a local design firm. "Unfortunately the City is content with moving forward with the folks that didn't want to pay the local design team, and have some entanglements going on back in Arizona." Gordon also raised concerns about the P3's ability to get bond funding for the development. "I think the last piece of information I heard that was official from the City is that they don't even think that they will break ground until October of 2023, and that's assuming that the P3 folks are able to get a tax credit to purchase the land." Gordon says he believes the best move for the City moving forward is to put the project back out for bid. Without the local representation of Gordon in the development group, the president of the 5th District Coalition, which advocates for the neighborhoods of Savannah's 5th District, says they're not happy. "It's like we're being ousted, and that's not going to work for us. It's simply not, because before the City started thinking about what they wanted, we already knew what we wanted." Dr. Pat Harris, who's also the president of the Poplar Place Neighborhood Association, says she's sent several letters to 5th District Alderwoman Dr. Estella Shabazz and City Manager Jay Melder sharing residents' concerns about the fairground development moving forward. Harris says the neighborhood association is planning on sharing those publicly at a news conference in the coming weeks. In Savannah, Sean Evans, WTOC News.

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The rec center and old gym is off Highway 21 and Priscilla D Thomas Way. It was built nearly 60 years ago. Garden City leaders the school system realized they need the property for a sports complex. Garden City residents got to see plans for that new development last week. It will be built on the same street with a new K-12 school.

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A proposed change for the planned Savannah Chatham manufacturing center just off I-16 along John Carter Road is leaving some neighbors worried. Cheryl Sanderlin/Lives near property: "With our neighborhoods backing up to it, with two schools nearby, with 10,000 more homes coming, we're definitely concerned on whether this is something that will make noise all night long, have lights on all night long." Officials from the Savannah Economic Development Authority recently petitioned for the plot of land to be rezoned from light industrial to heavy industrial use. A move SEDA says... that will attract better jobs. Jesse Dillon/SEDA VP of Business Development: "To best place this manufacturing center to be prime real estate for high wage jobs. Put us in the best possible, competitive situation to attract high wages to the community." Concerned neighbors met with SEDA officials after they say they weren't properly notified of the proposed change. A claim that SEDA disputes. Harold Yellin/SEDA Attorney: "There are three ways to notify property owners: Advertising, which we did, notice to the neighbors within 300 feet, which we believe was done, and the signs which we did according to state zoning procedure law, notwithstanding that we'll come back and do it again. If we can find property off site that doesn't even belong to us, but the property owner says it's ok, we'd otherwise be trespassing but we're willing to put in additional signs. Just tell us where and we'll do it." Neighbors also say that land clearing for the planned site has caused flooding and structural issues in their homes. Cheryl Sanderlin/Lives near property: "We had a lot of flooding in the back that came in some of our buildings. Our homes, the floors in our homes, the hardwood floors are buckling. We're having cracks we've never noticed before and all of this was within about six months of the clearing." Officials with SEDA say they purchased the land back in 2016 with SPLOST funds to attract high level manufacturing jobs. And despite transparency concerns from neighbors...SEDA officials say the meeting was productive. Jesse Dillon/SEDA VP of Business Development: "Obviously we can't solve everything now, but I do think we have a great starting point to do that, to make that solutions, and to address their concerns. This is the first time we've been given a time and a place to show up and talk."

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That's been a long time coming. We've been pressing to get that done. A lot of the businesses in the area through Special Tax Transportation Impact have helped pay for that. So, we appreciate the state. Of course, we had to get it through the state highway department, Georgia DOT, that was a big thing. So we're very happy to get that moving." Construction is set to be complete by early next year.

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8/21/2022 11PM FLYNN: 280 Bryan County's Board of Commissioners recently approved a new project aimed at improving parts of U-
11:01:00 PM WEEKEN IMPROVEMEN S two-80 near I-16. County officials approved a new red light at the intersection of 2-80 and Oracal
D OD TS Parkway at a recent commission meeting. The project is one of several set for that section of roadway.
Commissioners say they're eager for work to get started. 00:00:21

8/22/2022 ALYSSA:
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD YAMACRAW DEMOLITION APPEAL A WTOC update to a story we brought you six months ago. A Chatham County judge has denied an
appeal to stop the demolition of a Savannah low-income housing complex. 00:00:10

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We're talking about Yamacraw Village. The Benton family -- former residents -- filed the appeal against the Savannah Housing authority in February. They claimed low-income neighborhoods like Yamacraw are being abandoned. The Bentons also mentioned federal law mandates - they give non-profits like theirs the right to "first offer" or the opportunity to buy and redevelop low-income housing. But Judge Louisa Abbott dismissed the appeal... saying the plaintiff's "lack standing" and have no legal authority to challenge the housing authority's future actions. We checked today - and the Housing Authority still has not submitted an application for demolition.

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8/23/2022 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD TYLER: HHI BRIDGE

Standup: The 278 bridge project is one of the largest undertakings in Beaufort County history, and Monday a county subcommittee drew a hard line in the sand with the town of Hilton Head. Vo The Public Facilities Committee voted unanimously to narrow the scope of their involvement... meaning they would be.... Sot: (Christopher Ophardt - Public Information Officer, Beaufort County) "Condensing the project and just replacing the bridges, which would be moss creek and the Bluffton mainland side through windmill harbor on Hilton Head Island. Vo This is that area. The important piece here is that the county would stop their efforts at the Hilton Head town line, leaving work on the island itself up to the town and stopping the collaboration between the two. They've had five meetings in the last few months and several other conversations, but the county says they still haven't gotten what they're looking for. Sot "For the last five years the county has been working with the town of Hilton Head to secure municipal consent but has been unable to do so." Vo Ophardt says legally they don't need the town's approval, so they decided to go ahead on their own. Sot "We really need to get this project moving otherwise cost, inflation, labor is all going to continue to skyrocket." Vo Leaders at the town of Hilton Head weren't brought in on conversations about the county's new proposal. Sot: No lower needed - phoner "My reaction was stunned that they decided to do this without calling myself or the town manager." Vo Mayor McCann says he wants those conversations to continue in order to figure out a collaborative solution... instead of the county and town working separately. Sot "I'd like to see an agreement between the county and the town as to what projects we totally agree upon and which projects are left, we can sit down and have discussions to resolve those items that are left." Vo The county tells me if Hilton Head changes its mind and agrees to a more urgent timeline, the partnership could resume, and the town's mayor tells me there have already been talks between the two with more meetings set for Friday. On cam tag: The full Beaufort county Council will be voting on this come September 12th, so the two parties - the island and county - have to come to an agreement before then if they hope to move forward working together instead of separately. Reporting from Beaufort County, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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nats of ribbon cutting The unveiling of upgraded inpatient rooms couldn't come soon enough for Evans Memorial staff. Monica Pacheco-Diaz, RN/Chief Nursing Officer: "This has been a much-needed upgrade for a very long time." The hospital unveiling the Jack and Muriel Strickland Inpatient Unit...10 rooms with upgraded technology that nurses say will increase their capacity to 23 patients. Bill Lee/CEO, Evans Memorial Hospital: "Our rooms here have not been touched for probably the last 35 years. And so for us to be able to upgrade, update and bring forth new technologies, it really is about caring for patients and safety, and making sure that we are providing the best care in a rural community that we can." Monica Pacheco-Diaz, RN/Chief Nursing Officer: "We have upgraded oxygen supply and medical air and we also have state of the art patient monitoring systems and better capabilities for respiratory therapy as well." The hospital's CEO says the funding for the upgrades came from the Jack Strickland Foundation...a longtime partner of Evans Memorial. Bill Lee/CEO, Evans Memorial Hospital: "Over the years they've given millions of dollars to support programs, and so this was just one more opportunity for them to fulfill the vision of what they saw that we have here to ensure our long-term stabilization and stability for supporting our community and our patients." The unveiling comes amid a nursing shortage here as staff hope the new upgrades will help them work faster. Monica Pacheco-Diaz, RN/Chief Nursing Officer: "It makes us more efficient and with efficiency, we are able to provide more care for more patients at any given time." Nurses say the rooms allow them to stay connected with the hospital's values. A boost for staff...as the nursing shortage continues. Monica Pacheco-Diaz, RN/Chief Nursing Officer: "That is a very nice reminder, especially at 3:00 in the morning." In Claxton...FS...WTOCN.

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The team is leaving the Coastal Plain League after seven years- and just three weeks after winning their second consecutive league title. Instead- they'll play Banana Ball year round. It's the team's own style of baseball with shorter games and plenty of antics. The Bananas will face the Party Animals or other professional squads as they have on their World Tour over the past two years. The team will play a schedule ranging from February through September, with games here in Savannah and across the country. Team owner Jesse Cole says this move gives the team a lot of freedom in their plans and schedule- and a chance to play in front of Banana fans all over.

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8/24/2022 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	BRYAN CO. MEGA SITE JOB FAIR	<p>The Barnett Southern Corporation will be working construction on the new Hyundai Plant- and they're looking for local workers to help out. They're hosting a job fair this Monday and Tuesday, right here at the Best Western Premier in Pooler. ((VO)) They're looking to fill at least 120 jobs- heavy equipment operators, truck drivers, foreman, and supervisors. They're also offering signing bonuses, some that could be 12-hundred dollars. Scottie Davis with Barnett Southern tells me they're doing their best to keep wages competitive, because there are a lot of construction jobs available in the area right now. Still, they want to get as many local people on board as possible, because they want their workers to be folks with a stake in the Megasite project. "They're wanting to have a huge local impact and just help our community grow and make sure that local businesses grow, because when you bring people here and you bring bigger industry like Hyundai coming here, it's gonna help your restaurants grow, it's gonna help your housing industry. It's just going to make a long impact for many years to come." Shea: The job fair will run from noon to 8PM both days. There'll also be live music and more.. Barnett Southern encourages anyone with construction experience to swing by. You can also apply online- we've provided a link on WTOC.com For WTOC News, I'm Shea Schrader.</p>	00:01:20
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With the last leg of the Jimmy DeLoach extension complete, the drive time is even shorter now for trucks going from the main gates of the Port, to I-16 to head west. With the final 3.8 miles of the Jimmy DeLoach Parkway extension finished, drive time from the Port entrances in Garden City to I-16 will only take about a half hour. The 51-million dollar project also consisted of widening Bloomingdale Road, building six new bridges and adding roundabouts at the ramps for the Jimmy DeLoach Parkway and I-16 interchange. Port officials at today's ribbon cutting celebrating the completion of the roadway extension pointed out the new route will reduce highway emissions, and improve travel times and safety for both truck drivers and local commuters alike. "We are very excited about this new route that is totally going to connect to 16 and go to the main gate there at the ports. That will help with the traffic, I think we will see some reduction with particularly the truckers, the freight lines, as they work toward using more of the Jimmy DeLoach because they have a direct shot now to get into the ports." In Bloomingdale, Sean Evans, WTOC News.

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Exit 49 here in Darien will soon be home to a JP Travel Center... providing even more services to travelers... and jobs for locals. City leaders say this is a positive move for the area. The travel center would be located off of GA Highway 251 and Horse Creek Road. Darien Mayor Hugh Bubba Hodge says it will span 110 acres and have 40 fueling stations, more than 200 trucking spaces—and additional parking for campers, buses, and RVs. "there's three reasons that travelers get off the interstate: that's to go to the restroom, to get food, and to get fuel. They're going to have all three of these right here." It'll also provide 150-200 new jobs. "We're sort of a rooftop county. People live here and work other places. Now, people will not only get to live here, but work here." The project comes as welcome news to the city -- after the recent announcement of Buc-ee's travel center coming to Glynn County at exit 42, just a few miles away. "Buc-ee's as we're all familiar, mainly caters to vehicles, cars. This is going to cater more to truck drivers, and still cars." Mayor Hodge says he hopes this project will encourage more business growth in the area as well. "It's like planting a seed. When you throw a seed out, a flower grows and it produces its own seeds. Hopefully this will nourish and encourage other businesses to come into our county." LL TAG: Mayor Hodge says construction could start in as soon as 90 days... and the project is estimated to take about a year to complete. In Darien, HB WTOC News.

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It's a mega project requiring a mega partnership. GFX SEDA awarding contractor Barnett Southern and it's partners McLendon Enterprises and Complete Sitework Services the contract for phase 1 of work at the Bryan County Megasite. : "You have phases on this job site. You have phase 1, phase 2, phase 3. This is just phase 1 of this site." Barnett Southern says phase 1 will start in the coming months and "provide approximately 120 new jobs including heavy equipment operators, truck drivers, supervisors and foremen." Will Long/Barnett Southern HR Director "This part of it, phase 1, we'll be doing, not the site clearing, just the prep work on the ground level -- moving the dirt and that kind of stuff." A SEDA official tells WTOC that crews have already started clearing and grading the land at the site.

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Combined...Barnett Southern says MegaCivil has over 75 years of construction experience. They expect work on phase 1 to be complete in the second half of 20-23. Will Long/Barnett Southern HR Director "We're just thankful to be on the project, to be a part of it and to be able to go out there and showcase the high quality of work we're going to provide"

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McIntosh County will soon be home to a new professional basketball team, and the team's owner says Darien was the perfect home for the new organization. The new team, the Coastal Georgia Buccaneers, is part of The Basketball League – a smaller division made up of 44 teams nationwide. "We're the third division in the United States. If we were baseball, we'd be double A, so it would be like MLB, triple A, double A. So it's NBA, G League, TBL." You're looking at video of the TBL's Dallas team, which Mack has owned for three years. He says he wanted to start a team in Darien, since he has family ties to the area. "My wife is a Darien native, born and raised. I took her from Darien to go to Dallas with me, and while we built our businesses in Dallas, we wanted to come here and build the same things here." The team will have 10-12 players, and tryouts start in mid-September. Then, practices start after the beginning of 2023. All players in the league are paid. "It is a full experience for players, and it's exciting because they embed themselves in the community. We encourage them to be role models and influencers in their community." Mack says the team's games and practices will be at McIntosh Academy, while they're building a practice facility of their own. LL TAG: The Buccaneers are set to have their first game in March. In Darien, HB WTOC NEWS.

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Take pkg Standup: Every summer Labor Day is the last big beach weekend of the year for tourists here on Hilton and with those crowds come dollars for local businesses. Sot: (Ben Schuman - Director of Operations, Fish Casual Coastal Seafood) "We're forecasting it to be a pretty busy, pretty popping, weekend." Vo One he says, will be on par with the past few months. Sot "Summer's been great. We had a very very strong summer with a lot of folks coming through." Vo Around the island, stats tell a somewhat similar story... with a few differences from 2021. Sot: (Charlie Clark - VP of Communications, HHI/Bluffton Chamber of Commerce) "We saw the numbers down just slightly from last year in terms of the number of people coming, but we saw the rates they were paying go up considerably. Vo Fish says they're staffed up and ready for the weekend, but feel the pressures of the offseason labor shortage glooming. Sot "We are coming up against that crunch where you start putting out all the feelers for anybody that's local that wants to be able to work any type of hours." Vo For now, there's a few more days left of that peak season... and Clark says Hilton Head's service industry is up for one last huge wave of demand Sot "It's a resort island. It's what we love to do, it's what we're built to do and it's what our tourism economy is built on." Vo Back on the smaller scale at the restaurant, they're just hoping to end the season as well as possible. Sot "Just trying to bring that last gasp of summer out with a bang." On cam tag: Obviously we know these tourists and their dollars don't just magically disappear after Labor Day weekend, because Hilton Head keeps a steady crowd year round, but the difference these businesses tell me is now they can take a breathe.

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I've been speaking with a lot of people down by the Savannah River and over by Plant Riverside that say they are having a lot of fun getting in their final summer vacation with friends and family and they say there is no better place to spend it than here in the Hostess City." "We're just visiting for the weekend" From New York, to California and a lot of places in between – I spoke with people in Savannah who were taking advantage of one last three day weekend.. "We are celebrating her birthday and her birthday, they just turned 70 this year, so we decided lets go to Savannah, whoooo." A mother and daughter duo had the same plans to meet up in Savannah... Victoria Fuentes & Kimberly Bolen / Jacksonville & Myrtle Beach "We've been walking around River Street, City Market, that's about it... just relaxing and having a mother daughter weekend." But it's not just out of towners – plenty of locals also were walking around Plant Riverside. Elizabeth Kaiser & Lee Avallone / Savannah "We've been here long enough to have seen what it was before so to come down here and see all the new development and all the new entertainment options and food options and everything has been very cool." While the music went on...the weather did keep some acts away.. Victoria Fuentes / Savannah "Well I was actually supposed to perform the aerial performance but as you can see we got rained out." However the passing shower – didn't bother most people... "No it's actually nice and cool, I mean Savannah, it's Savannah cool."

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9/6/2022 5:00:00 AM 5AM DAYBRE AK OD SARAH: I95 PUBLIC FEEDBACK The South Carolina Department of Transportation says that the project will stretch about 10 miles in the Hardeeville area. The additional lanes will go along I-95 starting at Highway 278 and going all the way to the state line at the Savannah River. Right now they are collecting public comment on the plan before submitting the final design later this year -- construction could begin by early 2024. Some truck drivers that frequent this route say that the changes are much needed in the area. 00:00:29

9/8/2022 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD HAYLEY LIBERTY CO. TOURISM LL INTRO: Recent numbers show more and more people are choosing to visit Liberty County. Leaders with the Convention and Visitors Bureau say it's a positive thing for locals and tourists alike. The most recent data covers July 2020 to June 2021. During that time, Liberty County tourism leaders say visitor spending saved each household in the county a total of \$377 in property tax dollars during 2021 – increasing by \$122 from the previous year. They also say tourism spending grew by 54 percent last year. Fort Stewart and the film industry are main reasons for travel in the area... but that's not all. "We have so much really than what meets the eye. Between outdoor recreation and history, the amount of history that is in Liberty County is mind blowing." LL TAG: Faircloth says the county expects these numbers to only continue to grow. In Liberty County, HB WTOC NEWS. 00:00:51

LL I spoke to a lot of people out here about what their favorite things about Savannah area and one of the most common answers was the scenery. Like here on River Street, the incredible views and so much charm. Today is a day to celebrate and show our appreciation for all of this and for all of the Hostess City. VO For the last 12 days the city asked people on social media to participate in the "Twelve days of 912" challenge. Each day has a prompt and people post pictures and videos to go along with it. Some prompts include posting a picture of your favorite Savannah meal, favorite scenery and sharing your Savannah story. The city has had a lot of participation from locals, visitors and people who are from Savannah but now live all over the world. Mayor Johnson says his favorite thing about Savannah is the people. SOT "We have 15 million people who come here and visit us, but the fact is they visit us because we are a great place to live. So, although we have our challenges like everybody else does the greatest part about it is that we work together to address those things. We spend so much time showing the world why we're so great. This is a time to show love for the home team, the seaport, 912." VO Folks with Visit Savannah say tourism numbers have been extremely high, rebounding from the effects of the pandemic and visitor spending is in the billions. Several people say what they love about Savannah is hard to narrow down. SOT "I love the history, the architecture, the ghost history. So yeah, I'm a huge history buff." SOT "I love being in the squares. I mean, that's something I never heard of to have everything built around these gorgeous squares!" SOT "I love the atmosphere and the weather. I love the food here. Come on down to River Street and see for yourself how beautiful it is!" LLTAG If you want to participate on this 12th day of the challenge today's prompt is to take a picture or a video of how you're celebrating 912 Day. Post it on Twitter or Facebook and tag the City of Savannah. In Savannah, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

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(sot) If you pass through here right now, you start to see more green, and less orange, here on The Blue Mile. (vo) Landscapers have begun planting shrubs and trees as part of the final work along South Main Street. Designers of The Blue Mile between Georgia Southern and downtown Statesboro hope to make it an area people want to walk. They hope that foot traffic means more business for restaurants and shops here. Crews spent much of this year digging and upgrading drain pipes to better handle storm water. The sidewalks and driveways reveal more of the finished product. (sot) It's an exciting time and now people can see the fruition of what's coming above ground and not just what's below ground. (vo) The next half-mile phase of the \$3 million project will focus more on revitalization and less on the underground infrastructure. (sot) She says if they can stay on schedule, they'll finish this phase by the end of the year. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

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A year-long project in Statesboro gets closer to completion. You're looking at video along South Main Street - where landscapers have begun planting shrubs and trees. It's part of the final phases of improvements for the Blue Mile. That's the project hoping to connect Georgia Southern and Downtown Statesboro with a place for people to walk. The next half-mile phase of the \$3 million project will focus more on revitalization and less on the underground infrastructure. Project leaders say they're on track to finish this year if they stay on schedule. 00:00:33

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"It's important that we get together as often as we can face to face to get a lot of these things accomplished. So whether it's us going to South Korea, or to California for a management meetings...and at the same time, they're coming over here just as much as we're visiting them." Meeting today for the first time since May, SEDA's board of directors learned about all the work that's already being done to prepare the Bryan County mega site for Hyundai Motor Group and non-affiliated suppliers. According to Tollison, Hyundai is still planning on being operational in the first half of 2025. Today he told SEDA's board of directors so far, the project is on track and on budget. Tollison also says efforts to attract workers to come to the region, not just for Hyundai, are coming down the pipeline. "With a project like Hyundai and other projects, I think you're going to see more and more folks that maybe live in the Midwest or Northeast, that quite frankly, they'll be some targeting efforts there...that want to move south, be near the coast. I would argue a better quality of life." Tollison also highlighted for the board Hyundai's efforts already underway to invest in the community, recently donating to the Boys and Girls Club and the Dwaine and Cynthia Willett Children's Hospital of Savannah. 00:01:16

9/13/2022 7:00:00 PM	7PM OD	PHIL THE PARK TO RETURN TO FORSYTH	This year's event will be on October 8th. The theme is "movies in concert." It is free and open to the public. It also marks the the launch of another full season for the Savannah Philharmonic.	00:00:11
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9/13/2022 11:01:00 PM	11PM OD	PHIL THE PARK BACK IN FORSYTH	The Phil the Park event is set to return this year to Forsyth Park. The Savannah tradition features the Savannah Philharmonic for a one night concert in the park. This year's event will be on October 8th. The theme is "movies in concert." It is free and open to the public. It also marks the the launch of another full season for the Savannah Philharmonic.	00:00:21
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LL Around this time next year, this intersection will look a lot different. The Georgia Department of Transportation announced plans to put a single-lane roundabout here. City leaders and community members I talked to say they're looking forward to it because it'll decrease the amount of accidents they see happen here. "The most important part of this for our local citizens is that it takes a very dangerous intersection, and it makes it safer." State route 292/NW Broad Street is known as the main thoroughfare between the City of Lyons and Vidalia ... "This becomes very congested at times." ... with varying speed limits the further you drive in either direction. "People are beginning to speed up and it really is difficult and dangerous to try and get out into that intersection." Larry Griggers says he drives through here every day and he's seen a lot of accidents happen. When asked if he's had a few close calls ... "Multiple times. Especially when you're coming across from the railroad tracks." City Manager Jason Hall says the city has had the intersection of 292 and Oxley Drive on their plans for years. But, the best solution took time to sort out. "Some of the designs that were considered were red lights, four-way stops, turning lanes. It came to the design for the roundabout and it just made more sense." Hall says the goal was that traffic never has to stop. A gas station, strip mall, pharmacy, a school and a railroad all jut off from the intersection. "After the construction most of the businesses will benefit from the increased traffic flow and the ease of traffic flow in this area." The project is led by the Georgia DOT and is contracted out to McClendon Enterprises of Vidalia for \$1.4 million. Hall says the bulk of the project is funded by local Transportation Investment Act funds. "I think it'll be awesome. It'll move traffic quickly and people are just going to, once they get over the learning curve, love it." A learning curve ... because this will be the first roundabout in Toombs County. "We're excited to see it actually taking place now." LLTAG Hall says a start date for construction hasn't been set yet, but that it's right around the corner. According to the GA DOT the project is expected to be complete by the end of summer 2023. In Lyons, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

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"In speaking to the team we have done very well for ticket sales over the last hour or so." Vo 20,000 to 25,000 people packed this golf course each day of 2022's tournament, and the foundation expects those crowds to return in 2023.. Sot "Our hope is that we sell the same amount of tickets and we found some different areas and different days where we can increase tickets." Vo He says they'll keep capacity the same on Saturday, but raise the amount of tickets available for the rest of the week. Although the course looks much different now than it will in April, employees know the crowds are on their way. "While they're on sale now, get them while you can and make your plans because otherwise they'll be gone and you won't be able to enjoy it." Vo By all accounts there's a lot of people acting fast, like this local. "So we got the email this morning. We went online and we're still trying to decide what section we want to sit in."

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HERITAGE TIX
NOW ON SALE

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Near Highway 21 and Berrien Rd...*NATS....you'll see a church with some history behind it "They started out as a praise house down on the river" Richmond Baptist... "Our historical marker says the founding pastor was the third pastor of first african baptist and first african said it was the sixth pastor...so that was a controversy" There might be a lot of changes with growth and development in Port Wentworth -- but this church stays the same after more than 100 years. Only difference they used to have a little more room "When they were children they used to play out in front of richmond. There used to be an additional 70 ft" That's why there have been years of negotiating with the city to get more land after some of theirs was taken with the widening of HWY 21. Just as they thought they were getting two acres for free "Some consitutional issues dealing with the separation of church and state" The church had two options -- lease for one-dollar for 5-years or buy the land for 40-000 dollars.... "You get your hopes built up like when we were children when your mom said...imma take you to the....imma take you to the..then at the end of the day you don't go. Just a little let down but we're good" Richmond Baptist is still excited to expand "Thankful for the two acres at that amount. Recently purchased an acre for more than that" And It's finally a step toward safety "We keep the doors closed but we don't need anybody to get a good shout on and run out the door" This is a phase the church is ready for and soon -- those church doors might look a little different "I don't even have all the answers but we're praying and writing and God is continuing to deposit and give direction"

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(sot) You can see some of the booths and rides already in place as everyone's getting ready for the Brooklet Peanut Festival. Organizers say it's a small town way to celebrate this community's agricultural roots. (vo) The peanuts will be plentiful as the festival committee anticipates their largest crowd ever. Organizers use the event to remind people about peanuts and other local crops and how important farming is in Bulloch County. But it also brings people together. . (sot) "It is such a community event. People do look forward to it. And I think people are ready to get out and have some fun." (vo) You can get an upclose look at antique tractors, enjoy live music and of course peanuts. Perkins says they've made an effort this year to add more parking in downtown to be ready for the crowds they expect. (sot) The parade steps off at 10am and the fun continues into the evening. In Brooklet, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

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	7AM		Tens of thousands of visitors headed to Bulloch County yesterday to go a little nuts. The annual Brooklet	
	DAYBRE		Peanut Festival returned after a two year hiatus due to the pandemic. They say it was one of their	
	AK		largest crowds ever. The one day festival pays tribute to one of the area's biggest crops – peanuts – and	
9/18/2022	SUNDAY	DAL: PEANUT	agriculture in general. Organizers say they were excited to host the festival once again and they heard	
7:00:00 AM	OD	FESTIVAL	that excitement from visitors too.	00:00:26

			After the success of the Palmetto Championship last summer, officials say that PGA TOUR players are	
			excited to return to Jasper County for the CJ CUP next month. The build-out has begun at Congaree	
			Golf Club for their second PGA TOUR tournament in as many years. In June of 2021 ... they hosted the	
			Palmetto Championship ... which replaced the RBC Canadian that year due to COVID. Now they are set	
			to host the CJ CUP ... the first time it iwll be played in the Southeast United States. At the media day ...	
			the first player commitment was announced. "So far, the commitments are really coming very nicely and	
			we're looking forward to having the best golfers in the world playing here. I'll take the opportunity to say	
			four-time major winner and FexEx Cup Champion for 2022 will be here." The field will be capped at 78	
			players ... so there won't be a cut. The top 60 players in the FedEx standings will be invited to play ...	
			Congaree Ambassador and TOUR Member JT Poston said it is a tough course ... and should play	
			differnetly than last summer given the time of year ... but he says other players are excited to come to	
			Ridgeland. "It'll present a challenge that most guys are not used to dealing with early on in the week	
			trying to get ready for a tournament." South Carolina Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism says	
			that COVID has actually caused the financial impact of golf to grow ... and in the palmetto state last year	
		LYNDSEY:	the sport had a 3-point-3 billion dollar economic impact. This will be the third professional event in the	
		CONGAREE	state this year ... including a Korn Ferry Tour event in the upstate ... and the RBC Heritage on Hilton	
		GOLF MEDIA	Head Island. The CJ CUP will be played October 20th through the 23rd and tickers are on sale now.	
9/20/2022		DAY	From Jasper County, I'm Lyndsey Gough for WTOC Sports.	
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9/20/2022 7:00:00 PM	7PM OD	ENMARKET HOSTING NCAA BBALL TOURNAMENT	And more exciting news.. College basketball is coming to Enmarket Arena this fall. The Hostilo Hoops Community Classic will feature more than a dozen Division I basketball teams hitting the court the week of Thanksgiving. Mercer is the only school from Georgia in the field. Tickets go on sale Thursday, starting as low as \$15 for students and \$25 for adults.	00:00:21
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9/21/2022 7:00:00 PM	7PM OD	TM: HHI SHRIMP FESTIVAL PREVIEW	The fourth annual Hilton Head Shrimp Festival will be bigger than its ever been before, with 18 chefs and 11 breweries on their way. "Come have some great beer, some wonderful shrimp cooked 18 different ways, and enjoy some great tunes." The vendors will be set up here, all with one specific detail in common. "We get inquiries every year from chefs around the country that want to be apart of it, but we try to really focus on Lowcountry chefs. Everyone is either from Hilton Head , Bluffton or I think we have one or two from Savannah." He says that local focus is huge, and even trickles down to where the ingredients will come from. "We've increased the quality of the cuisine you can go out and get and we want to showcase that with a beautiful local shrimp caught right here." The shrimp festival with all those local vendors, will run from 1 to 4 pm on Saturday here in Harbour Town and we'll have a link to get tickets at this story on our website. Reporting from Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.	00:00:58
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Standup A city master plan would spend over 6 million dollars on one park and just under another million at this one. The upgrades to both will take time and be done through phases, as Beaufort leaders want to spread out the spending. Sot: (Linda Roper - Director of Downtown Operations, Beaufort) "Residents and visitors alike would like to come to a space that can be energized at times and other times just be a passive park." Vo The bigger of the two projects would be here at Southside park, which as this conceptual plan shows, would be improved through 18 individual projects. Right now, they have approval for the beginning of those upgrades. Sot "The first phase is about a million because that includes a playground, some additional parking as well as starting the open space and pavilion that would be in the next phase." Vo Washington Street park is the other to receive upgrades. They've already put in this new playground and next on the list is an updated pavilion. On cam tag Roper says the funding for the next step of improvements on both parks was designated in this years budget. She says because the spending and construction will be done in phases though, there's no timetable on when the parks will be done just yet. Reporting from the city of Beaufort, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

9/22/2022
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD 6P TYLER:
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The Bacon-Fraser House is one of Hinesville's historic properties... now getting a moment to shine on screen. It's just one of several locations in the Coastal Empire used by filmmaker Tyler Perry in his new film, "A Jazzman's Blues." "I don't know if I picked it or it picked me because there's something about Savannah and the soil, the air, the certain times a year, the trees and the Spanish moss. All these things, they all dictated it and I think that the first time I visited, it said to me, this is where Jazzman should be shot. It's just such a beautiful place." "It was neat to see the transformation that the property took." Leah Poole is the CEO for Liberty County Chamber of Commerce. In recent years, she's also become a part-time location scout of sorts. "We are the camera ready liaisons for Liberty County so when location scouts are looking and they start at the state level, they filter down to us. So we get those calls and if they say I need a dirt road or I need a what we tend to drop whatever we're doing and go find that item." Because bringing film and TV projects like this can mean good money. "It was a big impact. Just the hotel stays was over a million dollars." "I mean, obviously we made money by letting them the Tyler Perry folks film here and that was good for us because we're a small nonprofit." "It's a good financial benefit from it. The upkeep and maintenance of this building is pretty high." Gill Martin is caretaker for the Midway Church and Society. He also oversees the historic Dorchester Presbyterian Church. While it doesn't appear in Perry's film this week, a few other heavy hitters set up shop here earlier this year. "The Color Purple, the musical, produced by Oprah Winfrey and Steven Spielberg. Oprah came down here one day. She came here to the church." And with each new production arriving in town, the word spreads a little more. "To know that Tyler Perry walked on this grass is pretty impactful. To know that he's been here and there's a possibility that he could come back if he had a good experience with us, to me, makes my job worthwhile."

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LL: The Bryan County Board of Commissioners recently passed a cost sharing agreement with the City of Richmond Hill to address how they'll spend millions of dollars to improve Brisbon Road. VO: Under the agreement...crews would build a 5-foot sidewalk on one side of Brisbon road from Harris Trail Road to Highway 144. They'll also build a pedestrian bridge over Sterling Creek. The project is expected to cost roughly \$4 million and will be paid for by SPLOST money. A 7-year-old was hit and killed along this stretch of road way last year... and county leaders say the road work is necessary. "The road, it was in too bad of shape to overlay so they'll basically dig the road up and replace it...just for the safety of the kids walking back and forth between the neighborhoods and the schools. This needed to be done. It is a county road and we're going to be bring it up to county standard." LL: Commissioners say engineering for the project has already begun. They expect work to take just over 2 years. The agreement now heads to Richmond Hill City Council for approval. Reporting in Richmond Hill...Flynn Snyder...WTOC News.

9/23/2022 4:30PM FLYNN: ROADWORK 00:01:06
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Imperial Sugar currently runs the sugar refinery located in Port Wentworth. It is owned by the Louis Dreyfus Company, which bought Imperial Sugar in 2012. The Justice Department sued to try to block the deal, saying that allowing the sale would violate antitrust laws and hurt consumers. The court rejected that claim. A spokesperson for U.S. Sugar says combining the companies will be good for the industry.

9/26/2022 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD US SUGAR TO BUY PORT WENTWORTH REFINERY 00:00:24

9/26/2022 4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	US SUGAR TO BUY PORT WENTWORTH REFINERY	"We think it's going to mean more competitive prices for consumers and customers, and a greater American sugar business, out of the combined one." U.S. Sugar says workers at the Port Wentworth facility would keep their jobs, and that the company intends to invest in upgrading the plant. In 2008, a dust explosion at the refinery killed 14 workers.	00:00:20
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nats of land clearing In just a matter of months...thousands of acres have been cleared of trees. Crews now preparing for construction of Hyundai's new electric vehicle and battery processing plant. It's a project leaders from the Savannah Economic Development Authority say is on schedule. "They're starting to grade and do those things that are necessary. But when you go out there and see what's happened since August 1, it's truly remarkable." SEDA officials say there are now concerns at Hyundai over tax credits included in the recently passed Inflation Reduction Act. Under the new law...electric vehicles must have final assembly in North America to be eligible for the tax credit. While any electric cars made at the megasite would qualify for the credit, none of Hyundai Motor Group's current electric car brands are eligible since they're assembled overseas. : "The tax credits are a big concern to the company, related to the Inflation Reduction Act. There are a lot of conversations going on with the folks in Washington D.C. to see if the administration and obviously the House and Senate can provide a fix to that." Despite the concerns, Tollison says work is still on track at the site as crews are set to also start work on sewer and wastewater systems at the plant. "There's a sewer portion that goes back towards the City of Savannah system. And then the overall wastewater treatment facility that's being built for the long term plans of the project, that'll start construction soon." Tollison says that the long-term wastewater treatment site is set to be ready by the first quarter of 2025. Tollison also teased new updates on the construction project. He says...those should be coming out within the next few weeks. We reached out to Hyundai officials...but did not hear back. SEDA says the plant is scheduled to be ready by early 2025. Reporting in Bryan County...FS...WTOCN.

9/26/2022 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	SEDA MEGASITE TAX CREDIT UPDATE	We reached out to Hyundai officials...but did not hear back. SEDA says the plant is scheduled to be ready by early 2025. Reporting in Bryan County...FS...WTOCN.	00:01:51
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Standup This time next month it's estimated more people will be coming into Ridgeland each day, than actually live here. The chamber of commerce says while that may be a daunting task, their previous experience will have them ready. Sot: (Kendall Malphrus - Executive Director, Jasper County Chamber of Commerce) "I think the town learned quite a few lessons with the first run and although I do think they were somewhat ready the first go round, I think they will absolutely be more ready this time." Vo Of course she's talking about the palmetto championship held here at Congaree in 2021. Just like last year all the fans will need places to stay, which Malphrus says is a challenge the area is up for. Sot "We could be more prepared although we offer some great spots." Vo She says the crowds will have to look outside of Ridgeland as well.. Sot "They will have to spread out, but there is enough. They may even have to go as far as Beaufort, or Hilton Head, or Savannah even." On cam tag Malphrus says Ridgeland's proximity to those places will play to their advantage, as the cities of Beaufort and Savannah are 40 minutes away. Coming up on the news at 6 - I'm working on a story to show you how local businesses are preparing for the tournament, but for now reporting from Ridgeland, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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**DESCRIPTION OF WTOC (TV) PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST
SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES.**

**TERRORISM/NATIONAL SECURITY
JULY 1, 2022– SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

CBS NETWORK PROGRAMMING

FACE THE NATION

- 07/03/22 **Guests:** Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Biden administration (1); Representative Adam Schiff (D-CA), chair, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, member, Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol (2); Jan Crawford, CBS News chief legal correspondent (3); Olaf Scholz, chancellor, Germany (4); Debora Patta, CBS News foreign correspondent (5); Dr. Henning Tiemeier, director, Maternal Health Task Force, Harvard University (6)
4) Topics include: Vladimir Putin / German weaponry and aid for Ukraine /
- 07/10/22 **Guests:** Vice President Kamala Harris (1); Governor Glenn Youngkin (R-VA) (2); Representative Jamie Raskin (D-MD) (3); Alex Holder, documentary filmmaker, “Unprecedented” (4)
Guest Moderator: Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent
1) Topics include; immigration
- 07/17/22 **Guests:** Representative Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) (1); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner, Pfizer board member (2); Lilia Luciano, CBS News correspondent (3); Amos Hochstein, special envoy and coordinator, International Energy Affairs (4); Jason Furman, former chairman, Council of Economic Advisers, Obama administration, professor of economic policy, Harvard University (5); Mayor Muriel Bowser, (D-Washington, D.C.) (6)
3) a report from Uvalde, TX, where the community is awaiting the release of an investigation conducted by the Texas House into the police response to the massacre at Robb Elementary School
- 07/24/22 **Guests:** Dr. Ashish Jha, White House COVID-19 coordinator (1); Representative Adam Schiff (D-CA), chair, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, member, Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol (2); John Dickerson, CBS News chief political analyst, CBS News

senior national correspondent (3); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (4); Mayor Francis Suarez (R-Miami, FL), chairman, U.S. Conference of Mayors (5); Oksana Markarova, Ukraine's ambassador to the United States (6); Gina Raimondo, Secretary of Commerce, Biden administration (7)
6) Topics include: Russian port attack / global food crisis created by Russia's war in Ukraine / request for air defense systems made by Ukraine's first lady / Russia's forceful deportation of Ukrainian children to Russia

08/07/22

Guests: Senator Rick Scott (R-FL) (1); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner, Pfizer board member (2); Mary Daly, president and CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (3); Representative Gregory Meeks (D-NY), chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee (4); Hsiao Bi-khim, Taiwan's representative to the United States (5); Representative Peter Meijer (R-MI) (6)
Correspondent: Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (5)
5) an additional excerpt from Friday's interview for the CBS EVENING NEWS, topics include: ongoing threats from China / Representative Pelosi's visit to Taiwan / reaction from the Chinese government / learning from Russia's invasion of Ukraine / China's diplomatic response to the U.S.

08/14/22

Guests: Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (1); Jeff Pegues, CBS News chief national affairs and justice correspondent (1); Scott MacFarlane, CBS News congressional correspondent (1); Representative Adam Schiff (D-CA), chairman, House Intelligence Committee, author, "Midnight in Washington" (2); Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), former FBI agent (3); Representative Michael McCaul (R-TX), former federal prosecutor (4); Imtiaz Tyab, CBS News foreign correspondent (5); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News foreign correspondent (6); Alberto Carvalho, superintendent, Los Angeles Unified School District (7)
2) Topics include: thoughts on Afghanistan, almost one-year after of the U.S. withdrawal
4) Topics include: loss of faith in the FBI and other institutions / threats against law enforcement / "case of first impression"; new report on the withdrawal from Afghanistan / criticism of the White House and State Department
5) a report from Kabul, Afghanistan on how life for the people of Afghanistan has taken a turn for the worse under Taliban rule
6) a report from the southeastern region of Ukraine, as Ukraine's artillery and missile barrages continue to exact a heavy toll on Russian forces

08/21/22 **Guests:** Miguel Cardona, U.S. secretary of education (1); Dr. Deborah Birx, former White House coronavirus response coordinator, Trump administration (2); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (3); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH), ranking member, House Intelligence Committee (4); Rikki Klieman, criminal defense lawyer, CBS News legal analyst (5); David Laufman, former chief, Counterintelligence and Export Control Section, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice (5); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (6); Amy Walter, editor-in-chief, *The Cook Political Report* (6)

Correspondent: Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (1) (2)

Guest Moderator: Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent

2) Topics include

3) a report from Ukraine, where more fighting has been reported near the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant as Russia and Ukraine agree to allow inspectors into the complex

08/28/22 **Guests:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief elections and campaign correspondent (1) (5); Michael Morell, CBS News national security contributor and former acting CIA director (1); Anthony Salvanto, CBS News director of elections and surveys (2) (5); Jaime Harrison, DNC chair (3); Gov. Larry Hogan (R-MD) (4); Debora Patta, CBS News foreign correspondent (6); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (7); Dr. Kate Rubins, NASA astronaut and Artemis team member (7)

Major Garrett, CBS News chief Washington correspondent

5) a discussion on the possibility of Republican candidates losing momentum, as well as other possible scenarios leading up to the midterm elections

6) a report from Ukraine on the potential for radioactive leaks at the Russian occupied Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant

09/11/22 **Guests:** Senator Mark Warner (D-VA), chairman, Senate Intelligence Committee (1); General Frank McKenzie (retired), former commander, U.S. Central Command (2); Dame Karen Pierce, British ambassador to the U.S. (4); Debora Patta, CBS News foreign correspondent (5) Oksana Markarova, Ukraine's ambassador to the U.S. (6); Mayor Chokwe Lumumba (D-Jackson, MS) (7)

Guest Correspondent: Norah O'Donnell, anchor, CBS EVENING

NEWS (3)

1) Topics include: lasting impact of September 11th / advancements in the intelligence community / ongoing developments in the FBI investigation of former president Donald Trump and the investigation's potential impact on national security

2) Topics include: America's withdrawal from Afghanistan / America's continued monitoring of the Middle East / potential threats from al Qaeda and ISIS to homeland security

5) a report from Kyiv on Ukrainian advancements in the war against Russia

6) Topics include: liberation of Ukraine / timeline of the war in Ukraine / shutting down of Ukraine's nuclear reactors until the withdrawal of Russian forces

09/18/22

Guests: Representative Henry Cuellar (D-TX) (1); Jeh Johnson, former United States secretary of homeland security, Obama administration (2); Mark Strassman, CBS News senior national correspondent (3); Debora Patta, CBS News foreign correspondent (4); Andriy Kostin, prosecutor general of Ukraine (5); Robert Pape, professor, University of Chicago (6); Major Garrett, CBS News chief Washington correspondent (7); David Becker, CBS News election law contributor (7)

1) Topics include: solutions to border control / law enforcement's lack of resources at the border /

2) Topics include: current administration's border enforcement / how to properly return migrants to their respective countries /

4) a report from Bayrak, Ukraine on the horrific discoveries made by Ukrainian forces in land reclaimed from the Russians

5) Topics include: his database of possible war crimes / investigating the destruction of civil objects in Ukraine / Putin's possible conviction for the crime of genocide

09/25/22

Guests: Debora Patta, CBS News foreign correspondent (1); Volodymyr Zelenskyy, president of Ukraine (2); Jake Sullivan, White House national security adviser, Biden administration (3); Anthony Salvanto, CBS News elections and surveys director (4); Mark Strassman, CBS News senior national correspondent (5); Raphael Bostic, president and CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (6); Representative Pete Aguilar (D-CA) (7)

1) a report from Kyiv, Ukraine on referendums staged by Russia in disputed areas of Ukraine, a process the West has denounced as a sham

2) Topics include: President Putin's referendum in Russian-occupied regions of Ukraine / Biden administration's relationship

with Russia / Mr. Putin's threat of nuclear warfare / Russia's separation of families and deportation of Ukrainian children
3) Topics include: American financial support of Ukraine / Russian annexation of eastern Ukraine / threat of nuclear conflict

60 MINUTES

- 07/03/22 **60 MINUTES PRESENTS: "The Ritchie Boys"** (8:00 – 9:00p)
"The Ritchie Boys" – a one-hour expanded report on the Ritchie Boys, a secret U.S. intelligence unit from World War II. This broadcast includes interviews and footage not broadcast previously. Many members of the unit were German-born Jews, who were rigorously trained to gather information before they were sent back to Europe to assist with the Allied effort to defeat Nazism. Living members of the Ritchie Boys discuss the role they played in helping to end the war. Includes interviews with Guy Stern, Paul Fairbrook, Max Lerner (new for this expanded rebroadcast), and Victor Brombert, former members of the Ritchie Boys; and David Frey, a professor of history and director of the Center for Holocaust Studies at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. (DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT - OAD: 05/09/21; Rebroadcast: 09/05/21 – both on 60 MINUTES.) (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Katherine Davis) TRIPLE LENGTH SEGMENT (60 MINUTES PRESENTS: "The Ritchie Boys", OAD: 01/02/22)
- 07/10/22 **"Prince v. Spy"** – an interview with former Saudi intelligence official Saad Aljabri. In his attempts to warn the U.S. about Mohammed bin Salman, the crown prince of Saudi Arabia, Aljabri has contributed intelligence to American officials which has helped save lives. Includes interviews with Michael Morell, former acting director of the CIA; and Khalid Aljabri, Saad's eldest son. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Henry Schuster) (OAD: 10/24/21)
- 07/24/22 **"Reality Winner"** – an interview with Reality Winner. The former NSA linguist details her reasons for releasing classified information regarding Russian hacking of the 2016 election. Includes an interview with Billie Winner-Davis, her mother. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Henry Schuster, Sarah Turcotte) (OAD: 12/05/21)
- 08/07/22 **"Death In Training"** – a report on the dangerous conditions of military vehicles used to train new soldiers. Equipment malfunctions and hazardous training exercises have resulted in numerous unnecessary deaths during military training. Includes interviews with Susan

Flanigan and Michael McDowell, Peter and Nancy Vienna, Peter Ostrovsky, who all lost children; Christian Avila Taveras, an Army combat medic; and Chet Gryczan, president of Ricardo Defense. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shachar Bar-On) (OAD: 02/06/22)

08/21/22 **“Bellingcat”** – a report on Bellingcat, a team of online data detectives. As reported war crimes in Ukraine increase, the organization is building a database of social media exposing the Russian military. Includes interviews with Eliot Higgins, Bellingcat founder; Christo Grozev, executive director of Bellingcat; and Alexa Koenig, executive director of the University of California, Berkeley, Human Rights Center. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Henry Schuster) (OAD: 05/15/22)

“Ballet in Exile” – a report on the effect of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine on ballet. As the war continues, many dancers have condemned the invasion and moved elsewhere to pursue dance. Includes interviews with Olga Smirnova, Russian dancer and former lead dancer with the Bolshoi; Alexei Ratmansky, who trained at the Bolshoi and was its former artistic director; Polina Chepyk, a ballerina; Larissa Saveliev, founder of the Youth America Grand Prix ballet competition; Oleskii Potiomkin, a Principal Dancer with Ukraine’s National Ballet who now serves as an army medic; and Ted Brandsen, head of the Dutch National Ballet. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Michael H. Gavshon, Nadim Roberts) (OAD: 05/08/22)

09/11/22 **Headlines on the Life & Legacy of Queen Elizabeth** - an update from London. (C: Holly Williams)

“9.11: The FDNY” – a report on the 9/11 terrorist attacks and its impact on the Fire Department of New York. Firefighters who were at Ground Zero on that day discuss the tragedy and recall fallen colleagues. Includes interviews with Joe Pfeifer, Chief of Counterterrorism; Sal Cassano, fire Commissioner; Peter Hayden, Chief of Department; Dan Nigro, FDNY Commissioner; John Peruggia, EMS Division Chief; John Sudnik, Chief of Department; Regina Wilson, Jeff Coniglio, Jamie Efthimiades, James McGlynn and Bob Bacon, firefighters who were there that day; Captain Peter Ganci III and Battalion Chief Chris Ganci, sons of the late chief of department Peter Ganci; Josephine Smith, a firefighter whose late father Kevin Smith passed away on 9/11; John Palombo and Tommy Palombo, both firefighters whose father Frank Palombo passed on 9/11; and Mike Florio, a firefighter whose father John Florio passed on 9/11. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Maria Gavrilovic) THIS SEGMENT RUNS THE FULL HOUR. (OAD: 09/12/21)

- 09/18/22 60 MINUTES (55th SEASON PREMIERE) (8:01 – 9:01p)
SEGMENT
“**Raisi of Iran**” – an interview with Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, conducted at the presidential complex in Tehran. In his first interview with a Western reporter, he discusses his thoughts on the United States presidency, the Iran nuclear deal and other topics. (C: Lesley Stahl – Producer listed at the beginning of the segment: Richard Bonin. Producers listed at the end of the segment: Richard Bonin,
- 09/25/22 “**The Secretary of State**” – an interview with Secretary of State Antony Blinken. He discusses China’s relationship with the United States, the war in Ukraine and other topics. (See also: “The Secretary of State”, OAD: 05/02/21) (C: S
“**Rescuing Reefs**” – a report on Florida’s endangered reefs. Marine biologists work to rebuild the reefs in new and innovative ways. Includes interviews with Andrew Baker and Diego Lirman, marine biologists and professors at the University of Miami; Ross Cunning, a research biologist with the Shedd aquarium; Liv Williamson, a biologist at the University of Miami; and Brian Haus, a professor and Chair of the Department of Ocean Sciences at the University of Miami. (See also: “The Gardens of the Queen”, OAD: 12/18/11) (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Andy Court)
“**The Last Minute**” – an update to “Supersonic”, OAD: 11/21/21. (C: Bill Whitaker)

CBS SPECIAL REPORT

On **Monday, August 1**, a CBS News Special Report (President Biden remarks on a weekend strike in Afghanistan that killed top al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahri) aired for 14:29 from 7:30:00-7:44:29pm cnyt, live to all stations.

WTOC NEWSCASTS

ISSUE 17--OUR MILITARY FIGHTING THE WAR ON TERRORISM. HAPPENINGS AT FORT STEWART, PARIS ISLAND AND HUNTER, MCAS BEAUFORT OPENS NEW HANGAR, HAAF CHANGE OF COMMAND, HOUSE OF PRAYER COMMITTED FRAUD BY TAKING GI BILL FUNDING, MURDER SUICIDE OF SOLDIER AND WIFE, 3RD ID TROOPS RETURN HOME, OSOFF ARMY HOUSING ALLOWANCE, 3RD ID DEATH INVESTIGATION, NEW ARMY UNIT SOURCE: PRESIDENT , THIRD INFANTRY SOLDIERS, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, ETC.

7/7/2022
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MCAS
BEAUFORT
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NEW F 35B
HANGAR

You're looking at images of the most state of the art hangar on the air station. Leaders cut the ribbon to the new hanger today. The massive facility can accommodate up to 450 Marines and still has room to house 9 fighter jets.

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7/19/2022
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REP.
CARTER
UPGRADED
SUBS

Representative Carter says the funding is "bolstering the First District's military prowess," writing in a statement, "This is an exciting win for our state and the nation. The next generation of submarine pilots have a bright future in Georgia."

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7/19/2022
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REP.
CARTER
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Carter says a brand new fleet of Columbia Class Submarines is coming to the Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay. That's just a two hour drive south of Savannah. The new fleet is part of a several *billion* dollar investment.

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HOP
REMOVED
FROM VA
SCHOLAR
LIST

"We knew that this school had a troubling and problematic history. We've spoken with many students and whistleblowers who worked at the school, and were able to detail the practices that they were taking at the school." Veterans Education Success, a non-profit that helps veterans find educational opportunities, says the House of Prayer churches committed fraud by taking G.I. Bill funding and not providing a proper education in return. "At this point, we're cautioning service members and their family members all to steer clear." The schools were previously on the VA's GI Bill Comparison tool... but have since been removed. I reached out to the VA, and they released the following statement: "House of Prayer locations were removed from the GI Bill Comparison Tool due to recent withdrawals of program approval or suspensions of enrollment of new GI Bill students. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) defers to the respective State Approving Agency (SAA) regarding program approval status." The Georgia State Approving Agency with the state's department of Veterans Service... says they removed their approval on June 24th, a day after the FBI raided the facilities. It's unclear how long the schools remained on the website after the removal of their approval. "Unfortunately, we saw for up to over a week after the FBI raided their facilities, that the school remained on the GI Bill Comparison Tool, signaling to prospective students that this was a good school to go to." And now – Veterans Education Success wants a clear warning posted.. "We actually would rather see that the school is maintained on the site but indicated that they are no longer eligible for the GI Bill. That way students currently attending the school can see that information as well as those in Congress, advocates and others."

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7/25/2022
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD HINESVILLE NAMES IDENTIFIED Hinesville Police and the 3rd ID say they have been identified as 35-year-old Sgt. 1st Class Christopher J. Williams and 36-year-old Terrica Williams. Police say Christopher shot and killed his wife Terrica and then took his own life. It happened inside a business at the Liberty Square Shopping Center last Friday. Officials from Fort Stewart say Christopher served on active duty for 15 years and deployed five times, including one combat deployment to Iraq. Hinesville Police and the U.S. Army's Criminal Investigation Division are both investigating the incident. 00:00:34

7/27/2022
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD BILL RENAME DEPT VET AFFAIRS AFTER ISAKSON Isakson served in the senate for more than a decade. He's also the only Georgian to serve in the Senate and House at both the state and federal levels. The bill renames the Department of Veterans Affairs Atlanta Regional office in honor of the late Senator. It passed with Bipartisan support. 00:00:17

7/29/2022
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD HAAF
CHANGE OF COMMAND "I'm really excited about this opportunity. Garrison command, or actually command of any type, is what you always look for in the military, and Savannah is always a place that we like to come visit, so it's great to finally have that opportunity to live here." Lieutenant-Colonel Cuthbertson attended the Virginia Military Institute and is a third generation soldier. He served in Iraq and Afghanistan with the 82nd Airborne Division. 00:00:26

8/3/2022
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OSSOFF You may remember we told you back in May about the joint effort between Georgia Democrat
ARMY Jon Ossoff and Florida Republican Marco Rubio. Their plan adjusts housing allowances for
HOUSING service members living in higher-cost areas. The push comes as the Department of
ALLOWANC Defense's ability to make those temporary adjustments is set to expire at the end of
E September. WTOC will track this bill and bring you updates as its considered. 00:00:25

8/9/2022 5:00:00 AM 5AM DAYBREAK OD SARA: DEPLOYME NT RETURN The first couple hundred soldiers returned early this morning at Fort Stewart. More than 3000 soldiers were deployed from the First Armored Brigade Combat Team from the 3rd Infantry Division and all of them will be home by the end of the month. While in Germany they participated in training exercises with other NATO allies and to stop further aggression from Russia. 00:00:22

8/9/2022 5:00:00 AM 5AM DAYBREAK OD SARA: DEPLOYME NT RETURN Kevin Lambert / 3rd ID Deputy Commander "Certainly for this brigade what they were asked to do, mission accomplished, well done, super proud of them but the world changed on February 24 and we are going to be looking at a security situation on the planes of Eastern Europe for a long time." Those troops will be replaced by soldiers from Fort Hood Texas. While the soldiers are happy to be back on American soil — their families could not have been happier to set the early alarm this morning and welcome them home. 00:00:30

8/9/2022
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3RD ID
TROOPS
RETURN
HOME

"it's very rewarding coming back here this morning especially after all the hard work our soldiers in this brigade has done in the last 6 months." "It feels amazing. I've been gone about 6 months now I think. It feels amazing to be back." This team left on short notice. They had just gotten back from a deployment to South Korea. So this homecoming was a long time coming with back to back trips overseas.

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8/12/2022
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MAGNET
FISHERS
CITED BY
MILITARY

Magnet fisherman Bryce Nachtwey says it's not uncommon for him and his team to find firearms and other weapons in area waters...but it was the reaction of law enforcement during a recent trip to Fort Stewart that really caught him by surprise. A usual day of magnet fishing for Bryce Nachtwey means reeling in some very unusual finds. *nats of video* During a recent trip to Fort Stewart...Nachtwey says his magnets pulled in ammo belts, rockets, tracer rounds "...and then we ended up finding a Delta airlines duffle bag stuffed full of those rockets." We first introduced you to Nachtwey...who casts magnets in waterways...back in June. That's around the same time he took the trip to Fort Stewart and discovered the rockets and reported the findings to law enforcement. Bryce Nachtwey/Magnet Fisher: "At first it was alright but then it took a turn for the worse a little later on when the game warden came out." *nats of video* Fort Stewart law enforcement cited the team for recreating without a permit; entering a restricted area; and unauthorized magnet detecting. Bryce Nachtwey/Magnet Fisher: "We called the DNR before we went out to make sure we were all good to do it. And they're like, 'as long as you're in a green zone, you're all good.' We looked on the map and we were in a green zone." In response...Fort Stewart officials say magnet detecting is not allowed on their property. The statement continues to say that because Fort Stewart is an active installation...there is always a potential for unexploded ordnance to end up in the nearby river. Nachtwey says that's news to him because, up until now...he's magnet fished just about anywhere. Bryce Nachtwey/Magnet Fisher: "...anywhere without a no trespassing sign, pretty much, but don't do it on Fort Stewart." LL: Nachtwey and his team say they have court dates set in September which they do plan on attending to dispute those citations. Reporting...Flynn Snyder...WTOC News.

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8/15/2022 4:30AM FT STEWART DEATH UNDER Private first class Denisha Montgomery was found in her barracks in Germany unresponsive.
4:30:00 AM DAYBREAK INVESTIGAT She was then pronounced dead at the scene. She was scheduled to return at the end of
OD ION September. 00:00:11

8/15/2022 4:30AM FT STEWART DEATH UNDER The Army's Europe and Africa Command put out a statement -- expressing sadness "by the
4:30:00 AM DAYBREAK INVESTIGAT loss of Private first class Montgomery." It says "thoughts are with her family and loved
OD ION ones during this difficult time. The incident is currently under investigation by the U.S. Army
Criminal Investigation Division. A complete and thorough investigation will be conducted." 00:00:22

"She buckled to her knees... and my sister said, what happened to Denisha, that is my daughter" Denisha's aunt, Michelle Fitts, pictured here.... Remembers when her sister, Denisha's mother... received the news from the U.S. Army... of Denisha's death. "My sister was like what's happened to my baby, is Denisha okay.... They sat down and said that she had passed away." Fitts says the Army told Denisha's mom she died by suffocation. Now... Denisha's family says They want answers. "As more gets investigated and unfolded, at the end of the day, justice is going to be served, and we're going to fight for her. We're not stopping until it is." Denisha was a military police officer in the 139th Military Police Company, based at Fort Stewart. She deployed to Germany earlier this year. Fitts says her niece was always proud to be a soldier. "Anybody that knew Denisha knew that she joined the military to better not only her future, but to have stability and a life for her husband and her three children." A mother of three.... Who will be greatly missed. "Nisha is a very lovable person. She cares with everything. There's not one thing she wouldn't do for anybody." Now, her family... with a final request: "Justice needs to be served for her."

3RD ID
SOLDIER
DEATH
INVESTIGAT
ION

8/17/2022
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LL INTRO: This morning's ceremony marked the activation of the 103rd Intelligence and Electronic Warfare Battalion. It's the first time in 18 years that it's happened. *NATS OF CEREMONY* Army leaders say this is the first unit of its kind to activate as part of the Army's effort to transform their military intelligence. Similar units will be activated at other bases in the future. "It's a small portion of a much, much larger transformation that recognizes the changing threat, the need to get back to large-scale combat operations, and to keep pace with our pacing adversaries, particularly China and Russia." This unit, also known as the 103rd IEW, will help the 3rd Infantry Division better track potential threats. "You've got human intelligence soldiers, signal intelligence soldiers, geo-intelligence soldiers, in formations within the battalion, that are going to augment the capabilities that exist within the 3rd Infantry Division." Lt. Col. Marcus O'Neal officially took command of the unit today. "A formation like this allows the 3rd Infantry Division and other divisions around the Army to have a decisive advantage against potential adversaries in large-scale and complex operations." At full strength, this unit will have more than 190 soldiers. Now, that number sits at about 50 – and they'll continue to grow over the next year. Lt. Col. O'Neal says these soldiers are excited for the future. "You're going to see a lot of soldiers with their chests out, their heads up. They understand the history and they understand what the Army needs them to do going forward. They're ready to take on that mission." A mission... to stay ahead... in a world of ever-changing technology. On Fort Stewart, HB WTOC NEWS.

HAYLEY:
NEW ARMY
UNIT

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ISSUE 18: HOW THE MILITARY IS HONORED AND REMEMBERED. VETERAN OWNED FISHING CHARTER RECUT, 4TH OF JULY CONCERT AT FT. STEWART, 3RD ID HOSTS TWILIGHT TATTOO, MILITARY MUSEUM, TINY HOUSE RIBBON CUTTING, MILITARY FAMILIES FREE CARS, FT. STEWART SOLDIER HOMECOMING, REMEMBERING GENERAL ROSENBLUM, GSU ROTC RUN, DOG PRESIDENTIAL AWARD, HAA PATRIOT DAY RUN, 9/11 COMMUNITY CEREMONIES, SOURCE: VETERAN ORGS,, ETC

		FT	Event organizers say they are expecting over 10 thousand people. Live music is set to be	
		STEWART	headlined by Trace Adkins and Dru Hill. The concert is expected to start at 7:30 tonight....	
7/1/2022	6AM	4TH OF	And a large fireworks show will begin at 10:30 with free admission to both. It's Fort Stewart's	
	DAYBREAK	JULY	first full event open to the public since the COVID-19 pandemic. Last year's celebration was	
6:00:00 AM	OD	CONCERT	limited to military members and their families.	00:00:24

			<p>Closer to home - Fort Stewart will be hosting its Marne Independence Day celebration tonight. Live music is set to be headlined by Trace Adkins and Dru Hill. The concert is expected to start at 7:30.... And a large fireworks show will begin at 10:30 with free admission to both. It's Fort Stewart's first full event open to the public since the COVID-19 pandemic. Last year's celebration was limited to military members and their families.</p>	
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		OF JULY		
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Sgt. first class Ryan Davis served five tours overseas from 2013 to 2019 but will now be spending most of his time on the water. "Jimmy's direction operation, the movement and the traction he is going to have with veterans getting their head's right on the water is something special and I am glad to be a part of it." Captain Jimmy Lee Armel is a former Army Ranger himself, serving six tours overseas. Armel knows first hand the importance of having an outlet to treat PTSD, attributing fishing as a way that has saved his life "It doesn't really click on shore a lot. I am all over the place, the house is always a mess, I've got 20,000 things going on and I'm a stress ball. As soon as I break that beach it's gone. You put Ryan on a boat with me, I don't ever want to come home," said Armel Both veterans say their experience as Army Rangers translates well into making them successful anglers. "We used to say this thing called the Ranger Creed every day. I am not going to sit here and say that it defines me as human or any of that stuff, but it has definitely been a monumental foundation to start a life from a wheelchair or a leg behind everybody else," said Davis. Despite what others might consider a setback in being a triple amputee, Sgt. Davis sees it as an opportunity to prove you can achieve whatever you want in life, as long as you have the right attitude. "He's not disabled the accessible, he taught me that. I've seen him work harder than anybody else and then sit there and try to tell me, I'll work on doing more. I'm like bro, how much do you want to do? I think it is extremely special to get these gunfighters out on the water, and not do it in a sympathetic kind of way, because that is not what it is about," said Captain Jimmy Lee Armel. What it is about for American Fishing Charters is helping veterans. They've already been able to take out dozens of combat veterans with their nonprofit Knot Lucky Fishing, and they don't plan to stop anytime soon. "We are talking, calendar year from this October to next October that we are going to put 100 troopers on the water to get their heads right. We have a number that we are going to raise to come up with that. Jimmy puts his hard-earned dollar directly into his nonprofit, which is very rare," said Davis

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3RD ID
HOSTS
TWILIGHT
TATTOO

The Twilight Tattoo celebrated the 3rd infantry division's history and lineage of serving the united states. The 484th Army Band also played at the event. They also inducted two Marine rockstars into their formation - those are special people in the community. Colonel Ryan McCormack said there's a lot of family members who haven't been able to go to these events due to Covid.

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		3RD ID	Tattoo. The event celebrates the 3rd ID's history and lineage of serving the united states.	
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11:08:00 PM	OD	TATTOO	there's a lot of family memebers who haven't been able to go to these events due to Covid.	00:00:27

			PKG NAT "We are so honored to be here today to honor the service of my uncle Milton H.	
			Martin Jr." "If it wasn't for Gunnery Sergeant Martin there wouldn't be no us." Gunnery	
			Sergeant Martin, a Montford Point Marine served during WWII. The Montford Point Marines	
			were established in 1942 in Jacksonville, NC. They were the first African Americans to enlist	
			in the U.S. Marine Corp. "They were able to break down barriers so old Marines like me	
			could come into the Marine Corp." "They were not treated kindly, they were not really wanted	
			in the Marines and they thought they would fail. But they made their minds up that we were	
			gonna pass and make it and they did." Family members of Gunnery Sergeant Martin Jr. say	
			he never bragged about his military career. They say it wasn't until they dug through his	
			papers ... that they learned he was part of this inaugural group of men. "We couldn't believe	
			he didn't say anything about it, but today the world knows that Mr. Martin Jr. was one of those	
			Montford Point Marines." Family, state and local leaders watched as Gunnery Sergeant	
			Martin Jr.'s daughter was presented with his award ... one of the highest civilian awards of	
			the United States ... NAT The Congressional Gold Medal. "Because of what they did we	
			stand here today and because of what they did America shares its freedom and I'm honored	
	7AM	MARIAH:	to be a part of that." A square on Veterans Memorial Walk at Bryant Commons Park was also	
7/24/2022	DAYBREAK	MARINE	dedicated to the family. Mariah Congedo WTOC News.	
7:00:00 AM	SUNDAY OD	HONORED		00:01:26

7/26/2022
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PALOOZA: "Even if you've been here for 10 years or even a year you don't know what you don't know. I
FT know I've worked with the Army for 10 years and there's some people here that I've never
STEWART heard of. So it's really great to know these services are offered and available and spouses
don't always get that memo passed down to them." Fort Stewart students head back to
school next week. 00:00:21

7/26/2022
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MARNE
PALOOZA: They hosted a back-to-school bash today at the Newman Fitness Center on Fort Stewart.
FT School representatives were on site to answer questions from parents. And around 70-
STEWART vendors to help new families get familiar with the area. 00:00:14

The latest phase of the tiny home project, an initiative that kicked off nearly six years ago, is complete. And that means eleven homeless veterans will now call these tiny houses home. "We have had residents who have moved in here...best place they've ever lived. We've had residents who've moved in here, and because they're in here, they've gotten jobs, they've gotten promotions. They have been able to move out into nicer areas and make room for other people." According to the executive director of the Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless, homeless veterans account for about a quarter of Chatham County's homeless population. "Housing first is very challenging when there is lots of eligibilities, criteria and paperwork that has to be done before we as services providers can help house someone. Here at the Veterans Tiny Homes, we can actually get people housed faster." The tiny home project was the brainchild of Darsey's predecessor, Cindy Murphy Kelley, and an initiative Darsey got behind right away when she took over as Executive Director for the Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless. "Our tiny homes have 100-percent success rate. And what that means for us, is that for every single resident who's come through the Cove at Dundee, Veteran's Tiny House Village, those individuals either stabilized in these homes, or eventually moved into homes of their own, or when it was necessary moved into some supportive services full time." And everything in the tiny home village, from the homes themselves, to the landscaping and sidewalks are thanks to a 100-percent donor and volunteer effort. "We can't be more happy to have eleven more tiny houses complete. And we really do need everyone's help, ten dollars, anything that you can send to the Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless. We are pad-ready. If you see those green pipes sticking up in the ground, we're pad-ready for another twelve houses. They just need a little bit of funding." To learn more about the tiny house project, look for this story on our website. In Savannah, Sean Evans, WTOC News.

SEAN TINY
HOUSE
RIBBON
CUTTING

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(nats "Well, is this your first time in Savannah? Well, let me tell you about the museum, ok?") Gary Webb is more collector than historian. "It's hard to get a Russian Mig 21 in the 90s. It's harder to sneak it past the wife." What keeps you coming back every day? What gets you out of bed and gets you back through these doors? "Oh, I mean, I like to see my stuff." 'Stuff' doesn't begin to describe Gary's lifelong collection, but it is a term his mother might have agreed with. As a kid living in Germany, Gary would find war relics exploring the woods, only to have his mother throw them out, calling it 'junk.' (nats) It wasn't until Gary brought home this German soldier helmet that she finally understood. "My mother saw it, and she referred to it as more rubbish, and was going to throw it out. And then I said, 'Look inside of it.' So, when she looked inside the hat, she saw a photo of his wife and child, and she said to me, 'I tell you what, Gary, I'll never throw out anything else you bring home.' And look what happened." (nats) What happened was a lifelong collection of artifacts, manifesting itself in the Webb Military Museum. But as Gary will tell you, his masterpiece is not intended to simply be a history lesson. Do you carry on these collections kind of as ways to tell stories for people who can't tell them now? "Exactly. The whole museum is about stories. I don't get into a lot of history facts, but 70 percent of the stuff in here is named to somebody. Most museums, you're going to get a bit of a history lesson. Mine is a real personal lesson, and I think people appreciate that." (nats) Those personal lessons keep the past alive, and in doing so, Gary hopes to help people understand the realities of wartime throughout our history. Why do you think it's important to include almost every conflict that you can? "I think it's important for people to understand all the conflicts. And trust me, I'm not a war guy. I'm pretty antiwar. But this gives you an idea of what people wore, how people lived, some artifacts belonging to a lot of prominent people are in here too. (nats) As for the future of the Webb military museum, much like the artifacts that are displayed in these display cases, Gary hopes it can live on. "The biggest question I get is, 'What's going to happen in 30 years?' Well, I hope it's still running. I hope one of my children take it over. I hope it's still going along. In Savannah, Andrew Gorton, WTOG News.

8/10/2022 MORNING CURTIS:
9:00:00 AM BREAK OD 8 MILITARY
10 MUSEUM

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It was a very early morning but a very exciting morning here at Fort Stewart as those soldiers were reunited with their family and friends. The first couple hundred soldiers returned early this morning at Fort Stewart. In total -- than 3000 soldiers were deployed from the First Armored Brigade Combat Team from the 3rd Infantry Division and all of them will be expected to be home by the end of the month. While in Germany they participated in training exercises with other NATO allies and to prevent further aggression from Russia. "Certainly for this brigade what they were asked to do, mission accomplished, well done, super proud of them but the world changed on February 24 and we are going to be looking at a security situation on the planes of Eastern Europe for a long time." Now that the 3rd ID soldiers are home -- they will be replaced by troops from Fort Hood Texas. While the 3rd ID soldiers are happy to be back on American soil — their families could not have been happier to set the early alarm this morning and welcome them home. "It means a lot, I missed a birthday, I missed a bunch of things but it feels good to be back now." "I think everyone is glad they left their stamp over there in Germany and that we got to do some good work while we were there and we are proud to represent the raider brigade." "Just very happy to be home, very happy to have my family here, my friends in my unit to support us...my gosh it's the real thing." This team left on short notice and had recently returned from a deployment to South Korea so this homecoming was a long time coming with back-to-back trips overseas. Welcome home to all of those soldiers -- more will be on the way soon! There are still more than a dozen flights to come back by the end of the month. At Fort Stewart, SW, WTOC News.

8/10/2022 MORNING SOLDIERS
9:00:00 AM BREAK OD 8 COMING
10 HOME

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One student here at Frank Long Elementary got a very special surprise during what he thought was just a normal school day... This first grade class filed into the Media Center... for what they thought was going to be a special presentation on the pledge of allegiance. But... they had an unexpected helper... Sgt. 1st Class Cody Vance... who is seeing his 5-year-old-son Carson for the first time in six months. "I landed in Savannah around 4:30 this morning, and got to Stewart at about 6:50 this morning." And within hours of landing... Vance went straight to Carson's school to surprise him. "Carson, he's waited so long. He's been so patient, he's seen so many other homecomings come and go, and so making today special for him, is just perfect. I can't thank the staff here at FLE and the district enough for doing all this for our family." Vance was deployed to Germany for six months... his fourth deployment overseas in around 13 years of service. Sgt. 1st Class CODY VANCE // 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION, CARSON'S DAD "Coming back and seeing him, seeing how much he's grown already, just being back to be able to hang out with him and spend time with him, and just be a family again." The special celebration... made possible by teachers and staff members at Frank Long. * "This is what it's about. Yes, there's some sad days, but these days are some important days. These days we can put a smile on a child's face and let the families know how important they are to Frank Long, it's just very special and important to us." "Sharing this moment with the wonderful folks here at Frank Long who made this happen, is just incredible." As for what's next for the father-son duo.... "What are we going to go do, bud? Play video games after we charge the controllers..." A special morning... that's left Carson jumping for joy. In Hinesville, HB WTOC NEWS.

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FAMILIES
FREE CARS

"It's been a rough year for me so as soon as I got the call I was excited and very thankful, definitely shed a few tears. So this is going to help me move forward pretty quickly."

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RICARDO: In celebration of United Services Automobile Association turning 100 years old - the company
MILITARY is giving away 100 free cars to veterans across the country. Today they gave away 5 of those
FAMILIES to Georgia veterans right here in Savannah. One of the recipient - Alysha Landers - says the
FREE CARS car will help her start up her small business and get her daughter to school.

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"I don't have a cookie-cutter program where you do these five classes and that's it. I learn about family, I learn about the dog and I go from there. And Lauren Fins is especially specialized when working with special dog-training cases. "it can take up to two years or more to get a fully trained service dog, from an 8-week old puppy to a fully trained service dog because of some of the tasks. The dog might have to be able to help someone off the ground, pull a wheelchair, pick up a prosthetic, that kind of stuff. Fins trains dogs for SD Gunner Fund, a local non-profit that provides service dogs to people who need them - like Stephen Sokolowski - who deals with PTSD after deploying to the Middle East three times with the 173rd Airborne Brigade. "she's really helped us, helped him get to where he is now, where he's only a year and a half old and he's fantastic. I go everywhere with him and he behaves extremely well. Fins has been training dogs for 10 years, working with everything from family pets like Root Beer ... "It made a big difference having her come into the home to be able to take care of him. she has very good rapport with them and they respond to her in kind. ... to show dogs like Hazel. "Lauren is great with dogs, very laid back and they seem very relaxed around her. And when she talks to you, she talks with you, not at you. It's a conversation and it makes it a great training experience. But she finds it particularly rewarding turning a young puppy into a trusted companion. "we really work together to mold that dog into a service dog that you can take to a baseball game or to Disney World, to work with them. It's really amazing, and we have all different breeds and all different people Fins was recognized for her service last month when this WTOC Hometown Hero received The President's Volunteer Service Award for the 1,000 training hours she spent with SD Gunner last year. "Right now, we currently have 44 dogs and their owners are all military. first responders, children or veterans. And the training is at no cost to the owner. "I am so proud of Lauren. She does a lot of work in the community, and the fact that she got this, I'm proud that I not only use her as a trainer but i call her a friend. She's just awesome. "It's absolutely deserved. Everything she's done, she's extremely professional, knowledgeable and someone that isn't just an instructor or a trainer, she turns into a friend for everyone who goes through the service that SD Gunner provides for us.

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The commander of American Legion Post 135 had a project in mind and the ideal post member to handle it when he reached out to Jerry McLaughlin. "I enjoy history and when I came to the post years ago, I kept asking, 'where's the history?' "He knows that I have a degree in history and as I said to him, I've never used it. So now, I've used it. McLaughlin used boxes of unorganized materials and hours of conversation with senior members of the downtown Savannah post to document its history in what will be his fifth book when it is released this fall. "it was very interesting as a non-native Savannahian to learn a lot about the history of Savannah through the post and its founding ... from the beginning, I felt very at home. And then when Sam said why don't you use your history degree and write a history, it fell right in. I couldn't wait to get started. McLaughlin's study of 1108 Bull Street predates when the Legion purchased from the Chatham Artillery in 1946. "they bought this entire building for \$105,000. Back then, that was money, but \$105,000 compared to what it would be right now. And they turned this into a gathering place for veterans. They turned this into a place for people to come see and meet and greet and talk to people about their experiences. "people that say, gee, I had a great time in the Navy or the Army and I want to go meet the same kind of people. Or people that had trauma or injury, they can sit down with the same people because they went through the same thing. And the history of the post was found in the people who go there. "what I was able to do was find things in newspapers. But I was able to find people who quoted things in newspapers. And sitting and talking to people who have been involved in things here for years was very good. The Ladies Auxiliary was wonderful. Some of the senior members, it was one of those things where they'd say, I've got a couple of things to tell you and you know you're good for two hours. All of those hours added up to eight decades of history. "The American Legion is here for quite a few things, but one thing I like to say is we're here for membership, we're here for the veterans and the community. State, nation? Yeah, we're here for them. But our main three are the ones we want to concentrate on, help our members and help our veterans.

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NATS Cara Bates / Special Events Coordinator "It does not get more patriotic than running on an army airfield with 2000 soldiers, it doesn't get better than that." **NATS** Most of the runners are active duty military – running in honor of all of the lives lost on 9/11. "Their sacrifice wasn't just their sacrifice for themselves or to get people out in the morning, it carried on so much for our country that it is important to remember this stuff and do this kind of remembrance for them." As they crossed the finish line...they each rang the bell...one...by one. Cara Bates / Special Events Coordinator "You'll see within our generation of army, we have multiple levels of generations. We have those people that joined the army because of 9/11 and we have those that were already in and stayed in because of 9/11 and then we have those the soldiers that weren't even born during 9/11 but they grew up understanding the sacrifices that were made on that day." One of those, Captain Gordon who was stationed at Hunter Army Airfield during 9/11 and says he will never forget the unity that came after that day. "I remember going to the ranges and you could hear people honking yeah, go get 'em boys." Watching those soldiers run was Stella Vesga who was actually in New York City on September 11, 2001. "This is just very very special that we never forget." And for the next few days, she encourages you to have a conversation about that day in history. "Take the time to make that phone call and say hey, you remember or the famous question about where you were or things like share your story or share your story share your moment." And this moment in time...one that they will never forget. "It's very emotional, you have a huge sense of pride." Even though the run is over today...they will do a similar run at Fort Stewart tomorrow morning. Reporting at Hunter Army Airfield, SW, WTOC News.

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9/8/2022 9:00:00 AM	MORNING BREAK OD 9 8	BO: POOLER PATRIOT DAY PREVIEW	Also-- Looking ahead - The city of Pooler is hosting their Patriot day this weekend! The event honoring first responders, veterans and active military is free and open to the public. Activities will kick off at 4 p.m. at the Pooler Recreation Complex. There will be live music, local food trucks and you can check out emergency vehicles that will be on display. You can hear More information about the event tomorrow on Morning break and also by visitng our website WTOC dot com.	00:00:28
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9/8/2022 11:01:00 PM	11PM OD	GEN. ROSENBLU M PASSES AWAY	WTOC has some sad news to share tonight. Our friend and local military expert Retired Lieutenant General Donald E. Rosenblum has died. Friends and family knew him as Rosie. He was a Citadel Cadet...before going on to serve our country in a 33-year-long military career. During that time, he was selected to lead the reactivation and installation at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. Rosie retired from the military in 1988... when he started a consulting business in Savannah. Viewers may recognize him as a local expert we've talked to over the years on WTOC. Around town, he's also known by the community groups he served with - including the YMCA of Coastal Georgia and the Rotary Club of Savannah. General Rosenblum was 93 years old.	00:00:44
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For Georgia Southern ROTC students, this morning's PT takes on a whole deeper meaning. (vo) Section by section, they ran the steps of Paulson Stadium just two days before September 11. (sot) I think remembering those who came before us is very important. So I was very excited to get up. (sot) I thought it was awesome as a way to remember the fallen and the people who serve still...an amazing thing to do. (vo) They trek back and forth from one side to the other, from the front row to the highest seat of the stands. It simulates the 110 flights of stairs in the World Trade Center towers climbed by first responders that day. Most cadets weren't even born yet when the attacks happened. Lt. Colonel Sean Hollars was a cadet at West Point...just miles from New York. (sot) From my perspective, the only way I can show them what this means is through the personal experiences that I've had, the people I've known, the people I've lost. (vo) The tradition of this run brought one graduate back to be part of it. (sot) It's just remembrance, and giving back to my school. And it's remembering those who've fallen that fought for us. So it's good to give back. (vo) Colonel Hollars hopes his students grasp that soldiers must always remain ready to defend the freedom that was attacked that day 21 years ago. (sot) At Georgia Southern, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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It's a Pembroke patriotic holiday tradition. But one that flag committee member Amy Barnes says has run into some issues. "We have got 197 flags and crosses out and out of that we only have 59 people that we know have sponsors." The display honors local veterans with a flag and a cross that are placed in the city's center throughout the year. Ernie Mitchell is a flag committee member...and a veteran himself. He says it's been a struggle trying to contact some of the flag's original sponsors. "When we took over the records, there was nothing available. We've tried to find and talk to people who have lived in Pembroke for a long time and tried to get relationships and make contact." And that struggle...is putting a pinch on the committee's funds, says Barnes. "It makes it hard because like I said, it is very cost worthy. We are a non-profit and we try to keep them, but you start running out of funds eventually." So now the group is looking for new sponsors...asking the community to "adopt a veteran" as they call it...to keep the city's flag display going. "There's a lot of guys who sacrificed, that stepped up to do their patriotic duty. We need to acknowledge those guys when they pass away." As Mitchell says, the display helps teach the city's younger generations about wars of the past. "I was shocked at how little young people know about our country, about the wars we've been involved with. They didn't even know when Vietnam was. This is our little way of making that better." The flag committee will once again put up the display on Veterans Day. If you want to get involved with the flag committee...just look for this story on our website...that's WTOC.com Reporting in Pembroke...FS...WTOCN.

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"Frederick John Cox, James Raymond Coyle, Michelle Coyle Alou The country remembered one of its worst days - in the places where the September 11th attacks took place 21 years ago Sunday. And so did our communities - several local tributes honoring the lives lost in what was also a national tragedy. "very emotional. You have a huge sense of pride when see 2,000-plus soldiers coming out and running. Hunter and Fort Stewart held 9-11 Memorial Runs to honor lives lost on that day and since in the War on Terror. Bethel Baptist Church in Richmond Hill held a service to remember 9-11 victims that they hoped would resonate with young people. "I think one of the lessons we can learn in passing that down to the next generation is, life's not necessarily all about you And at St. Helena Anglican Church in Beaufort, a 9-11 widow told of how the support she received then can still be important now. "when things happen in your neighborhood, in our nation, reach out. Help. Nothing is too small to do. And while designed to memorialize individuals, these services also remembered the national reaction to 9-11 that brought the country closer for a while. "It was such a time of unity, it was such a time of blessing, it was such a time when people came together and encouraged and helped and were unified as a nation. And I think the motivation for it was to see some of that take place in our nation again, to see in our communities these communities come together and gather around one common purpose, one goal. WTOC Hometown Heroes brought their communities closer together this weekend with these ceremonies And that might be the best way to show they have not forgotten such a tragedy. "As a city, as a department, we want to remember what happened 21 years ago. But this is symbolic of what a great community we have here in Richmond Hill. Tim Guidera, WTOC news.

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"Rosie fit right in, and he made himself- he just made himself welcome, you know?" Originally from New York, "Rosie", as his friends called him, served in both the Korean and Vietnam wars.. it was his military career that brought him to Savannah. In 1974, he was selected to lead the reactivation of the 24th Infantry Division at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. Weathers: "Hunter Airfield, where I was stationed, was almost closed down. So they reopened that, and it really was a boom for Savannah." He'd eventually earn the title of Major General of the 24th Infantry Division. That's when he met Weathers.. who eventually brought him on at WTOC as a political analyst. Weathers: "I knew that he knew a lot and that it would be good for us and our viewers to get information from a guy that knew who he was talking about, so that's why we got him." After retiring from the military, Rosenblum and his wife chose to stay in Savannah. He spent his days golfing... Weathers: "His lifetime ambition was to beat me.. I'm sorry, he never did! That's the way it goes, you know? But he was a great, great guy to be around and a lot of fun. Laughed about everything." And staying involved in Savannah, until the very end... Weathers: "Every time there was a big community event, there was Rosie. Rosie was there." o o o *FADE*

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**DESCRIPTION OF WTOC (TV) PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST
SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES.**

**GOVERNMENT
JULY 1, 2022– SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

FACE THE NATION

- 07/03/22 **Guests:** Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Biden administration (1); Representative Adam Schiff (D-CA), chair, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, member, Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol (2); Jan Crawford, CBS News chief legal correspondent (3); Olaf Scholz, chancellor, Germany (4); Debora Patta, CBS News foreign correspondent (5); Dr. Henning Tiemeier, director, Maternal Health Task Force, Harvard University (6)
- 1) Topics include: Supreme Court’s decision, ending Mr. Trump’s remain-in-Mexico policy / multilayered approach to handling smugglers; security for Supreme Court justices; heightened threat environment due to domestic violent extremism, including the groups Patriot Front and the Proud Boys
- 2) Topics include: next public hearing’s focus on the efforts to assemble the mob on January 6th, including the participation of White nationalist groups like the Proud Boys / thoughts on prosecuting a former president / leads received after Cassidy Hutchinson’s testimony / concerns over witness safety; investigation into the death of American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh
- 3) a breakdown of the Supreme Court’s term, which included a number of historic and some controversial rulings, plus a look at what comes next
- 4) Topics include: V / preparing for a possible cutoff of Russian gas / global food prices / German dependency on Russia / worldwide threats from autocracies
- 5) a report from South Sudan, where millions were already starving before the war in Ukraine triggered global price hikes
- 07/10/22 **Guests:** Vice President Kamala Harris (1); Governor Glenn Youngkin (R-VA) (2); Representative Jamie Raskin (D-MD) (3); Alex Holder, documentary filmmaker, “Unprecedented” (4)
- Guest Moderator:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent
- 1) Topics include: call for Congress to renew the assault weapons

ban; outrage from democrats over the Supreme Court's decision to take away the constitutional right to an abortion / President Biden's executive order on abortion, seeking to expand and bolster access / need for Congress to codify Roe v. Wade; basketball Brittney Griner's imprisonment in Russia; importance of voting for Democrats in the upcoming midterm elections / waning support from Black Americans for the Biden administration / police reform / President Biden's plan to run for reelection in 2024;

2) Topics include: support for the Supreme Court's decision on abortion / push for a 15-week ban on abortion in Virginia / exceptions for rape, incest and the life of the mother; ending the teaching of "inherently divisive concepts" in public education; security for Supreme Court justices who live in Virginia; state law protecting same-sex marriage; focus of the Republican Party / question of a 2024 presidential run

3) a preview of Tuesday's January 6th committee hearing, where Representative Raskin will be the lead questioner, and questions about possible future witnesses

4) a discussion on "Unprecedented", the new documentary series about the last weeks of the Trump presidency and the events of January 6th, 2021

07/17/22

Guests: Representative Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) (1); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner, Pfizer board member (2); Lilia Luciano, CBS News correspondent (3); Amos Hochstein, special envoy and coordinator, International Energy Affairs (4); Jason Furman, former chairman, Council of Economic Advisers, Obama administration, professor of economic policy, Harvard University (5); Mayor Muriel Bowser, (D-Washington, D.C.) (6)

1) Topics include: missing Secret Service texts from January 5th and 6th, 2021 / focus of this Thursday's prime time committee hearing / former Vice President Mike Pence / former Overstock CEO Patrick Byrne's testimony before the committee / Steve Bannon's comments from October 2021, about Mr. Trump's strategy of declaring himself the winner / Republican Senator Lindsey Graham's challenge of a Georgia grand jury's subpoena related to the election

6) Topics include: her work to create affordable housing and reduce homelessness; buses full of migrants sent by the governors of Texas and Arizona, arriving in Washington, D.C.; monkeypox; preparing for political violence

07/24/22

Guests: Dr. Ashish Jha, White House COVID-19 coordinator (1); Representative Adam Schiff (D-CA), chair, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, member, Select Committee to

Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol (2); John Dickerson, CBS News chief political analyst, CBS News senior national correspondent (3); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (4); Mayor Francis Suarez (R-Miami, FL), chairman, U.S. Conference of Mayors (5); Oksana Markarova, Ukraine's ambassador to the United States (6); Gina Raimondo, Secretary of Commerce, Biden administration (7)

1) Topics include: President Biden's COVID infection / x / Representative Adam Schiff's letter to HHS, criticizing the federal government's response;

2) Topics include: his letter to HHS; Attorney General Merrick Garland's remarks on prosecuting a former president / opinion that Mr. Trump should be investigated related to January 6th / ongoing investigation into direct links between the former president and extremist groups / potential subpoena for Ginni Thomas, married to Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas / lead Secret Service agent Tony Ornato / actions of the Secret Service on January 5th and 6th

3) a discussion on the impact of Thursday's prime time January 6th committee hearing, which revealed former President Trump's conduct during and after the assault on the U.S. Capitol

5) Topics include: measures taken by the city of Miami to address the impact of climate change; his working relationship with Florida Governor Ron DeSantis

7) Topics include: CHIPS semiconductor bill; inflation; Biden administration's climate agenda

07/31/22

Guests: Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) (1); Senator Pat Toomey (R-PA) (2); Neel Kashkari, president, Minneapolis Federal Reserve (3); Anthony Salvanto, CBS News elections and surveys director (4); Asma Khalid, NPR (5); Jonathan Martin, senior political correspondent, The New York Times, co-author, "This Will Not Pass" (5); Ramesh Ponnuru, editor, The National Review (5); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (5)

Guest Moderator: John Dickerson, CBS News chief political analyst, CBS News senior national correspondent

1) Topics include: his work with Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer on the Inflation Reduction Act / defense of closing loopholes to raise the corporate tax / Republican criticism / question of Senator Kyrsten Sinema's support; change in Republican support for the PACT Act, a health care bill for veterans exposed to toxins

4) CBS News Battleground Tracker: debut of the 2022 CBS News Battleground Tracker, which finds Republicans start the 2022

campaign with a lead in the race for the House

5) Topics include: reaction to the Battleground Tracker poll results on the midterm elections / factors influencing Democrats' lack of enthusiasm for President Biden / the President's recent comments about the state of the U.S. economy / impact of former President Trump and other issues on the midterm elections

08/07/22

Guests: Senator Rick Scott (R-FL) (1); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner, Pfizer board member (2); Mary Daly, president and CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (3); Representative Gregory Meeks (D-NY), chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee (4); Hsiao Bi-khim, Taiwan's representative to the United States (5); Representative Peter Meijer (R-MI) (6)
Correspondent: Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (5)

1) Topics include: his opposition to the long-stalled bill designed to help fight climate change,; November mid-terms / President Biden's approval rating / problematic Republican candidates in Georgia and Arizona / election security;

4) Topics include: Democratic achievements as the mid-terms approach; his recent trip to Taiwan with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi / Chinese government's angry response to the visit

6) Topics include: his primary loss to Trump-endorsed election denier John Gibbs / advertisement run by the Democratic Congressional Committee to boost his opponent / former President Trump's sway over the Republican Party

08/14/22

Guests: Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (1); Jeff Pegues, CBS News chief national affairs and justice correspondent (1); Scott MacFarlane, CBS News congressional correspondent (1); Representative Adam Schiff (D-CA), chairman, House Intelligence Committee, author, "Midnight in Washington" (2); Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), former FBI agent (3); Representative Michael McCaul (R-TX), former federal prosecutor (4); Imtiaz Tyab, CBS News foreign correspondent (5); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News foreign correspondent (6); Alberto Carvalho, superintendent, Los Angeles Unified School District (7)

1) a discussion of the latest reporting on the Justice Department's investigation into documents seized from former President Donald Trump's home in Florida, including online domestic threats to law enforcement around the United States

2) Topics include: his request for a damage assessment from the intelligence community and a briefing to Congress, related to the documents Mr. Trump had at his Florida residence / threats made against the FBI and FBI agents by some Republicans over the

search / investigation of Congressman Scott Perry and his actions concerning the 2020 election and the slate of fake electors;
3) Topics include: request to see the affidavit of probable cause / need for Republicans and Democrats to “reserve judgment” on the FBI’s search of the former President Trump’s home / 2018 law that made it a felony to possess documents or materials containing classified information / threats and incendiary language against the FBI / his concern for the safety of law enforcement officers

08/21/22

Guests: Miguel Cardona, U.S. secretary of education (1); Dr. Deborah Birx, former White House coronavirus response coordinator, Trump administration (2); Charlie D’Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (3); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH), ranking member, House Intelligence Committee (4); Rikki Klieman, criminal defense lawyer, CBS News legal analyst (5); David Laufman, former chief, Counterintelligence and Export Control Section, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice (5); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (6); Amy Walter, editor-in-chief, *The Cook Political Report* (6)

Correspondent: Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (1) (2)

Guest Moderator: Ed O’Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent

2) Topics include: reaction to the announcement from CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky, about a complete, systemic overhaul of the agency, citing its botched COVID response / call for Congress to step in and assist / problems at the CDC; spread of monkeypox

4) Topics include: a Florida federal judge’s request that the Justice Department prepare a redacted version of the affidavit that set off the FBI operation at Mr. Trump’s home / polling indicating the public’s support for the investigation / his criticism of the FBI; issues worth investigating and the need to focus on national security; Ohio Republican Senate candidate J.D. Vance

5) a discussion and a more detailed look at all the legal problems swirling around Donald Trump, including at least 13 federal, state and congressional investigations and lawsuits involving the former president

6) Topics include: current state of the Biden presidency and the Democratic Party / 2022 mid-term elections; possible Republican contenders for 2024 presidential campaign

08/28/22

Guests: Robert Costa, CBS News chief elections and campaign correspondent (1) (5); Michael Morell, CBS News national security contributor and former acting CIA director (1); Anthony Salvanto, CBS News director of elections and surveys (2) (5); Jaime

Harrison, DNC chair (3); Gov. Larry Hogan (R-MD) (4); Debora Patta, CBS News foreign correspondent (6); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (7); Dr. Kate Rubins, NASA astronaut and Artemis team member (7)

Major Garrett, CBS News chief Washington correspondent

1) a discussion about the affidavit justifying the FBI search of former President Donald Trump's Florida home, and the potential legal and national security implications of the search

2) Topics include: improved estimated results of midterm elections for democrats / voter response to the issue of abortion / improved approval ratings for President Biden / Mr. Trump's influence on voters / changing economic factors influencing voters

3) Topics include: Democratic momentum in the midterm elections / possibility of Democrats maintaining the majority in the House of Representatives / Democratic response to inflation / President Biden's effectiveness so far in his presidency / the role of the economy and abortion rights informing voters / the possibility of President Biden running for reelection

4) Topics include: divisive rhetoric across party lines / political implications of the FBI search of Mr. Trump's home / Republican campaign efforts / divisions among Republican candidates / projected outcome of the midterm elections for Republican candidates

7) Topics include: expectations for the un-manned Artemis 1 mission / implications of this mission for future Artemis missions, including a moon landing with Artemis 3 / the potential for sending humans to Mars / increased diversity among NASA astronauts

09/04/22

Guests: Mark Strassman, CBS News senior national correspondent (1); Representative Jamie Raskin, (D-MD) (2); Jocelyn Benson, Michigan secretary of state (D) (3); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (4); Scott MacFarlane, CBS News congressional correspondent (4); Deval Patrick, former governor (D-MA), co-director, Center for Public Leadership and professor of the practice of public leadership, Harvard Kennedy School (5); Jared Holt, senior research manager, Institute for Strategic Dialogue (7); Karen Kornbluh, senior fellow and director, German Marshall Fund's Digital Innovations and Democracy Initiative (7)

Guest Moderator: Major Garrett, CBS News chief Washington correspondent (6)

1) a report from Atlanta on election deniers' ascendancy for key roles in six important battleground states: Nevada, Arizona, Wisconsin, Michigan, Georgia and Pennsylvania

2) Topics include: former President Donald Trump's continued claims that the 2020 election was fraudulent / challenges to the

January 6th committee's investigation / potential information that will be included in the committee's report

3) Topics include: threats to midterm elections / existing regulations to ensure election security and accuracy / voter education

4) a discussion with a focus group of Trump supporters about new information regarding the FBI investigation at Mr. Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate, as well as the January 6th investigation

5) Topics include: effects of the Trump presidency / young Americans' relationship with democracy / the business community's role in democracy

6) a discussion with voters who continue to support Mr. Trump, and a debate about continued scrutiny towards the former President

7) a discussion about the internet's role in democracy, and the effects of online divisions

09/11/22

Guests: Senator Mark Warner (D-VA), chairman, Senate Intelligence Committee (1); General Frank McKenzie (retired), former commander, U.S. Central Command (2); Dame Karen Pierce, British ambassador to the U.S. (4); Debora Patta, CBS News foreign correspondent (5) Oksana Markarova, Ukraine's ambassador to the U.S. (6); Mayor Chokwe Lumumba (D-Jackson, MS) (7)

Guest Correspondent: Norah O'Donnell, anchor, CBS EVENING NEWS (3)

1) Topics include; bipartisan divisions in America /

3) a report from London on Queen Elizabeth II's death

4) Topics include: global impact of the Queen's death / King Charles III's duty to adequately acknowledge British colonialism / transition from empire to commonwealth / future of the Good Friday Agreement in Northern Ireland

7) a live interview with Mayor Lumumba on the continued efforts to restore clean water to the residents of Jackson, MS

09/18/22

Guests: Representative Henry Cuellar (D-TX) (1); Jeh Johnson, former United States secretary of homeland security, Obama administration (2); Mark Strassman, CBS News senior national correspondent (3); Debora Patta, CBS News foreign correspondent (4); Andriy Kostin, prosecutor general of Ukraine (5); Robert Pape, professor, University of Chicago (6); Major Garrett, CBS News chief Washington correspondent (7); David Becker, CBS News election law contributor (7)

6) a discussion about the threat of political violence around the midterm elections, including the effects of online extremism

7) a discussion about the guests' new book on the state of American democracy, The Big Truth: Upholding Democracy In The Age Of The Big Lie

09/25/22

Guests: Debora Patta, CBS News foreign correspondent (1); Volodymyr Zelenskyy, president of Ukraine (2); Jake Sullivan, White House national security adviser, Biden administration (3); Anthony Salvanto, CBS News elections and surveys director (4); Mark Strassman, CBS News senior national correspondent (5); Raphael Bostic, president and CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (6); Representative Pete Aguilar (D-CA) (7)

1) a report from Kyiv, Ukraine on referendums staged by Russia in disputed areas of Ukraine, a process the West has denounced as a sham

4) CBS News Battleground Tracker: a discussion about poll results for the upcoming midterm elections and people's fear that democracy is under threat

7) Topics include: trust in elections and the risk of political violence; Wednesday's scheduled public hearing for the January 6th committee / Mr. Trump's role in the insurrection at the Capitol / continued investigations into the Capitol riot

60 MINUTES

07/31/22

"Drawing Truth to Power" – an interview with Badiucao. The Chinese political cartoonist and street artist is exiled in Australia due to his criticism of China's government. Includes an interview with Zhou Fengsuo, a student who marched for democracy in Tiananmen Square. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Draggan Mihailovich, Jacqueline Williams) (OAD: 12/26/21)

09/18/22

60 MINUTES (55th SEASON PREMIERE) (8:01 – 9:01p)
"President Biden" – an interview with President Joe Biden, his first 60 MINUTES interview since taking office as the 46th president of the United States. Conducted at the White House and in Detroit, he discusses Russia's invasion of Ukraine, midterm elections and other topics. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Maria Gavrilovic) DOUBLE LENGTH

09/25/22

"Inside The Committee" – an interview with Denver Riggleman, a former Republican congressman from Virginia. As a former intelligence officer and senior technical adviser to the January 6th committee, he discusses his role in investigating the attack on the U.S. Capitol and his new book, The Breach. Includes an interview with

Christine Riggleman, his wife. (See also: “January 6th”, OAD: 01/10/21; “The Threat”, OAD: 01/17/21; “Prosecuting the Riot”, OAD: 03/21/21; “The Oath Keepers”, OAD: 04/18/21; and “Rep. Liz Cheney”, OAD: 09/26/21) (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Graham Messick)

CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT

In addition to the coverage on the regularly scheduled news programs related to the January 6th Capitol Assault Hearings, CBS News provided the following live coverage:

07/12/22 **CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT: CBS NEWS: JAN. 6TH CAPITOL ASSAULT HEARINGS** (1:00 - 4:03p) - live coverage of the seventh public hearing of the Select Committee to Investigate the Attack on the United States Capitol, the House committee responsible for investigating the January 6th, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol by a pro-Trump mob. The focus of this hearing are the violent extremist groups that stormed the U.S. Capitol, the links between extremist groups and Donald Trump’s associates and how Mr. Trump and his allies summoned them to Washington, DC. The time period covered is from December 14th, 2020, when the Electoral College met and certified the results of the 2020 election, up through the morning of January 6th, 2021. Coverage includes: (1) Calling the select committee to order and comments from Representative and Select Committee Chairman Bennie Thompson (D-MS); (2) Opening statement from Representative and Select Committee Vice Chairwoman Liz Cheney (R-WY); (3) Opening statements from Representative Stephanie Murphy (D-FL) and Representative Jamie Raskin (D-MD); (4) Presentation of a timeline of actions taken between December 14th, 2020 and January 6th, which includes a review of video testimony by Representative Murphy and Representative Raskin. The video testimony includes excerpts from last week’s appearance of former White House Counsel Pat Cipollone before the House select committee investigating the January 6th attack on the Capitol. Recorded excerpts of Mr. Cipollone’s testimony appear throughout today’s hearing; (5) Correspondents’ commentary and analysis while the committee is in recess; (6) Calling the committee to order by Chairman Thompson; (7) Presentation of evidence linking the extremist groups with Donald Trump’s associates and how Mr. Trump and his allies called them to Washington, DC by Representative Raskin and Representative Murphy; (8) Swearing in and questioning of witnesses Jason Van Tatenhove and Stephen Ayres by Chairman

Thompson. Mr. Van Tatenhove, an artist and journalist, is a former spokesman of the Oath Keepers, a far-right antigovernment group; he has spoken out forcefully against them. Mr. Ayres is a former supporter of President Trump, who answered the President's call to come to Washington, DC on January 6th; he pleaded guilty last month to disorderly and disruptive conduct at the Capitol; (9) Questioning of Mr. Ayres by Vice Chair Cheney; (10) Questioning of Mr. Ayres by Representative Murphy; (11) Questioning of Mr. Van Tatenhove and Mr. Ayres by Representative Raskin; (12) Representative Raskin's closing statement; (13) Representative Murphy's closing statement; (14) Representative Cheney's closing statement and preview of next week's hearing; (15) Chairman Thompson's closing statement and adjournment and (16) Correspondents' commentary and analysis. Origination: Capitol Hill. Correspondents: Norah O'Donnell, anchor (CBS News Washington); John Dickerson, CBS News chief political analyst, CBS News senior national correspondent (CBS News Washington); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (CBS News Washington); Jeff Pegues, CBS News chief national affairs and justice correspondent (CBS News Washington); Nikole Killion, CBS News congressional correspondent (Capitol Hill); Scott MacFarlane, CBS News congressional correspondent (CBS News Washington); Catherine Herridge, CBS News senior investigative correspondent (CBS Washington).

07/21/22

CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT: CBS NEWS: JAN. 6TH CAPITOL ASSAULT HEARINGS (8:00 - 10:58p) - live coverage of the eighth public - and the second broadcast in prime time - hearing of the Select Committee to Investigate the Attack on the United States Capitol, the House committee responsible for investigating the January 6th, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol by a pro-Trump mob. The focus of this hearing are President Trump's actions during the 187 minutes of the deadly Capitol assault, from when he finished his remarks instructing tens of thousands of supporters at and near the Ellipse rally to march to the Capitol at 1:10pm, to 4:17pm, when Mr. Trump tweeted out a video statement filmed in the Rose Garden, instructing his supporters to go home. Coverage includes: (1) Comments from Representative and Select Committee Chairman Bennie Thompson (D-MS). Mr. Thompson is not present at tonight's hearing, due to his positive COVID diagnosis; Vice Chair Cheney was asked to preside over this evening's hearing. (2) Opening statement from Representative and Select Committee Vice Chairwoman Liz Cheney (R-WY); (3) Opening statements from Representative Elaine Luria (D-VA) and Representative Adam Kinzinger (R-IL); (4) Swearing in and questioning of witnesses

Matthew Pottinger and Sarah Matthews by Vice Chair Cheney. Mr. Pottinger is a decorated former Marine intelligence officer, who served in the Trump White House from the first day of the Trump administration through the early morning hours of January 7th, 2021. His last role in the White House was as Deputy National Security Adviser to the President of the United States. Ms. Matthews started her career in communications, serving on the Republican staffs of several House committees. She worked as Deputy Press Secretary for President Trump's reelection campaign before joining the Trump White House in June of 2020, where she served as Deputy Press Secretary and Special Assistant to the President until the evening of January 6th, 2021. (5) Presentation of evidence detailing Mr. Trump's actions on January 6th, including videotaped excerpts of witness interviews and committee depositions by Representative Luria and Representative Kinzinger, who questions Ms. Matthews on the proximity of the press briefing room from the Oval Office dining room. (6) Presentation and questioning of witnesses Matthews and Pottinger by Representative Luria; (7) Correspondents' commentary and analysis while the committee is in recess; (8) Presentation and questioning of witnesses Matthews and Pottinger by Representative Kinzinger; (9) Presentation and questioning of Ms. Matthews by Representative Luria; (10) Presentation and questioning of witnesses Matthews and Pottinger by Representative Kinzinger; (11) Presentation and questioning of Mr. Pottinger by Representative Luria; (12) Representative Kinzinger's closing statement; (13) Representative Luria's closing statement; (14) Vice Chair Cheney's instructions for tonight's witnesses; (15) Chairman Thompson's closing remarks; (16) Vice Chair Cheney's closing statement and adjournment of the committee; and (17) Correspondents' commentary and analysis. Origination: Capitol Hill. Correspondents: Norah O'Donnell, anchor (CBS News Washington); John Dickerson, CBS News chief political analyst, CBS News senior national correspondent (CBS News Washington); Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (CBS News Washington); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (CBS News Washington); Jeff Pegues, CBS News chief national affairs and justice correspondent (no location given); Scott MacFarlane, CBS News congressional correspondent (CBS News Washington); Nikole Killion, CBS News congressional correspondent (Capitol Hill); Major Garrett, CBS News chief Washington correspondent (CBS Washington).

CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT

CBS News provided live coverage of the events surrounding the death and state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, who died Thursday, September 8th. In addition to the coverage on the regularly scheduled news programs, this live coverage included:

- 09/08/22 **CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT: Remembering Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022** (1:33 - 2:31p) – Queen Elizabeth II, the longest-serving British monarch, died today at Balmoral Castle, her summer home in Scotland; she was 96-years-old. Born Elizabeth Alexandra Mary in 1926, she was only 25-years-old when she became queen; she ruled longer than any other monarch in British history. Her oldest son, Prince Charles, succeeds her now as Britain's new monarch, King Charles III. Coverage includes: a report narrated by Mark Phillips, on the Queen's life; live coverage of a statement from Prime Minister Liz Truss; and other live reporting, commentary and analysis on the life and legacy of her Majesty, what to expect in the coming days, Britain's relationship with America, the future of the monarchy and King Charles III. Also includes a recorded excerpt of Gayle King's interview with Sir Paul McCartney. Correspondents / Contributors: Norah O'Donnell, anchor (Washington, DC); Mark Phillips, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (CBS News London); Holly Williams, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (Buckingham Palace, London); Tina Brown, CBS News royal contributor, author, "The Diana Chronicles"; Amanda Foreman, CBS News royal contributor, British historian; and Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (Washington, DC).
- 09/09/22 **CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT: Remembering Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022** (12:55 - 1:24p) – live coverage as the British people and the world await the broadcast of King Charles III's first address as king, recorded earlier today. Origination: Blue Drawing Room, Buckingham Palace, London. Address preceded and followed by Correspondents' commentary and analysis. Correspondents / Contributors: Norah O'Donnell, anchor (Buckingham Palace, London); Julian Payne, CBS News royal contributor, former communications director for the former Prince of Wales (Buckingham Palace, London); Mark Phillips, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (CBS News London); Elizabeth Palmer, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh, Scotland); and Roxana Saberi, CBS News foreign correspondent (Windsor Castle, Windsor).
- 09/11/22 **CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT: Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022** (6:01 - 6:02p) – CBS NEWS UPDATE: Queen Elizabeth's coffin left Balmoral Castle and traveled to Edinburgh – the Queen's state funeral will take place on Monday, September 19th in London; King

Charles III and Camilla were welcomed today at Buckingham Palace; a public reunion this weekend for Princes William and Harry and their wives, outside of Windsor Castle; and America pauses 21 years after the September 11 attacks. Anchor: Norah O'Donnell (London).

09/14/22

CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT: Remembering Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022 (9:00 - 10:27a) - live coverage of the procession of Queen Elizabeth II's coffin, borne on a Gun Carriage of the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery, from Buckingham Palace to the Palace of Westminster, and the service in Westminster Hall to receive the Queen's coffin. The short service was conducted by The Most Reverend Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; he was assisted by The Very Reverend David Hoyle, Dean of Westminster. After the four days of lying in state, the Queen's state funeral will take place Monday at Westminster Abbey. Correspondents / Contributors: Norah O'Donnell, anchor; Holly Williams, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (Buckingham Palace); Wesley Kerr, former BBC royal correspondent, historian; Julian Payne, CBS News royal contributor, former communications director for the former Prince of Wales; Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (London); Tina Brown, CBS News royal contributor; Mark Phillips, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (Westminster Hall); Imtiaz Tyab, CBS News foreign correspondent (London); and Ramy Inocencio, CBS News foreign correspondent (London).

09/19/22

CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT: Remembering Queen Elizabeth II (1926-2022) (5:30 - 8:56a) - live coverage of the procession of the Queen's coffin from the Palace of Westminster to Westminster Abbey; the State Funeral Service, conducted by The Very Reverend David Hoyle, Dean of Westminster, with the Sermon and the Commendation given by The Most Reverend Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; and the final journey of the Queen's coffin on the State Gun Carriage through London, to Wellington Arch, where it was placed in the State Hearse and began its journey to Windsor. Also includes: an interview with Lorna Ogilvie, chair, Royal Scottish Country Dance Society; and an exclusive interview with former President Barack Obama, courtesy of the BBC. Mr. Obama filmed this tribute recalling his memories of the Queen for their coverage of her death. Additional commentary and analysis provided by: Robert Lacey, royal historian, biographer, advisor for the Netflix series, "The Crown" (Buckingham Palace); and Roya Nikkhah, royal editor, The Sunday Times (London). Correspondents / Contributors: Norah O'Donnell, co-anchor (London); Gayle King, co-anchor (London); Holly Williams, CBS

News senior foreign correspondent (Westminster Abbey); Tina Brown, CBS News royal contributor (London); Wesley Kerr, former BBC royal correspondent, historian (London); Julian Payne, CBS News royal contributor, former communications director for the former Prince of Wales (London); Mark Phillips, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (Buckingham Palace); Remy Inocencio, CBS News foreign correspondent (London); Roxana Saberi, CBS News foreign correspondent (Hyde Park, London); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (Windsor, England).

CBS NEWS SPECIAL BROADCAST

On **Tuesday, July 12**, a CBS News Special Report (January 6 Capitol Assault Hearings) aired for 3:03:10 from 1:00:00-4:03:10pm cny, live to all stations.

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On **Thursday, July 21**, a CBS News Special Report (President Biden Tests Positive for Coronavirus) aired for 4:26 from 10:41:03-10:45:29am cny, live to all stations. In addition, a CBS News Special Report (January 6 Capitol Assault Hearings) aired from 8:00:00-10:58:26pm cny, live to all stations.

On **Thursday, August 11**, a CBS News Special Report (Attorney General Merrick Garland statement on the FBI search of Donald Trump's property in Mar-a-Lago, Florida) aired for 11:04 from 3:03:23-3:14:27pm cny, live to all stations.

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On **Friday, August 26**, a CBS News Special Report (Justice Department unseals parts of the affidavit used to justify the search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago) aired for 10:57 from 12:35:05-12:46:02pm cny, live to all stations.

On **Thursday, September 8**, a CBS News Special Report (Queen Elizabeth II dies at age 96) aired for 58:43 from 1:32:45-2:31:28pm cny, live to all stations.

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On **Friday, September 9**, a CBS News Special Report (King Charles Speech) aired for 28:36 from 12:55:02-1:23:38pm cny, live to all stations.

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On **Sunday, September 11**, a CBS News Special Report (Queen Elizabeth II Update) aired live for 1:00 from 5:50:20-5:51:20pm cnyt for stations on the NFL ON CBS: Las Vegas @ Los Angeles game and from 6:00:50-6:01:50pm cnyt for stations on the NFL ON CBS: Kansas City @ Arizona game.

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On **Wednesday, September 14**, a CBS News Special Report (Queen Elizabeth II's coffin in procession from Buckingham Palace to the Palace of Westminster and ceremonial service) aired for 1:26:56 from 9:00-10:26:56am cnyt, live to all stations.

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On **Monday, September 19**, a CBS News Special Report (Queen Elizabeth II's Funeral) aired for 3:26:10 from 5:30-8:56:10am cnyt, live to all stations.

JUST THE FACTS-SUNDAYS 11:30AM

9/18/22 NRSC Chair, Sen. Rick Scott, on the GOP's odds of flipping the senate

9/24/22 Rep. Cheri Bustos, former chair of the DCCC, talks inflation, abortion, Jan. 6th & midterms

WTOC NEWSCASTS

**ISSUE 19 ALERTING THE PUBLIC ON FEDERAL, LOCAL, STATE.
BOYFRIEND LOOPHOLE LAW IN SC, GA GAS TAX SUSPENSION, WH ON
FEDERAL GAS HOLIDAY, GEORGIA'S SAFE HAVEN LAW, SAVANNAH
WOMEN'S HEALTH CLINIC ON ABORTION, GA COVID MONEY,
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PANELS, SC NEW ABORTION LAWS, SAVANNAH OBGYN V WADE, SEN
WARNOCK ON SEMICONDUCTOR BILL, GA ABORTION BAN INJUNCTION
LIFTED, 1ST DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL RACE, GA FILM INDUSTRY
IMPACT, GA TAX CLAIMS ON UNBORN CHILDREN, BEAUFORT
GREENSPACE TAX, CHANGING COVID GUIDELINES, SC ABORTION
HEARING, SEN OSSOFF ON RAILROAD DELAYS INQUIRY, WARNOCK
HOUSING BILL INTRODUCED, SC PARENTAL LEAVE LAW, LOCAL
PRIORITIES IN GOVT
SPENDING BILL,
SOURCE: PRESIDENT BIDEN, CBS, CONGRESS, SENATE GOV. KEMP,
GOV. MCMASTER, BUDDY CARTER, ETC**

The South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault says laws designed to protect victims and survivors of intimate partner violence don't always take into account how society has changed when it comes to relationships. For example, a lot more people now don't get married as quickly as they once did – and more are in longer-term dating relationships. The organization says this change in law catches up – and recognizes this violence happens in all kinds of relationships. "And that all those victims and survivors need equal protection." Under the old law – a person convicted of domestic abuse was banned from having a gun if they had been married to the victim, had lived with them, or had a child with them. This new law closes the so-called "boyfriend loophole" – and expands that prohibition to offenders who have been in a dating relationship with the victim. This is especially significant in South Carolina – which ranks seventh among all states in the percentage of women who experience intimate partner violence at some point in their lives. A recent study found the state has the sixth-highest rate of women killed by men – and in intimate partner relationships, guns are used in more than 80-percent of those homicides. "This is federal law, so it would need to be implemented by federal agencies, and that's a weakness. ... Although I think this is an important statement in recognizing that the boyfriend loophole exists and that we need to make changes, implementation of it is going to be very difficult to have any meaningful impact." Barber says a bigger loophole remains in state law – in which domestic violence protections, including firearm restrictions, only apply in situations in which the abuser and victim have been married, live or have lived together, or share a child – so many dating relationships aren't covered. Barber says that's the law that really needs to change to have a more significant impact in South Carolina. Reporting from the State House, I'm Mary Green.

7/1/2022 4:30AM DAYBREAK BOYFRIEND LOOPHOLE IN
4:30:00 AM OD SC

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4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

GA GAS TAX SUSPENSION
EXTEN.

This is the second extension of the Governor's order first signed in May. Georgia's average gas prices have been the some of the lowest in the nation because of it. A separate order also signed today renews the State of Emergency for Supply Chain Disruptions. These two orders are effective through August 13th.

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WH ON FEDERAL GAS
HOLIDAY LEG.

"And thanks in part to federal dollars that we sent out through the American Rescue Plan last year, state governments are generally in good shape, so they should be able to back fill some of the revenue loss that they've seen from these gas tax holidays and make sure that, whether they go to roads or highways or whatever purpose that money normally goes to, there's other sources of revenue that you can use to make sure those projects still continue." WTOC will track this push and let you know if Congress takes it up.

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7/2/2022 6:00:00 AM	6AM DAYBREAK SATURDAY OD	WH ON FEDERAL GAS HOLIDAY LEG.	<p>"And thanks in part to federal dollars that we sent out through the American Rescue Plan last year, state governments are generally in good shape, so they should be able to back fill some of the revenue loss that they've seen from these gas tax holidays and make sure that, whether they go to roads or highways or whatever purpose that money normally goes to, there's other sources of revenue that you can use to make sure those projects still continue." WTOC will track this push and let you know if Congress takes it up.</p>	00:00:30
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7/6/2022 11:01:00 PM	11PM OD	GEORGIA'S SAFE HAVEN LAW	<p>"Safe haven" laws are gaining more attention nationally and locally following the reversal of Roe v Wade. Justice Samuel Alito wrote his opinion following the Supreme Court's decision saying states have "increasingly adopted "safe haven" laws, allowing women to drop off babies anonymously. "Georgia law allows a mother to leave a newborn at a few places....they can go to the police department or a fire station is also a safe haven." The hospital is also an option. But in Savannah -- there haven't been many reports of it happening. "Fortunately or unfortunately, during the time that I've been here in the last 13 years, we've had no babies dropped off at the hospital" Years before the law went into effect in 2002, and before she became Greenbriar Children's center's executive director, Gena Taylor says they had to be a resource for an abandoned child "We have had an incident where a child had come to greenbriar that was found in a dumpster and that law actually was not in effect then" But under Georgia Law, Greenbriar is NOT recognized as a safe haven "we see on an annual basis the number of babies that are lost because of a mom who may be fearful or just don't know what to do." In Georgia, the Safe Place for Newborns Act gives criminal immunity to a mother who leaves her baby with a staff member or volunteer at any of the designated facilities only if the child is no more than thirty days old. "We do not accept babies picnic baskets. You need to actually hand it to an employee of the hospital." The HOPE BOX, a nonprofit that partners with the state to rescue and raise awareness of infant abandonment reported AND Every day in GA there are 22 infants abused, neglected, or abandoned" "We really need to increase the awareness about it so a mother does not feel like she has to cause any type of harm to her newborn child"</p>	00:01:46
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7/7/2022 4:30AM
4:30:00 AM DAYBREAK BO: KANDISS TAYLOR
OD TWEET

Here is Taylor's tweet reacting to the explosion. She implies that the destruction was an act of God. It's worth pointing out - the stones have no established purpose - religious or otherwise. According to the official Georgia state tourism website, the stones are a family friendly attraction that feature messages about the "conservation of mankind" in 12 different languages.

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"Abortion, it can be confusing." The supreme court decision to allow states the right to make it illegal to have or perform an abortion has brought up protests, celebration AND QUESTIONS around the country including here in Savannah. "Because of the overturning of Roe V Wade, here in the State of Georgia there's a good possibility that pregnant women who carry far enough along that a heartbeat can be detected will not be able to have an abortion and that includes who realizes later down the line their baby may have birth defects." "In cases like down syndrome that's not considered a fetal anomaly or one that would be life threatening to a mother and that would fall under an elective procedure." ..that's according to Dr. Glen Scarbrough at Savannah OB/GYN. According to the CDC, different tests to look for certain birth defects or chromosomal disorders, like Down Syndrome, are ran from weeks 11 to 13 of pregnancy. That's typically after a heartbeat is detected. But Dr. Scarbrough says nothing changes in instances where women miscarry and require a Dilation and Curettage also known as a D&C or have ectopic pregnancies. "With regards to ectopic pregnancies where the conception is implanted somewhere outside of the uterus in the tube and there have been some rumors that have been circulating that patients are not going to be able to have ectopic pregnancies managed because of this reversal of Roe V Wade and that's not true." He adds he believes women carrying a baby that will not survive after birth will have the option to terminate the pregnancy even in states with a ban. "There may be a fetal anomaly that is not compatible with life after delivery then those mother would still be able to take advantage of pregnancy termination in the event that it's a lethal anomaly for the health benefits of the mother." The State of Georgia has filed to reverse a previous decision and allow the Heartbeat Law to take affect. Camille Syed WTOG News. 00:01:55

7/8/2022
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

SAV OBGYN ON ROE V.
WADE RULING

7/8/2022
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD GA 2022 FISCAL YEAR
ENDS

New numbers from the Georgia governors office showing tax revenue collections are up for the whole year. The end of June also marks the end of the 20-22 fiscal year... Those numbers show an increase in overall tax revenue for Georgia over the last year to the tune of 6 point 1-9 billion dollars. That's a 23 percent increase from 20-21.

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7/11/2022
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD GA COVID MONEY

Georgia is trying to figure out how to spend 2.4 Billion dollars. It's the final installment from a COVID-19 relief package passed by Congress last year.

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Concerns are flooding women's nurse practitioner Georganna Wiley as she's anticipating the Heartbeat law to take effect any day now in Georgia. "What are we about to do about this surge in unwanted babies that is about to come." Previously blocked by a judge, it's a law that will ban abortions after a heartbeat is detected in Georgia. Because Roe v Wade was overturned, it is expected to go into place in the coming weeks. One of her biggest concerns is access to birth control. "Most people don't have a health care provider that they can go to for birth control, so now if they want to get on birth control and they're like, 'oh do I go to a gynecology provider?' Most of those providers aren't taking new clients. There are some great websites online where you can get access to birth control but then what if you have migraines with auras or high blood pressure or you're a smoker or you have those risk factors and actually need to see somebody to get on something." Wiley is worried that women will get an abortion whether it's illegal or not. She says in states with a ban there's a surge of what some call natural abortions. "That come with kidney damage and if it's not successful, it's poisonous to the fetus, then what are you going to do." At Rebirth Holistic Women's Health, Wiley works with many patients who are victims of sexual trauma. "I mean over half of women have history of sexual trauma and that's just the ones who report it." While she has concerns, the Heartbeat Law says women who are victims of rape or incest can have an abortion up until 20 weeks. "I'm hoping that there will be more social services that become available to support foster families, support teen pregnancies, increase funding for Medicaid." These solutions she says are vital for women's health. Camille Syed WTOG News.

7/11/2022
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

SAVANNAH WOMENS
HEALTH CLINIC ON
ABORTION

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7/12/2022 6AM SAVANNAH WOMENS
6:00:00 AM DAYBREAK HEALTH CLINIC ON
OD ABORTION

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7/13/2022
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

LOCALIZING BIRTH
CONTROL ACCESS

The surge in people scrambling to get prescribed for birth control pills comes after some states have either already imposed or are in the process of imposing bans on abortion. Owner and Pharmacist of Georgetown Drug Company Neal Hollis says they're stocking up on the tablets just in case. "Seeing it happen in larger cities and things like that, I think it's a possibility that it could affect us. At this point right now, I'm not sure that it will but like I said down the road you always want to be more prepared than not prepared." Also this week...HRA Pharma sent an application to the FDA requesting to sell birth control over the counter. "While an over the counter method of birth control could be on the way, he says women need that visit with their health care provider before being prescribed these tablets." Dr. Neal Hollis, owner of Georgetown Drug Company "Especially you know the reproductive system of a female is very, very fragile and I wouldn't want to see something that someone buys over the counter kind of mess that up for not only them currently but the future." He says that visit is especially important to figure out which method of birth control is best for you.

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7/13/2022
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

SC NEW ABORTION
LAWSUIT

Governor Henry McMaster responded to the suit moments after it was filed, saying "I think our state law is a good law, and I think we will ultimately prevail."

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From city buildings like the Floyd Adams Administrative Complex building, to several community centers around Savannah ... even the headquarters for the Savannah Fire Department and Savannah Police. Once completed, it would cover 19 city facilities, and give the city the largest solar energy portfolio in the state. Of course, that all depends on if Council votes to pursue the initiative and approve the contract. The proposed partnership is a 25-year agreement with Atlanta-based Cherry Street Energy, that would see 19 solar energy systems installed at 19 city facilities. Savannah Alderman Nick Palumbo says what the city had already budgeted for energy and air conditioning costs for the identified buildings will go toward the cost of the new system. And once installed, the city anticipates they'll save 30-thousand dollars a year in energy costs. "The scales have tipped to the point where it's much more cost-effective for us to put solar panels up. Not only do they pay for themselves, but they pay us. And you get three new roofs out of the deal for the city, workforce training capabilities that are going to be provided by the contractor, and lots more to come." City staff also says the estimated energy cost savings compared to last year is about three percent. In Savannah Sean Evans, WTOG News.

7/13/2022
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD SOLAR PANELS

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"We use chips in everything from washers and dryers and automobiles to our high tech military weapons. And we're waiting on microchips from Asia to be put in military weapons in the United States of America. Does it make any sense." Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said the chamber will take its first procedural vote on the package on Tuesday.

7/19/2022
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD SEN. WARNOCK ON SEMICONDUCTOR

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7/19/2022
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD

SEN. WARNOCK ON
SEMICONDUCTOR

Semiconductors are used to build computer chips and electronics. The Biden Administration is warning a shortage of American -made semiconductor chips poses a national security threat. The administration also says the bill would create jobs while easing inflated prices on things like cars and other products that require semiconductor chips. Georgia Senator Raphael Warnock spoke with us about how the package may help the Peach State.

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7/20/2022
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

GA ABORTION BAN
INJUNCTION LIFTED

Governor Brian Kemp also reacted to the news. He said that he is, quote, "overjoyed" with the court's decision... and that the state stands by ready to provide mothers with the resources they need to be, quote, "safe, healthy, and informed.

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GA: ABORTION LAW
INJUNCTION LIFTED

"Today's decision by the 11th circuit affirms our promise to protect life at all stages. We've worked hard to increase supportive services for mothers and children's – before, during and after birth. We're overjoyed that the court has paved the way for the implementation of Georgia's Life Act."

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GA: ABORTION LAW
INJUNCTION LIFTED

The state's heartbeat law taking effect today. It's been hung-up in court for more than 2 years. But today, the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals lifted an injunction that blocked the LIFE Act from going into-effect.

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STATE RESPONDS TO SC
ABORTION SUIT

Abortion providers filed this new lawsuit last week – claiming the law that prohibits most abortions after around six weeks violates the South Carolina constitution. But the state now calls these claims, quote, "novel – and meritless." In this newly filed response – the state of South Carolina, Attorney General Alan Wilson, and Upstate Solicitor Walt Wilkins are asking a judge to deny the abortion providers' request. Plaintiffs, including Planned Parenthood, are requesting a state court to temporarily block South Carolina's so-called "Fetal Heartbeat Law" and allow them to perform abortions after the current cutoff of around six weeks. They say the law violates South Carolina's constitutional guarantees to privacy and equal protections – calling it "an affront to the dignity and health of South Carolinians." But the state contends these assertions are, "completely unfounded and is unsupported by the South Carolina Constitution or binding case law." Republican Gov. Henry McMaster also filed a motion to dismiss the complaint – arguing, quote, "The South Carolina Constitution does not encompass a right to elective abortion, and the Fetal Heartbeat Act is constitutional." The state legislature is poised to further restrict the current abortion law in the coming months. So a ruling in this new lawsuit could potentially have implications on that legislation as well. Reporting from the State House, I'm Mary Green.

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MARIAH: ABORTION LAW
AND FOSTERING

LL Executive Director here at Brightside Child & Family Advocacy Kate Blair says the child welfare system is overburdened right now. She says it's understaffed and underfunded and because of this crisis they're in she says the heartbeat law has the potential to make the crisis even worse. PKG "We're all very focused at what happens inside the womb on both sides of the aisle. We also need to be very focused on what happens after the child is born." Georgia's heartbeat law bans most abortions once a fetal heartbeat is detected, which typically occurs in the sixth week of pregnancy. There are exceptions for rape and incest. It also allows for later abortions in cases like if a mother's life is at risk. "No matter where you stand on this issue it's all of our responsibility to support these children. We can't care about crime, we can't care about poverty if we're not willing to support the children who are most likely to end up in poverty and end up in the criminal justice system." Kate Blair with Brightside Child & Family Advocacy, formerly known as Savannah Chatham CASA, says right now, in Chatham County alone there are 310 children in the foster care system. "We are really just focusing on the crisis here now knowing that down the pipeline we're going to see an increase." Blair says while they can't predict how many more children could end up in foster care because of the law ... they do know one thing for sure. "We don't have the resources for what we have now." Blair says if a family can't support these children ... it falls on the community to support them. Right now, she says, the DFCS and local child advocacy centers need help. "It's really important that we rely on our priorities as a state and as a community and invest in that system so that we can support the most vulnerable that we have." LLTAG Blair says with the law in effect what people can do now is support legislation that increases funding for the child welfare system and support organizations like theirs that serve these children. She says people can also get involved by being a foster parent or volunteer with them. In Savannah, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

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	DAYBREAK			
7/23/2022	SATURDAY	DISTRICT 1 HOUSE RACE	Buddy Carter is running to keep his seat in Congress right now. He'll face Democrat Wade Herring when the polls open for the general election in November. You still have time to register to vote.	
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	WEEKEND	SHEA: DEMOCRAT	The "Georgia Votes" Coordinated Campaign opened up their new field office today- which is in Savannah off of Ogeechee Road. Several candidates in upcoming elections were there to celebrate, including Wade Herring, Edna Jackson, and Marcus Thompson. The field office will primarily be used to get in touch with voters- which local Democratic candidates say is crucial in the upcoming election.	
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A big part of what this is about is voter turnout. So folks, if you want to change our country, you have to go vote. But the field office will help encourage that vote. Calling, knocking on doors, handing out literature. Everybody here we know is going to vote. What we need is for everybody here to connect with people that they may or may not know is going to vote. Essentially, the bottom line is, we need to touch people that feel forgotten. This fall, Georgians will elect one person to the United States Senate- a race including incumbent Democrat Raphael Warnock and Republican Herschel Walker. All 14 of Georgia's US House of Representatives seats are up for election. The governor's seat is also up for grabs- which is currently held by Republican Governor Brian Kemp. Election day is Tuesday, November 8.

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WEEKEND SHEA: DEMOCRAT
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House Resolution 8404 passed the House last week with a 267-157 vote, which protects the right to same-sex and interracial marriage. Congressman Carter was one of the votes against, which prompted Herring to release a statement saying Carter's vote was an example of putting politics and division before human rights. Carter dismissed Herring's statement and the resolution overall. "I didn't come to Washington D.C. to waste time. And that's what this is doing. This is nothing more than the Democrats trying to deflect attention off of the issues that matter to people, and that is gas and groceries and inflation, the southern border. Look, this is settled law, this is a waste of our time to even be considering this." "I don't think who you're able to marry is a distraction. I think it's a fundamental human right, and we're talking about the difference between making sure that peoples rights are protected, versus their rights are taken away. I can't imagine anything more important than that." The Respect for Marriage Act is now being considered by the Senate. In Chatham County, Sean Evans, WTOC News.

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Fulton County prosecutors have said they want to talk with South Carolina Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham about phone calls he made to Georgia's secretary of state following the 2020 election. Graham has contended those calls were part of his responsibilities as the chairman, at that time, of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Here's what he said today – when I asked him if he expects to testify soon. "Well, you know, I read I was going to be subpoenaed. I have yet to be subpoenaed. I will go to Georgia if I ever get a subpoena, if I have to go serve myself I guess. But yeah, I will fight this." Graham's lawyers had moved to void the subpoena – claiming as a member of Congress, he has certain immunities and protections from this state court order. A hearing had been scheduled on it last week in federal court in South Carolina. But before that happened – Graham's lawyers and the Fulton County District Attorney's office agreed to move things back to Georgia. The senator's lawyers say they've been told Graham is neither a subject nor a target of the investigation. Their agreement to accept being served a subpoena in Georgia – still allows them to challenge it. And Graham reiterated Monday – that he would fight it. "I think this is a constitutional overreach, and I'm confident the courts will take care of it." If Graham and his lawyers do challenge a subpoena – it would have to come in Georgia – in Fulton County Superior Court or the U-S District Court in Atlanta. Reporting in Greer, I'm Mary Green.

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SEN. GRAHAM ON GA
SUBPOENA

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The call comes as Congress continues to consider Warnock's Affordable Insulin Now Act. That bill pitches capping out-of-pocket costs at 35 dollars. The House has passed that bill. It's now in the Senate...where it's set to be taken up later this session. WTOC will keep you updated as it moves through Congress.

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SEN. WARNOCK INSULIN
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7/25/2022 PRES. BIDEN COVID
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A WTOC update on President Joe Biden's covid-19 diagnosis. His doctor says his symptoms are almost completely gone. The doctor also says the President still has some nasal congestion and his voice is still hoarse. President Biden tested positive last Thursday. The doctor says he contracted the highly transmissible BA-5 omicron subvariant. That is now the predominant strain in the U-S.

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8/1/2022
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MATE

Joe Cunningham is trying to become South Carolina's first Democratic governor in two decades... And now we know who will run with him. Cunningham has picked Tally Parham Casey for lieutenant governor. Casey was South Carolina's first female fighter pilot, serving three combat tours over Iraq. Again, the pair will be on the ballot for the Democratic ticket this November. Gov. Henry McMaster and Lt. Gov. Pamela Evette filed for reelection last week.

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8/1/2022
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2022 IMPACT

The record-breaking report follows a push earlier this year to end the program that's part of the draw to Georgia. You may remember - Georgia Senators considered a plan back in March to put new restrictions on tax credits offered by the state. The plan was scrapped after push back from the film industry.

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8/2/2022
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD GA: TAX CLAIMS ON
UNBRON CHILDREN

The Department says, since the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals lifted the injunction on the state's 'Heartbeat Law,' they will now, quote... "recognize any unborn child with a detectable human heartbeat as eligible for the Georgia individual income tax dependent exemption." The department plans to release more information later this year.

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8/3/2022
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD WHITE HOUSE ON OIL
MARKET LATEST

"It's in everybody's interest for supply to match up with demand. And because of COVID, because of Russia's invasion of Ukraine... Russia is a huge producer of oil, oil is traded globally... the markets have been out-of-whack. That's why Americans not only in Georgia, but around the country, have seen prices increase to the unacceptable levels we've seen."

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"When tax season rolls around this time next year mothers can claim their unborn child on their taxes as an exemptions, but people who specialize in helping others fill out their taxes have some concerns. They say they've been given little guidance on how all this will work." "We can't give very many answers because we don't know." It's a 3,000 dollar exemption, according to the Georgia Department of Revenue, because of the Heartbeat Law. As long as you are pregnant with a detectable heartbeat after July 20th, you're eligible for the exemption because a court ruling allowed the Heartbeat Law to take effect on that date. The Neighborhood Improvement Association provides free tax services. Director Debra Simmons was surprised at the announcement. "We have to have social security cards not a number but actually get the number off the card. So, we've never anticipated this." An exemption is subtracted from your income being taxed. Law Attorney Jeffery Williamson is concerned that people don't understand...you can only file for the exemption on your state taxes. "You're going to get a big divergence and certainly what you don't want is clients doing their own returns thinking they can this on both federal and state taxes cause they can't." Simmons is concern about women who file for the exemption but later miscarry. "Nobody wants to lose their child but if they've lost a child then they don't want to worry about paying I think it's \$3,000 or whatever it is they're going to give them back. They don't want to worry about that so that's my concern with what's happening but I'm sure they're going to do something where it's not going to hurt the mother down the road." They're both expecting more guidance next year around January or February during tax season. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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PREGNANCY TAX CREDIT
EXPLAINER

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8/5/2022
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD GA PSC LAWSUIT RULING Current state law allows these commissioners to be elected by the entire state...instead of just by the district they serve. The lawsuit argued at-large voting violated the Voting Rights Act by diluting the voting power of minority populations. And the judge agreed...ordering Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger not to use this method in any future elections. 00:00:22

8/8/2022
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD WARNOCK REAX: DRUG COSTS He praised the passage in a statement, writing "From saving seniors money by allowing Medicare to directly negotiate drug prices, to expanding vital health care subsidies, to greening the economy, this legislation will make a lasting impact on Georgians' lives." 00:00:16

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GRAHAM REAX: COST OF
PLAN

Meanwhile, South Carolina Republican Lindsey Graham is expressing concerns over the price tag of the plan. He writes in a statement, "I hope the American people realize that no matter how well-meaning my Democratic colleagues may be, they are turning the economy upside down and increasing taxes all in the name of climate change."

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SQUIRREL HUNTING SZN
STARTS AUG. 15

That's the official start of squirrel hunting season in the Peach State. State rules let hunters go after both gray and fox squirrels - and officials with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources say the state has an abundance of both. Hunters will have to keep their bags to 12 squirrels a day. Squirrel season runs through the end of February.

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Georgia's heartbeat law went into effect about three weeks ago ...it started immediately after a federal appeals court overturned a lower court ruling from 2019 "Patients would come in to clinics that very morning to receive healthcare had to be sent home that afternoon because the care they came to be provided for them was no longer legal" The group of doctors ranging from OBGYN's to forensic psychiatrists say many pregnancies aren't even detected at the six week mark. And they say the law is not based on medical science especially when a woman comes in at 15 weeks and their water breaks "Our hands are tied. These people are at risk of infection, sepsis, death if we don't intervene..." "Is it easy to distinguish? A miscarriage at about seven weeks versus a medication abortion? No." "We know the treatment in terms of medication abortion treatment and miscarriage management and it is the exact same thing" A bigger problem they pointed out is how the law will impact mental health "Left in this situation where they feel hopeless they're stuck with a pregnancy that maybe was unintended that they may not have adequate social support" They say there are too many unknowns and doctors are left to figure it out "At what point would you consider a case emergency enough to skirt criminal prosecution criminal liability, civil liability, loss of your medical licensed you've worked so hard for under this law? *PAUSE* I think that's the part that we don't know"

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ALYSSA: DOCTORS ON
ABORTION BAN

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GA BROADBAND
PROGRAM EXPANDS

This is the second round of grants aimed at expanding broadband this year. You may remember - 408 million dollars in grants were given out - also with American Rescue Act money - back in February.

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OSSOFF CARTER HEALTH
INQUIRY

Senator Jon Ossoff and Representative Buddy carter - along with 11 members - have launched an inquiry. It's to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid. They're asking C-M-S to approve a new program. It would make funding available for teaching hospitals - like Memorial Health in Savannah. The goal being to not only train new health care workers, but hire them on and keep the ones already here.

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SC ABORTION HEARING
LATEST

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8/16/2022
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GUIDELINES

"According to Memorial Health doctors there are about 29 people in the hospital here with COVID 19. Dr. Tim Connelly says the CDC changed those quarantine guidelines because more people have gotten the virus over the past two years." (sot) "We're moving into a phase of this pandemic to were it's becoming apart of our life." The CDC previously recommended people who were exposed to COVID-19 should quarantine at home for five days. New guidance says there is no need to quarantine after being around someone who has tested positive. They do recommend testing after five days and wearing a high-quality mask for 10 days. This is regardless of vaccination status. "Not everybody who is exposed to COVID is actually going to get COVID now because so many people have some protective antibodies." Dr. Connelly says a CDC shows 90 to 95 percent of people nationwide either have natural antibodies or have been vaccinated. "There is perhaps less of a risk because so many people are vaccinated or have had the disease and have some natural immunity. We know this wanes over time" "He says a fourth booster will most likely be approved in the winter months. Camille Syed WTOC News."

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8/16/2022
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HIKE IN GA

"You know, we worked with other companies. Other companies have asked for rate increases, and we worked very hard, and we ask them to provide us their losses, so that the rate increases are justified. I still have a hard time understanding why this one company has requested for a greater increase than most other companies in our market."

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Breaking news - South Carolina's abortion ban is temporarily blocked. Planned Parenthood says the state supreme court paused the law that bans abortion after 6 weeks. That's so a lawsuit over the ban can play out in court. The law has been in effect since late June...after the U-S Supreme court overturned Roe v. Wade. WTOC has more details about today's decision - and the ones involving this lawsuit that came before today - right now on WTOC dot com.

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8/17/2022
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD PSC ELECTIONS
CHANGING

At least two statewide elections are up in the air after a ruling on an election lawsuit earlier this month. A judge ordered state leaders *not* to prepare ballots for two public service commission seats. That's after some voters sued - saying the at-large election method is racially discriminatory.

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ELECTION SUBPOENA

The statement goes on to say, "With the special grand jury empaneled until May 2023, we are simply asking the judge to allow the Governor to come in after the November election and direct investigators to work with our legal team to ensure the topics discussed during his appearance remains on his defense of state law and the Constitution in the aftermath of the 2020 election." WTOC will update you when a decision is made on the motion.

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8/18/2022		OSSOFF RAILROAD	Now Georgia Democrat Jon Ossoff is submitting testimony from communities across Georgia with the same problem. It's part of an inquiry into the issue with the F-R-A. It includes at least one comment from attorneys for Garden City, writing "For the last five years, blockages have been for more than two hours."	
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8/18/2022 GA DOL LATEST JOBS
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It comes alongside continuing job growth. The state says jobs grew by more than 12-thousand to top nearly 5 million. Georgia also saw an all-time number of people employed in July...but there are still thousands of jobs open. The state says there are more than 217-thousand jobs posted online. Health care, retail and accommodation and food services have the most openings right now.

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8/20/2022 WKEND
6:00:00 PM 6PM OD SHEA: STACEY ABRAMS

Georgia governor candidate Stacey Abrams payed a visit to Richmond Hill today, holding a rally and a question and answer events with prospective voters. Those in attendance asked Abrams her stance on several local issues, including continuing gun violence and how to balance the expansion of the Coastal Empire with the needs of those who already live here. "The reality is we need to have a Coastal Georgia Resilience Commission. It's not enough to have good jobs when you don't also bring opportunities for people to enjoy the benefits of that success. I want to make sure gentrification doesn't take Coastal Georgia the way it's taken metro Atlanta. That's why I want to create what's called a circuit breaker, that says that if your property values rise faster than your income, you still get to stay where you are and reap the benefits of what's going on." Abrams also touched on gun violence. She told those in attendance if elected- she plans to work to reverse Senate Bill 319, which allows Georgians to carry a concealed handgun in public without a license. Abrams: We have to recognize, no it's not just about mass shootings. It's about being in a parking lot and being afraid to get to your car. It's about driving down the street and having someone reach out of his window and shoot into your car because he thinks you cut him off. Those are stories that are happening every day in Georgia because of a culture of gun violence. A Bryan County teacher asked Abrams how she plans to help educators. Abrams responded that Georgia had a 68 percent teacher retention rate last school year- and that the way to get that number up is through increasing salaries. Abrams: Our teachers do not make a good living in this state because we don't invest enough in their futures and in who they are. If we raise their pay, we raise their standard of living and we raise the standards in our schools, and we actually get her help because we are losing teachers at an alarming rate. Shea: Abrams is running against incumbent Governor Brian Kemp, who defeated her in the Georgia governor's race back in 2018. Georgia voters will decide who they want to be their next governor this election day, which is November 8th. Reporting in Richmond Hill, Shea Schrader, WTOG News.

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"Senator Warnock says he's working a rent relief bill and he's working on several housing relief bills as well." "People need relief right now." Welcomed by the Garden City Mayor, U.S. Senator Raphael Warnock introduced three bills while standing in front of a Garden City home built by Habitat for Humanity. "It's a short-term effort to help people struggling right now. There's some larger structural issues that do need to be addressed." The Rent Relief Act will cut taxes for renters whose rent is more than 30 percent of their income. Tax credits for renters in difficult development areas will increase by a fixed amount. The American Dream Down Payment Act will let people grow savings in a tax free account to put towards a down payment for a home and give family and friends the opportunity to contribute to those savings. "This will provide for folks who are just trying to pay rent so they can go to work, so their lives can be stable, their children can do their homework. The other piece of legislation helps people to reach the American dream, to buy a home." The third bill, Housing Market Transparency would force the Housing and Urban Development or HUD secretary to collect Low Income Housing Tax Credit program data. He says the data will make the program more efficient and transparent to tenants. "He says housing is a human right and this should be a bipartisan issue to tackle. He hopes that it comes to fruition. Reporting in Garden City Camille Syed WTOC News."

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WARNOCK HOUSING BILL
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The Chatham County Board of Registrars unanimously voted to open the Board of Elections early voting location from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays instead of closing at 6 as they did previously. The precinct or satellite sites will remain open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. They also approved Sunday voting on October 23rd and 30th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. which is an hour longer than in the past. "The unfortunate events in 2020 and then January 6th and the eroding of confidence in government and the election process in general it's even more important that we do whatever we can to ensure confidence in the system and the accessibility of the right to vote." Sunday voting on October 23rd will be held only at board of election location while October 30th voting will be held at both the board of elections and the civic center. These changes come after the board received letters from residents and Mayor Van Johnson and Alderwoman Dr. Estella Shabazz. "There is more room for improvement but I was thankful to the board today for the vote." While the board of elections will be open an hour later on weekdays, the board was not able to grant their ask of having a polling place open an hour earlier because of budgeting and staffing issues. "It's not as easy as one might think to just snap your fingers and have good trained workers available." Mayor Johnson and Doctor Shabazz also asked that there be a Pooler early voting location since the nearest location is in Garden City but McRae says their hands are tied. (McRae) "We have had a Pooler early voting location in the past but it's not an available option this time." (Shabazz) "It would just be the right thing to do for the people especially those in government in Pooler to help their citizens have a comfortable and closer place to vote."

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CHATHAM CO. ELECTIONS
PLANS MEETING

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Gov. Henry McMaster says this change in policy is not just good for South Carolina families – but good for competition and for the state as a whole. "We want to get the very best people that we can in, working and serving our people in state government, want to have the best public servants, and this helps us compete with private business and private industry." The law provides six weeks of 100-percent paid leave for state employees who give birth to a child – and those who are the primary caregiver for an adopted child. State employees can get two weeks if they're the parent who doesn't give birth, the parent who isn't the primary caregiver in an adoption, or a foster parent. The new policy resulted from a bipartisan effort among state lawmakers – especially those who represent the tens of thousands of state employees who live in Richland and Lexington counties. "We all know the first months after birth are critical to establishing a firm foundation that will impact maternal and newborn health for decades to come, and paid family leave is so important to making that reality for so many families." Some public-school teachers have said they're disappointed they weren't included in this – but lawmakers say that's because teachers are employees of their school districts, not of the state. Democratic Representative Beth Bernstein of Richland County says she hopes to see school boards enact policies that will provide their staff with paid parental leave. Reporting from the State House, I'm Mary Green.

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SC PARENTAL LEAVE
LAW

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He says the goal is to help law enforcement agencies across the state address public safety concerns...calling a recent uptick in violent crime "unacceptable." The money will be available to local law enforcement agencies, as well as some state agencies and specific units of government. The state is requiring everyone who applies to submit data showing an increase in violent crime - specifically gun crimes - and other community violence from the start of the pandemic to now. Applications open on September First.

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GA PUBLIC SAFETY
GRANTS

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"Our neighbor across the street fell off his house and EMS had to jump the track, the train, to come to him." Train issues go back decades in Garden City "You never know what to expect." That's why US Senator Jon Ossoff sent a 9-page inquiry to the Federal Railroad Administration with the experiences of cities and counties across the state saying "they appreciate the FRA is investigating parked trains because it can be frustrating and deadly" Garden City was one of 5 areas mentioned for "for at least 10 blockages this year of an hour or more" in one neighborhood. These tracks in Garden City off Priscilla D Thomas Way have the most issues. Residents and a city council member feel all of their advocating through the years might actually be paying off. "The only way out." When the trains stop and stay, they just have to wait "i've been here two and three hours waiting trying to get home" Sen. Ossoff's letter also mentioned in areas like Garden City "First responders are delayed in responding to calls for emergencies" In all their 21 years of living here -- this is the most traction their concerns have received. "I'm 67 years old...hopefully it gets done before I'm 77" Councilwoman Natalyn Morris has been taking calls for years, asking local leadership and the FRA to do something...she's hoping this isn't a repeated cycle of progress then problems again "If I get an ear, I'm going to let everyone know the trains here on Priscilla D Thomas way...the trains in Garden City on Hwy 21...we need help." Ossoff's pushing for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law -- which includes funding to address railroad crossings -- that passed in the senate. It's headed to the House and then to President Biden's desk. "In Garden City, Alyssa Jackson, WTOC News."

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ALYSSA: TRAIN DELAYS

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This new method allows the shot to be given just under the first layer of skin – instead of in a deeper fat layer – where it had been given before. DHEC says this new strategy has the go-ahead from both the FDA and the CDC. "Changing to this method can result in up to five times the number of doses available per vial and offers the same level of protection to the recipient." DHEC Public Health Director Dr. Brannon Traxler says this will allow DHEC to offer the shot and its protection to more South Carolinians. Here's who is now eligible. Men who have sex with men, including gay or bisexual men, transgender or gender non-conforming individuals, who have had either an STI in the last 90 days or multiple sex partners in the last 90 days... Along with anyone receiving HIV PrEP treatment. At this time – the vaccine is not recommended to the general public or healthcare workers. Even though this new vaccination method expands how many doses they can get out of each vial – those doses are still limited. So DHEC says it's monitoring statewide data to see if it will need to expand that eligibility further. "Not wanting the focus to go away from that highest-risk population. We would not have enough doses if every member of the high-risk population in the state, though, sought vaccination at this point in time." People can find out if they're eligible and schedule a vaccination appointment – by calling DHEC's CareLine at the number on the screen. The line is open business hours Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. DHEC says it's also working to expand vaccination sites – including to more providers that already offer H-I-V PReP and those outside South Carolina's larger towns and cities. Reporting in Columbia, I'm Mary Green.

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SC MONKEYPOX VAX
EXPANDED

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KEMP TESTIMONY
PUSHED BACK

Kemp has been subpoenaed to testify in Fulton County's criminal investigation into efforts to overturn Georgia's 20-20 election results. He had attempted to have the subpoena quashed but the judge overseeing the grand jury rejected the effort. Judge Robert McBurney did say there will be a limit to what questions Kemp will have to answer due to attorney-client privileges. McBurney also denied a motion from former Donald Trump campaign lawyer Kenneth Chesebore to have his subpoena quashed.

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LIVE BUMP: ABRAMS
MENTAL HEALTH

Taking a LIVE look from Atlanta as some are calling for more mental health resources. Renowned civil rights attorney Ben Crump and Democratic candidate for governor Stacey Abrams are partnering with the parents of Briana Grier today. You may remember - Grier died after being arrested during a mental health crisis in July. The group is calling for the expansion of Medicaid, along with more resources from the state.

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KEMP COMM. IMPROVE
GRANTS

The grants will be up to 2 million dollars. Local governments and non-profits can apply for the money...but it will only be spent in census tracts with poverty rates worse than 20 percent. The projects can be everything from repairing parks...to improving health food access. The state says it will prefer projects dealing with existing facilities. That's because the money has to be spent by 20-26. Applications opened at the beginning of the month and will stay open through mid-November. Grant winners will be announced in January.

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SC LOAN FORGIVENESS
TAXES

The South Carolina Department of Revenue says borrowers can thank a new rule adopted by the General Assembly back in May. It says the state won't tax what the federal government doesn't when it comes to loan forgiveness.

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Impact fees are nothing new in Georgia. Here's a map of all of the cities and counties that currently have impact fees, including two neighboring counties in Bryan and Effingham. If Council likes a draft detailing how the City would use funds gathered through impact fees to pay for public services and facilities, the plan would then go to the Coastal Georgia Regional Commission, and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for further review. At today's news conference, Mayor Van Johnson talked about the delicate balance of determining fees for new development without running prospective business partners off. "We want to make sure it's something that's reasonable, something that makes sense, but also something that contributes to the greater community. This council, I think unanimously...many of us campaigned on being able to find ways to leverage development in our community. Heretofore, development occurred, and really no real impact coming back to the city." Per state law, the way local governments can spend impact fee money is limited. If adopted Savannah's impact fees would go toward projects for Parks and Recreation, public safety facilities and road improvements. And the fees wouldn't just be felt by developers, they could also trickle down to home buyers in new housing developments. "But on the flip side of it, they're going to be getting a direct benefit by paying into it to have better streets, to have better public services...all that we need to make sure that our community is growing."

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New at 7 - debate has now wrapped in the South Carolina senate - with plans to pick up an almost total abortion ban in the morning. You may remember - the plan passed the House just over a week ago. As the bill is now - it would *not allow abortions for victims of rape or incest. While debate is over today - Senators can keep amending the bill when it comes up for a third reading tomorrow. If it passes...it will head back to the House for consideration.

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LATEST

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Heading into this debate – the biggest question facing senators, particularly those in the Republican majority, was what exceptions would be allowed in what's otherwise a total ban on abortion in South Carolina. "that is what the killing of innocent people is — it's an attack on the image of God and creation." "If you believe that God is wanting you to push a bill through with no exceptions, that kills mothers and ruins the lives of children, lets mothers bring home babies to bury them, then I think you're miscommunicating with God, or maybe you're just not communicating with him at all." Two Republican pushes to add abortion exceptions for victims of rape or incest failed Wednesday – including one that would only allow them under these circumstances before six weeks – and with a requirement the crimes be reported to law enforcement. "Are you aware that we women don't know at the moment we conceive that we're pregnant? ... I think there is an assumption, perhaps going on, that we do and that we can make that decision very, very quickly in the case of rape or incest." The bill does allow abortions when the mother's life or health are in jeopardy – and, added in today's debate, in cases of lethal fetal anomalies, when the baby could not survive on its own outside the womb. "You're not going to carry the child; I'm not going to carry the child. You're going to sit there and tell the woman that this baby is going to die when you deliver it, but we're going to make you carry it anyway. I think that's wrong." Prior to the debate even beginning -- every female senator who was present today assailed the bill, either in part or as a whole – including all three of the chamber's Republican women. "You cannot legislate morality. You cannot tell people who to sleep with, you cannot tell people who to marry, and you cannot tell women what to do with their own bodies." Democrats were largely silent Wednesday – and didn't vote on most of the amendments – instead leaving Republicans to fight over the details of the legislation among themselves in an effort to try to kill the bill. Senators may vote on final passage of this bill as early as tomorrow – when they reconvene at the State House at 10 a.m. More amendments could still be proposed. Reporting in Columbia, I'm Mary Green. 00:02:13

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MARY: SC SENATE
DEBATE

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WARNCOK ARPA FUNDS
FOR FARMS

Senator Raphael Warnock says the money is thanks to two big pieces of legislation - It was set aside by the American Rescue Plan Act and now available through the Inflation Reduction Act. The money will be used to fund projects aimed at getting rid of barriers to purchasing land, other capital and market access. All of that will be done through partnerships run by the U-S Department of Agriculture.

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GA GAS TAX LOSSES

Georgia Governor Brian Kemp's Office released the August tax revenue report today. It shows gas tax collections are down by 170 point 7 million dollars. That's compared to August of last year. If you total all the months - the state has lost out on at least 622 point 2 million in revenue from the tax. It's been suspended since March 18th.

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OD GA TAX REVENUE UP IN
AUGUST

Despite the losses - the governor's office says tax revenue as a whole is up for the month. Between income, sales tax and more - collections were up 8 point 5 percent compared to last year...totalling nearly 2 point 31 billion dollars.

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Vo For two days the palmetto state's senate debated a bill that would get rid of the rape and incest exceptions of the current law along with making abortion illegal from the time of conception, instead of at first heartbeat. Details that just weren't acceptable to District 46's senator.. "I don't think it's appropriate to pass an abortion ban of any type that doesn't have exceptions like that in it." Vo Senator Davis says there are a lot of thoughts that go into this opinion, including his belief that this bill wasn't taking all sides into account. Sot "What you're dealing with here are two separate rights. You're dealing with the right of the woman to that autonomy and you're also dealing with the right of the unborn child." Vo Conversations like the ones held in the statehouse have been had in Davis's house as well... with his three daughters. Sot "They asked me they said, 'Dad, you're not going to allow this become a law in South Carolina are you?' and I said no I'm not because I do not think it is an equitable balancing of those two competing rights to say that a woman loses all control over her body at the moment the sperm fertilizes the egg." Vo He tells me his family isn't the sole reason for his vote, but important context for his beliefs. Sot "That's just the right thing to do. The fact that I have three daughters sharing their views with me, just reinforces that in me." Vo The Senate passed a slight change to current legislation instead of this near total ban. Davis calls it sticking to the status quo, it's so similar to the current law and that proposal now goes back to the state house for discussion there. Reporting, Tyler Manion, WTOG News.

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SC SEN. TOM DAVIS ON
ABORTION BILL

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LOCAL PRIORITIES IN
GOVT SPENDING BILL

Also on the list - 3 million dollars for wastewater infrastructure in Bulloch County. Nearly 2-million-dollars to upgrade Chatham Area Transit's ferry fleet. And 1-million-dollars for Evans Memorial Hospital in Claxton to fix their roof.

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} Republicans would've had enough votes to pass a near-ban on abortion in the Senate. But what they didn't have – was enough votes to overcome a veto – led by Republican Sen. Tom Davis and backed by Democrats and all three of the Senate's Republican women. "The Republican women of this Senate stood up for the women of South Carolina. It was the Republican men who let them down." "If we could've done something more aggressive than this, then we would have." What Republicans ultimately passed is what they say is a shored-up version of the state's current law – the "Fetal Heartbeat Law" – which bans most abortions after around six weeks. While the current law allows victims of rape and incest to get abortions before 20 weeks – the Senate-approved bill cuts that down to around 12 or 13 weeks. "There were a number of us who thought, look we should give exceptions for rape and incest, but five months is too long." The Senate bill also adds to the requirement allegations of those crimes be reported to law enforcement – stipulating that a DNA sample of the fetus also be collected and sent to law enforcement as evidence. The current law also allows abortions in situations in which a doctor determines the fetus would not be able to survive outside the womb because of a fetal anomaly. The new bill would require a second doctor confirm that. "There may be some spin that, 'Well, it's just the same thing we already had.' It's not. It's worse. It's worse in many regards, and why? Why did we need to do this?" "Did I want more? Yes, absolutely. But there's no question what we did was a success." "04} The state Supreme Court has temporarily blocked the six-week ban from being enforced. So Senate Republicans adjusted the language in the current law that the court referenced in issuing that *temporary injunction. However – a larger legal challenge still remains to be settled – as abortion providers claim the law – and therefore the Senate bill – violate state constitutional rights to equal protection and privacy. Last week – the state's House of Representatives did pass a near-ban on abortion. It'll next be up to House members to determine if they'll accept the Senate's changes and send this bill to the governor – or if they'll further amend the bill. Reporting from the State House, I'm Mary Green.

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MARY: ABORTION BAN
FUTURE

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SATURDAY LOCAL PRIORITIES IN
OD GOVT SPENDING BILL

Also on the list - 3 million dollars for wastewater infrastructure in Bulloch County. Nearly 2-million-dollars to upgrade Chatham Area Transit's ferry fleet. And 1-million-dollars for Evans Memorial Hospital in Claxton to fix their roof. Both Democrats and Republicans say they want to get the spending plans passed by the end of the month.

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ONE MONTH TO VOTE
REG. DEADLINE

The next big election deadline for Georgians is less than a month away. Make sure you register to vote by October 11th if you'd like to cast a ballot this fall. Early voting starts the next week on the 17th. You can start sending in your absentee ballots on October 7th. Remember - that has to get to your elections office by 7 p-m on election day. Election day is November 8th.

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BUDDY CARTER ON GOVT
FUNDING

"Is it going to be the things that are important to people - inflation, crime, the southern border - or is it going to be meaningless things like we've dealt with throughout this session. That's going to be the key. We've gathered the information now. We know what matters to the American people, and we're going to address that."

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SEN. WARNOCK ON GOVT
FUNDING

That reads in part, "From securing the full funding of the C-R-T-C to revitalizing Savannah's historic downtown to providing cancer treatment access to all Georgians, this legislation includes strong investments for Georgia. I'm going to keep fighting to get these funds over the finish line and flowing to our state." We'll continue to follow this story as the deadline approaches.

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GA HOUSING INSECURITY
GRANTS

Georgia Governor Brian Kemp says he is putting more taxpayer money toward fighting homelessness. He says the state is putting 30-million-dollars in housing security grants toward 8 different projects. They're paying for it with money from the American Rescue Plan and the State Fiscal Recovery Fund. The goal is to ease housing issues caused by the pandemic. We have more details on where the money is going up on our web site - WTOC-dot-com.

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Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger spoke to the Glennville Rotary Club today, emphasizing the importance of restoring voter confidence before the November election. Raffensperger took questions from Rotary club members... all with a main message—Georgians are voting more than they have before. "Back in the May primary, we had 1,800,000 people show up to vote. We're having record turnout. That's 800,000 more people than we've ever had before. We've had 17 days of early voting, no excuse absentee voting." While his opponent in the primary was backed by former President Donald Trump – Raffensperger says one thing brings his party together – "At the end of the day, I think we all want the same thing, fair and honest elections. I've shown that I've comprised fair and honest elections for everyone. I think that's what people want to know. Their Secretary of State, even though you may be on one particular aisle or another, I'll make sure that I'll have fair and honest elections for everyone in Georgia." The Secretary of State also spoke about what he calls the positive impact of the sweeping elections reform bill -- Senate Bill 202... but not everyone is on the same page about the changes it's caused, including democratic secretary of state candidate Bee Nguyen – who voted against it as a state representative. "The bill contained many provisions that were restrictive to Georgians, including reducing the timeframe in which you can request and receive an absentee ballot. Reducing access to secure drop boxes which were widely used by both sides of the aisle." Nguyen says this has an impact on Georgia's voters. "We do know that at this particular time, voters are very concerned about the future of our democracy. We do know in fact that our democracy is fragile. Part of the task of secretary of state is making sure that there's transparency and public trust when it comes to voting and being able to cast your ballot without barriers." Meanwhile... Raffensperger... reminding voters of the importance of casting their ballots. "It's really important to understand that you're important, your vote does count, and were going to have fair and honest elections." LL TAG: Raffensperger says the state expects record turnout for a midterm election this November. In Glennville... HB WTOC NEWS.

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HB: RAFFENSPERGER
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9/30/2022 JUSTICE JACKSON
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Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson marked her debut at the Supreme Court... in a traditional and formal ceremony this morning. Justice Jackson once again took the oath to serve on the supreme court. Afterwards, she emerged from the 'investiture ceremony' and walked down the supreme court steps with chief justice john roberts. It was all purely ceremonial -- since jackson is already on the job. She was sworn in as the 104th supreme court justice in june -- Becoming the sixth woman... and the first black woman... to sit on the bench.

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9/30/2022
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The senate passed the measure Thursday -- and now, with the house's vote today -- the bill will go to President Joe Biden for his signature. In addition to money to keep government agencies afloat -- the short-term funding measure provides around 12 billion dollars for Ukraine.

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(SOT Rep. Ayanna Pressley/ (D) Massachusetts) "This action by President Biden will quite literally change and save lives." (TRACK-1) WHILE DEMOCRATIC LAWMAKERS AND STUDENT GROUPS CELEBRATE PRESIDENT BIDEN'S PLAN TO CANCEL STUDENT DEBT AND CALL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO QUICKLY IMPLEMENT IT... (SOT Leslie Rutledge / (R) Arkansas Attorney General) "In reality, the president's actions violate the law and are beyond his authority..." (TRACK-2) ARKANSAS' ATTORNEY GENERAL JOINED BY FIVE OTHER GOP STATES ARE SUING. (GFX) THEY WANT TO BLOCK THE ADMINISTRATION'S PLAN TO FORGIVE UP TO 10-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN STUDENT DEBT FOR THOSE EARNING LESS THAN 125-THOUSAND DOLLARS... AND UP TO 20-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR PELL-GRANT RECIPIENTS. (Bridge: Natalie Brand, Capitol Hill) THE ADMINISTRATION ARGUES THAT A LAW PASSED BY CONGRESS, THE HEROES ACT, ALLOWS THE WHITE HOUSE TO ACT IN TIMES OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY. (SOT Leslie Rutledge / (R) Arkansas Attorney General) "It was designed for wartime use. President Biden is using this law to justify this forgiveness program with COVID being the national emergency. Perhaps President Biden has forgotten that he declared the COVID pandemic over." (TRACK-3) PERSIS YU OF THE STUDENT BORROWER PROTECTION CENTER SAYS THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS STILL WORKING TO RELEASE THE APPLICATION FOR BORROWERS IN OCTOBER. (SOT Persis Yu / Student Borrower Protection Center) "There are a lot of lawsuits flying, but the administration is going forward. And so borrowers should get ready to apply for this relief." (TRACK-4) BUT IN A CHANGE ANNOUNCED THURSDAY... THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SAYS BORROWERS WITH FEDERAL LOANS OWNED BY *PRIVATE BANKS WILL *NOT* QUALIFY FOR THE NEW FORGIVENESS... UNLESS THEY CONSOLIDATED THEIR LOANS INTO THE GOVERNMENT'S DIRECT LENDING PROGRAM BEFORE THURSDAY. NATALIE BRAND, CBS NEWS, WASHINGTON.

9/30/2022 CBS: STUDENT LOAN
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"please listen to all the warnings and directions from local officials and follow their instructions." (track 1) president joe biden issued that warning for those still in the projected path of hurricane ian...And he gave an update on his administration's response efforts in florida. (sot - president joe biden / today, the white house) "I directed that every possible action be taken to save lives and get help to survivors. Because every single minute counts." (track 2) the president has approved federal disaster funding for more than a dozen florida counties...And more could be added to the list. he also issued an emergency declaration for south carolina .. Which is getting hit with ian's wrath today. (sot - rear admiral brendan mcpherson / u.s. Coast guard seventh district commander / cbs mornings, today) "we're preparing for this second front of a war with hurricane ian up in charleston, south carolina. Our coast guard crews are on standby and we're ready to respond there as well." (track 3) fema administrator -- deanne criswell -- is in florida...To assess where more federal support is needed. the white house says more than 2-thousand federal response workers are also on the ground in the sunshine state. (standup: skyler henry / cbs news / the white house) "the white house says president biden discussed the federal response in separate calls with the republican governors of florida and south carolina friday morning." (sot - president joe biden / today, the white house) "in times like these, americans come together. They put aside politics. They put aside division." (track 4) president biden has pledged to visit florida... and also puerto rico -- which is recovering from the devastation caused by hurricane fiona just days ago. skyler henry, cbs news, the white house

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CBS: IAN FEDERAL
RESPONSE 330

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky says his country is applying to become a member of NATO under what he calls an accelerated procedure. Zelensky said that he understood that would require the consensus of current NATO members. The move comes the same day as Russia says it annexed nearly a fifth of Ukrainian territory. NATO's chief says it supports Ukraine's right to quote, "choose its own path"

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UKRAINE NATO

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GOVT SHUTDOWN
AVERTED

Taking a look at some of today's other top stories... The US House of Representatives voted to approve a stopgap bill to fund the government through mid-December today. The vote avoids a government shutdown that would have happened at midnight. The short-term funding bill includes around 12 billion dollars for military aid to Ukraine.

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MARY: SC EOC LATEST

} Gov. McMaster says President Biden promised whatever help it needs as it responds to Ian. "They've been helpful and cooperative, and as we all know when there's a hurricane, there's no politics involved there. And everyone agrees that we want to keep everyone safe and protect people and help people recover as well." But even before the state looks to the recovery phase -- the governor says South Carolina is not out of the woods yet. With quite a bit of flooding in parts of the state -- state health leaders say stay out of floodwaters. Not just because of a risk of drowning -- but also because that water can carry toxins and bacteria. We've been seeing power outage numbers increase throughout the day -- and state officials expect them to keep rising. Crews will be moving in to restore power only when it's safe to do so. Gov. McMaster is urging South Carolinians to remain cautious -- even as Ian moves out of their part of the state and onward. "This is when people normally get careless, get hurt, and unfortunately often lose their lives, so don't forget human error is the deadliest thing we have -- misjudgments, miscalculations, carelessness, so be careful and be smart." Meanwhile here at the state's emergency operations center -- they remain at OPCON 1. That's where they've been all day, at the highest of five operational conditions -- meaning full emergency operations are in effect. Reporting in Lexington, I'm Mary Green.

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ISSUE 20- ALERTING THE PUBLIC ON LOCAL CITY AND COUNTY ORDINANCES AND STAFF CHANGES. HOW LOCAL LEADERS ARE GUIDING RESIDENTS THROUGH THE PANDEMIC. TYBEE SEWER ISSUES, TYBEE ISLAND LICENSE PLATES, SPD CHIEF MINTER LEAVING AND CITY MANAGER LOOKING FOR REPLACEMENT, TYBEE SMOKING BAN TAKING EFFECT, TRUMAN PARKWAY SOUND BARRIER, MILLAGE RATES IN SAV AND POOLER, PURTEE DIST 6 COMMUNITY TOWNHALL, VAN JOHNSON ON FLOODING, BEAUFORT CO. TAX PROPOSAL, HHI SEWER CONNECTION PROGRAM, PORT WENTWORTH INMATE LABOR, SAV. CITY BUDGET, JASPER CO. PROPERTY, PT WENTWORTH ORDINANCE DISCUSSION AND RESTRUCTURE, RH PROP. TAXES, BRYAN CO. ALCOHOL VOTE, SAV. SALES TAX WORKSHOP, COASTAL ELECTRIC BROADBAND IN RURAL AREAS, RH GAS STATION MORATORIUM, TYBEE ISLAND SINK HOLE, HHI ELECTRIC BIKE PROPOSAL, CHATHAM CO. MANAGER SEVERANCE AGREEMENT, CAMDEN SPACEPORT, HUTCHINSON ISLAND DECK COLLASPE AND FEDERAL FUNDS, CHATHAM FIRE FEE PRORATED REFUNDS, TYBEE STORM SURGE PROTECTION PASSES AND RISK MANAGEMENT, STATESBORO NEW ZONING RULES, BELFAST KELLER ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, SAV. DEVELOPMENT WATER CONCERNS, HHI AIRPORT TOWER GRANT, DOUG WEATHERS INTERCHANGE, CITY OF HAGAN RESIGNATIONS, CHATHAM COUNTY SPECIAL TAX UPDATE, CLYBURN ON HAMPTON CO. MISSING MONEY, TYBEE STVR PAUSE AND WILMINGTON ISLAND CONCERNS, SAV. CARRIAGE HOUSE SURVEY, HHI COVE EVICTIONS, EFFINGHAM WATER QUALITY CONCERNS, SAV. TINEY HOME DAY SHELTER APPROVAL, DARIEN GOLF CART RULES CHANGING, ENVIRONMENTAL LEG LOCAL IMPACTS, DAUFUSKIE FERRY DISPUTE, YAMACRAW VILLAGE HISTORICAL REVIEW, VAN JOHNSON ON HIS PROSTRATE CANCER SCARE, SPRINGFIELD AND GUYTON ALCOHOL LICENSE, CHATHAM CO. SMALL BIZ GRANTS, LIBERTY CO. SPLOST VOTE, SOURCE: CHATHAM CO. COMMISSION,, SAV. CITY COUNCIL, ETC

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Mayor Shirley Sessions says the city is on track to get \$2.6 million from the federal government. According to her, this is about 76% of the money it'll cost to complete the projects in the overall plan. She says the drainage issue here isn't only bad when a big storm, like a hurricane, hits - Flooding can occur with just a heavy downpour. She says projects like this have been delayed for so long because of the lack of funding. Sessions believes focusing on infrastructure is important especially when the island is becoming so popular. 00:00:32

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"We have more people, we have more people visiting, we have more need for larger pipes for the water to flow through to get out faster to be able to manage the big storms. This will be really updating what we should've been 20 years ago."

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City officials tell me people have been very compliant with the new rule. Because of this, clean beach volunteers say in their last three beach sweeps, compared to last year at this time, they've seen a 70% decrease in the number of cigarette butts left in the sand. VO The city says they issued 19 warnings during the first month of the ban. Now, people can face fines starting at \$50. For repeat offenders they could get up to a \$300 fine. Tim Arnold with Fight Dirty Tybee says he hopes this new rule will help the overall litter problem on the island. He says on a busy holiday weekend, like this weekend, they collect dozens of 5 gallon buckets full of trash. Even though they're moving in the right direction, Arnold says they're still picking up anywhere from 700 to 1,100 cigarette butts. But he is pleased with the positive impact the ban has already had. SOT "We were surprised! A lot of the volunteers that came back off the beach, anecdotally, said 'I didn't see anybody smoking' or 'I only saw one person smoking' and that's a big difference. A sea change, if you will, from what it was even just a year ago." Given that the island expects big crowds over the next few days, Arnold reminds everyone to pick up after themselves when they leave for the day. This includes trash and beach toys. He says a good way to do this is to assign someone in the group to be on litter patrol. On Tybee Island, Mariah Congedo WTOG News.

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TYBEE SMOKING BAN
TAKES EFFECT

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A tribute to America's second-oldest light house - is now available for your car. Tybee Island Lighthouse license plates are now out! Part of the money from the tag fees you'll pay for the special plates will go to the Tybee Island Historical Society. If you're interested - you can apply for the plates through your county's tag office. It'll cost you 80-dollars for the first year. It's 55 dollars to renew the tag every year after that. 10-dollars from each of those fees goes to the Historical Society.

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TYBEE ISLAND LICENSE
PLATES

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SPD CHIEF MINTER
LEAVING FOLO

"The hours that I know I've spent with Chief Minter, particularly at community events, and at events, and on scenes in the middle of the night...the fact was he was there. We need that type of high-touch engagement." Looking ahead now, the focus for City Manager Jay Melder will be conducting searches both nationally and closer to home to find Minter's replacement, with the goal of finding a new chief by the end of the year. "I don't think that we'll have any lack of people wanting to come to Savannah. Likewise, I think we have some internal candidates that might also be interested." Mayor Johnson made it clear city council has no role in the search, and that the task is solely that of the City Manager. But the Mayor did weigh in on the caliber of candidate needed to take the helm of the Savannah Police Department. "My thought has always been bring the best individual you can bring to this community. And it has to be a mixture of knowledge, skills and abilities of policing as a profession. Mayor Johnson says Minter's replacement will also have to demonstrate a deep understanding of the City. "Savannah is an interesting place, you have to get Savannah."

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DIST. 6 COMMUNITY
TOWN HALL

District 6 will be holding a Town Hall meeting to discuss city services, homelessness, public safety and more. Alderman Kurtis Purtee and members of Team Savannah will be there. You can attend the meeting from 7 to 8:30 tomorrow at the Armstrong Center Auditorium.

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POOLER MILLAGE RATE
REDUCTION

According to Councilwoman Karen Williams, Pooler city council unanimously voted to drop the millage rate by more than point-3 mills. This matters because a millage rate is the tax rate used to calculate local property taxes. We crunched the numbers..... Pooler residents with property appraised at 200-thousand dollars would pay \$3,677 in taxes annually. But now, those same property owners will be paying \$3,410 annually.

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PURTEE HOSTING DIST 6
COMMUNITY TOWNHALL

It's for everyone living in District 6. That's Windsor Forest and Mt. Pleasant area. And parts of White Bluff and Grove Point. The townhall will focus on City services, Homelessness, public safety and the Southside Community Center. It's happening Thursday evening from 7-PM to 8-PM in the Armstrong Center Auditorium.

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"Alright let's be honest talking about millage rates and calculating them, not very fun and kind of complicated. So, I figured I'd try and make it a little more digestible by using something I love, popcorn. So, let's figure it out, 100-thousand dollars for the assessed value of your home. Well, as you see I don't quite have that much popcorn, so let's work with something easier, ten. Take that 10 and multiply it by 40 percent, because that's the amount you're taxed on based on the assessed value of your home. So, now we're down to just four pieces of popcorn, even easier. You take that and multiple it by 4.263. That will get you to 17. To get back to 100 thousand you multiply by ten which is 170, which is roughly how much you'll pay in taxes a year on your home. Now when you compare that number to what we saw last year, right around 183, you're saving about 13 pieces of popcorn a year, or 13 dollars." "I'm glad we can provide the same services, maybe even a little improved, with a lower rate. I'm sure the property owners will be happy." Being able to roll back the millage rate is something Pooler Mayor Rebecca Benton says couldn't come at a better time. "It is a relief that we can give them a small break, because everything is going up. We are trying to be as conservative as we can. We always try and be good stewards of the public money." The newly approved millage rate will officially go into effect at the beginning of 2023. In Pooler Sam Bauman WTOC News.

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POOLER MILLAGE RATE
EXPLAINED

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The Savannah Mall on the southside is up for auction...it's going for about 2.5 million dollars according to the district's alderman kurtis purtee. "I'm extremely anxious to make that reality. I think our folks deserve it. For the long time, the southside has been ignored a lot of dollars in funding has gone other places. This is a time to get back to our community to revitalize an area of working class families" That's a frustration shared by many residents on the southside who showed up for a townhall meeting to discuss a number of issues from lack of streetlights, road infrastructure and crime. Several people expressed they want issues in their neighborhoods fixed before more development like a community center. "It was more of an intriguing thought process to see how fed up our people are of not having the basic services they need. People in my opinion are just fed up. We're tired of crime, we're tired of not having basic adequate safety features where kids can go out in the neighborhood and play and people can feel safe in their neighborhood" Alderman Purtee says the discussion for the mall to be turned into a city center is part of a master plan for the southside to address many of those concerns expressed over the years. He's thinking housing, restaurants, green space, a community center and more activities for youth "It's an awesome opportunity, especially with it being in a federal opportunity zone the gateway of savannah. When folks come into Savannah and cross that forest river bridge they should be able to look to the left and see something that defines the southside of savannah"

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SAV: DISTRICT 6
TOWNHALL

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SAV MILLAGE RATE
HEARINGS

"We have to continue to address the competitiveness of our public safety wages and so we are considering major pay increases to the Savannah Police Department and the Savannah fire department to ensure that we maintain the highest skilled and best qualified public safety agencies in our nation."

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TYLER: JASPER CO
PROPERTY

Standup: As Jasper County gets more popular and it's population grows, so so it's property values... values that are reassessed every five years. Sot: (Susan Waite - Assessor, Jasper County) "We have different appraisers that work different areas and theirs responsibility is to research the market sales for that area that they work." Vo Meaning each community is assessed individually and one area's new property values don't affect another. Waite says the county as a whole has seen values go up, but there's a limit to how much. Sot "We've had a big increase in market value, but because of the state law that tells us to cap property values based on the last reassessment, if it has not changed in ownership or characteristics there is a 15% cap on taxable value." Vo She tells me a lot of homes have appreciated by much more the 15%, but that cant come across on the reassessment. On cam tag: She says the feedback she's seen online is that people are getting these assessments in the mail and panicking that the number of the bottom of this is their new property tax, but she says that's not the case and if you have any confusion she asks that you call the county assessors office. Reporting in Jasper County, Tyler Manion, WTOG News.

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VAN JOHNSON ON
FLOODING

"I rolled through Carver Village upon my arrival back in the city last night. Rolled through Carver Village and Treemont Park this morning and that water is gone, which is a testament to the city's investment, significant investments in storm water and drainage is working."

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BEAU CO. TAX
PROPOSALS

A separate tax was defeated by council members. The 20-22 Streets, Roads, Bridges and Greenbelts sales tax was a ten-year tax for projects across the community. County leaders say they still plan to get those projects done with money from the state and federal government.

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HHI: SEWER
CONNECTION PROGRAM

New tonight the Town of Hilton Head is launching a sewer connection program. According to the Hilton Head Island Public Service District about 800 of its customers still use septic systems. Which could pose public health and environmental problems for homeowners and neighbors. The town is using money it received from the American Rescue Plan for the program. Homeowners and renters will need to apply. We have a link with all the details on our website WTOC.com

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PORT WENTWORTH
ORDINANCE
DISCUSSION

"We do need to get a fresh look. So much of what we do is because we know this person or that person so I think giving a fresh outside opinion, professional opinion from the planner is the route we need to go and on top of that timing is of the essence." The agencies being considered are the Coastal Regional Commission , Horizon Community Planning and Three Points Planning. None of the proposed agencies can finish their study within the 6-month window for the moratorium. That time frame is something council said could be extended. The final decision still has to come before council for a vote during a regular meeting.

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I'm standing on East 54th Street, where it dead ends about one hundred yards from the southbound lanes of the Truman Parkway. And you can hear just how loud that traffic is. "The noise is just getting out of control. We can't even have a quiet night to do whatever. It's just like, how loud can it get?" Sean Mannion is a resident in Edgemere/Sackville, and also serves as the neighborhood's association president. He says he and others are coordinating with their elected Savannah City Council reps to see what can be done to get these sound barriers put along the parts of the Truman Parkway that border their neighborhoods. He believes they'd give at least some relief from the noise of traffic that he hears day and night. "At night it's a different type of traffic. Yes there's still a lot of traffic, but you've got emergency vehicles, then you've also got the random motorcycles speeders if you will that you always hear..." But Mannion says it's not a simple fix, since it's not clear if the County or City would foot the bill for the project. "To say it's red tape is way over simplifying the issue." In Savannah, Sean Evans, WTOC News.

7/13/2022 TRUMAN PARKWAY
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Council members unanimously approved the agreement. They say this gives them an affordable option to clean up parts of the city -- including ditches and roads. It will cost the city \$90-thousand to hire a corrections officer... And at least another \$80-thousand for equipment and transportation. Port Wentworth's City manager says they'll be able to get jobs done quicker as well.

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"It will also take away some of the time frame that we have to wait on the state to come do things. We talked about the state right of way being the responsibility of the state along HWY 21, HWY 30, and we could actually utilize these people for that purpose" The city manager emphasized these will be low risk offenders. And no more than 12 at a time. The deal isn't done yet. The Effingham board of commissioners still has to approve the contract. Port Wentworth Mayor Gary Norton and Councilman Glenn Jones were absent from the meeting.

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"All of these pay increases are warranted, are deserved by our Team Savannah members who wear the uniform, and also will help us in our recruitment and retention." In addition to the pay increases and 5-thousand dollar signing bonus for police, Melder says the Police Department will be able to develop a program to bring in officers from other cities. "This will allow officers at other departments and other agencies to apply to the Savannah Police Department and be able to start at Savannah Police Department as if they began their career here." But not all on Council are on board with adopting a reduced rate. Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter says she believes Savannahians aren't getting the most out of the services they're paying for through property tax, and that the city should use the rollback rate of 11.39. "I think it's quite disingenuous for us to tout that this is the lowest rate since 1987 or whatever, when we could do better." Alderman Kurtis Purtee fired back at the Alderwoman's statement, saying... "I think what's disingenuous is trying to advocate for public safety folks, and not allowing us to be able to pick where that comes from by rolling back the tax rate."

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LL In: A Richmond Hill council member I spoke with today says they're not calling this move as an increase in the city's millage rate...but rather a necessary step to keep city services going amid rising prices. VO: City officials say the millage rate will remain the same as last year at 4.123 mils. But...residents could see a small increase in their property taxes. Officials say it isn't because of anything the city is doing...but it's a result of rising inflation and skyrocketing home values. According to numbers provided by the city, the average Richmond Hill home valued at 250-thousand dollars with a homestead exemption would see a 15-dollar increase. And a house without the homestead exemption would see a 35-dollar increase. City officials say with rising costs...the increase was necessary. "We're trying to cope with inflation. We're trying to cope with 4 dollars a gallon gas and that eats into the budget. And that gas, for example, is used to provide services to the residents. It'd be a matter of us cutting back on some services or having the homeowner pay a little bit more in property tax based on inflation and the rate of increase in property value." LL Out: The city is planning to hold public hearings on this topic for concerned residents in the coming weeks. To find details on when and where those hearings will take place, just look for this story on our website...WTOC.com Reporting in Bryan County...Flynn Snyder...WTOC News.

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RICHMOND HILL
PROPERTY TAXES

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Unless an alcohol beverage license request comes to Council from a business that's in an overlay, or area that restricts those that serve alcohol, applications are rarely denied. But yesterday, concerns over the number of parking spots Cru Lounge would be able to provide, as well as traffic and noise impact on the surrounding neighborhood came up. Still, Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely asked City Manager Jay Melder if the business operators met all the requirements necessary to request an alcohol permit. "The applicant does meet the requirements to appear here before Council to have its petition considered by Council, yes." And Melder pointed out that parking and related concerns are considered in later steps to the business opening its doors. "I can say for the issues of parking and traffic, those issues are brought up during the business location approval process which has not yet occurred for this business." But Mayor Johnson interjected that just because a business meets the criteria to come to Council to request an alcohol license, doesn't guarantee it'll be granted. "I'm just concerned that these people trying to open this business, this young African American couple trying to open this business, is being held to a much higher standard than anybody else that comes before us opening a business." After a lengthy debate, Council's votes on whether or not to approve the license went to the board. NAT: "Wow, that's sad." "Talk about racial equity." "Not at all." "Motion fails." "There's your racial equity, City Manager." The applicants tell me they plan on resubmitting the new alcohol beverage license request to Council at the next City Council meeting. Reporting in Savannah, Sean Evans, WTOC news.

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SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
ARGUMENTS FOLO

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Looking ahead to the weekend - Hinesville is rolling out a massive celebration for its newly renovated Bradwell Park. This Saturday is the ribbon cutting...and they're inviting everyone out to celebrate. The city says there will be live music, food trucks, an obstacle course...and the new splash pad will open for the first time. Things kick off at 11 a-m at the park on Commerce Street.

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BRADWELL PARK
OPENING THIS WKND

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Local Option Sales Tax has been around in Georgia since the 1970's, and the terms of how money gathered by the penny tax is distributed within Counties is negotiated after each Census is completed. With the 2020 Census data in hand, Chatham County leaders anticipate LOST will account for just over 107-million dollars that would be split nine ways. Back on the 13th of this month, the cities in Chatham County collectively proposed that the cities split roughly 88-percent of that pot, while the County gets the rest. County leaders came back today with a counter-proposal of a 50-50 split, noting the dozens of services they provide that benefit the entire County, and the ability they'd have to lower property tax county-wide. "The County would roll back the taxes for everyone, and then each municipality would have the ability to roll back." Speaking on behalf of the municipalities, Savannah City Manager Jay Melder offered an alternative 86-14 split, with the cities again taking the majority of the tax revenue. "We're here in negotiations, we're negotiating in good faith, and we're just trying to make the best decisions for our taxpayers. Because at the end of the day it's the same penny." Clearly not on the same page with how the hundreds of millions in tax revenue will be divided up, the negotiations will now go into mediation. Melder said during today's workshop that leaders throughout the County can't let these dollars go away, highlighting in his presentation how much property tax would go up for residents in each municipality. For instance, in Savannah, without this tax...residents would pay about 600-dollars more a year in property tax for a 150-thousand dollar home. In Pooler, the increase for the same valued property would be about 400-dollars more a year. "It's incumbent upon us to make the right decisions and split this thing fairly so that we can continue to get this good deal for our residents, and continue to provide the level of services...but also to do what LOST is intended to, which is keep property taxes as low as possible." Melder says in order to keep LOST around, all parties involved have to come to an agreement and submit a new certificate for LOST to the state by the end of the year. In Savannah, Sean Evans, WTOG News.

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SAVANNAH SALES TAX
WORKSHOP

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If Bryan County voters pass a measure on the November 8 ballot, that would mean that businesses like this one would be able to begin selling alcohol at 11:00 AM on Sundays instead of 12:30 PM like they do now. State law had been changed and would allow those alcohol sales to be done earlier, specifically at 11 AM, so we decided to present it to the voters for a referendum in the November election. The change would only apply to businesses in the unincorporated areas of Bryan County. Butch Broome, owner of Fish Tales, said the measure would help businesses like his compete with those in cities like Richmond Hill, which have already adopted state law. Just about every municipality in the area, you know, Chatham County, Effingham County, they all do it. And it's just time for Bryan County to get with the times and do it. And if they do it, Broome believes there will be other benefits, as well. He says it would eliminate the hassle of explaining to customers why they can't order a drink, and that it might even bring new businesses to the county. Broome: The community is growing. We need more restaurants. And that's one thing that I think prevents restaurants from coming here, is the alcohol laws. If the voters pass the measure- the law wouldn't change immediately. The County would still have to- Miller: Pass an ordinance then to actually incorporate it into our ordinance, so depending on when we would do that, it would be anywhere from 30 to 60 days. Shea: The measure would only apply to restaurants and bars. Packaged alcohol sales still wouldn't be able to begin until 12:30 PM on Sundays. Reporting in Bryan County, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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SHEA BRYAN CO.
ALCOHOL VOTE

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COASTAL ELECTRIC
BROADBAND UPDATE

LL INTRO: To help with access to broadband in rural areas, Coastal Electric has helped install about 83 miles of fiber so far... That's an increase from about 29 miles installed as of this past March. These workers have been splicing fibers together for months... that will eventually connect miles and miles of cables. The partnership between the two companies allows internet to be brought to homes... in a similar way to how they get their electricity. To date, about 260 customers in Liberty County are now able to sign up for Coastal Fiber. The company has the goal of expanding that to 2,000 over the next year... They've faced some delays due to supply chain issues. Vice President of Communications Mark Bolton says the process of expanding internet access into rural Georgia is similar to providing electricity to those areas many decades ago. "This is very reminiscent of that same experience. If you lived at the end of the road in Colonel's Island or Riceboro, you either didn't have internet service at all, or it's something slightly better than dial up." Liberty County has been a first priority for this project, but coverage will expand to Bryan and Long Counties in the future. LL TAG: If you're interested in learning if your home qualifies, we'll have a link in this story on our website. In Liberty County, Hayley Boland, WTOC News.

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RH GAS STATION
MORATORIUM

The City of Richmond Hill currently has a moratorium on building gas stations in place, which they say is in an effort to balance the development of the city with the comfort of their residents. ((VO)) Richmond Hill City Councilman Steve Scholar tells me they specifically chose a gas station moratorium because of the nature of those businesses. He says they're open 24/7, are very busy, and can often be loud and even have a tendency to cause pollution. However, he adds there are already plenty of places to buy gas in Richmond Hill including two new stations under construction right now. He says the city council may consider putting a rule in place that would allow new gas stations to be built, but not within a certain distance of residential areas. ((SOT)) "We want our residents to have a safe and good area to live in, and not saying that's mutually exclusive with gas stations, but we want to make sure that we're looking out for the residents while we're also looking out for new businesses coming into the city." That moratorium is set to expire on September 7, at which point Scholar tells me it'll be re-evaluated. Reporting in Richmond Hill, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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"I don't know who these individuals are never met with them...but yet they can call for reform only when an officer shoots somebody? Well, we need your help when young Black men are shooting young Black men." Mayor Johnson says the city of Savannah has already been reforming themselves... by banning chokeholds and strangle holds in 2020, requiring de-escalation and the use of force continuum among other programs. He also says the group further victimized the family by stirring up the situation and when the GBI finishes their investigation they'll deal with it from there.

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SAV: MAYOR JOHNSON
ON WEEKEND RALLY

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Savannah Mayor Van Johnson responded to calls for him to step down following the death of Saudi Lee. a Savannah Police Officer shot and killed Lee last month in Carver Village. The investigation is still in its early stages... the mayor says it was a horrible incident, Lee lost his life but that is all they know at this point. He says he does not oversee the police chief and the group is screaming for reform, but they're not a part of the solution.

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SAV: MAYOR JOHNSON
ON WEEKEND RALLY

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If Bryan County voters pass a measure on the November 8 ballot, that would mean that businesses like this one would be able to begin selling alcohol at 11:00 AM on Sundays instead of 12:30 PM like they do now. State law had been changed and would allow those alcohol sales to be done earlier, specifically at 11 AM, so we decided to present it to the voters for a referendum in the November election. The change would only apply to businesses in the unincorporated areas of Bryan County. Butch Broome, owner of Fish Tales, said the measure would help businesses like his compete with those in cities like Richmond Hill, which have already adopted state law. Just about every municipality in the area, you know, Chatham County, Effingham County, they all do it. And it's just time for Bryan County to get with the times and do it. And if they do it, Broome believes there will be other benefits, as well. He says it would eliminate the hassle of explaining to customers why they can't order a drink, and that it might even bring new businesses to the county. Broome: The community is growing. We need more restaurants. And that's one thing that I think prevents restaurants from coming here, is the alcohol laws. If the voters pass the measure- the law wouldn't change immediately. The County would still have to- Miller: Pass an ordinance then to actually incorporate it into our ordinance, so depending on when we would do that, it would be anywhere from 30 to 60 days. Shea: The measure would only apply to restaurants and bars. Packaged alcohol sales still wouldn't be able to begin until 12:30 PM on Sundays. Reporting in Bryan County, Shea Schrader, WTOG News.

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SHEA BRYAN CO.
ALCOHOL VOTE

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7/21/2022
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD TYBEE ISLAND
COMMUNITY SAFETY
MEETING "We really want people to see and come and listen and ask questions. We're going to have handouts and fliers, stuff like that because we really want to make sure that we get the message across to everyone." The meeting will be held at council chambers from 7 to 9 p.m. 00:00:15

7/21/2022
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD SAVANNAH TAX MONEY
FIGHT "And it's nothing short of alarming. But furthermore, this is not a first time that we've got some municipalities in the County at odds. This continues to be a theme through several different administrations and it's got to stop." "Because the people that are stuck in the middle of these fights 00:00:17

7/21/2022
7:00:00 PM 7PM OD TYBEE ISLAND SINK HOLE
WTOC News. As you can see behind me, this section of Jones Avenue right at the corner of the BP gas station is closed. There's a sinkhole that spans the width of the two-lane road and the city tells me this is the second time this has happened in the same spot. City Manager Shawn Gillen says the manhole at this location connects different sewer lines throughout the city. He says these sewer lines are constantly monitored with cameras. He says the area was damaged by water and erosion, which happens because the island is built on sand. He says they were close to being done with repairs from previous erosion when more damaged happened and the manhole collapsed further. It then broke a water main, which made the hole grow even more. Gillen says crews have made significant repairs so far, so the gas station parking lot isn't being affected. Jones Avenue is a golf cart route, so there is a detour that has been set up for them. Other drivers can access Jones starting at 2nd Street. Right now, there's metal holding up the sides of the sinkhole. Gillen says a new concrete manhole will be put in and that's a slow process. "They have to get around and pump the water out because the water table is so high and they have to bypass the sewer lines that are unconnected right now. They'll get the manhole down in there, they'll get everything hooked back up and then they'll get everything filled back in with a method that hopefully you won't see that sinkhole forming in the same area again." The contractor working out here with Savannah River Utilities tells me before they pull out of here, they will make sure that everything is done the right way. He says it's not a project you can rush and so they appreciate the community's patience. They hope to have it done in the next few days. On Tybee Island, Mariah Congedo 00:01:46

7/22/2022
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HHI: ELECTRIC BIKE
PROPOSAL

town leaders are considering an ordinance allowing the E-bikes on public pathways. The proposal would amend existing town codes. Paving a way for businesses on the Island to rent them. The Ordinance has already passed the first reading. The second and final reading will go before town council next month.

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REP. CARTER FEC
COMPLAINT UPDATE

It was over where the ad ran and the money spent to buy air time. In their complaint - the Democratic Party claimed Carter violated federal rules by not updating his campaign status. They argued because the ad ran outside of the First District, Carter should have updated his candidate designation to one for a statewide office to be in line with federal campaign spending laws.

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7/22/2022
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SUSPENDED

"I trust his judgement at this point. I don't know why, so I can't say I support him suspending him, because I don't know why he did it. But again, the Chairman did reach out to me, and express that he felt that this was necessary." WTOC asked Commissioner Whitely if he had observed or heard of any issues involving Smith that would lead to a suspension, Whitely declined to comment. WTOC also reached out to Chairman Ellis for comment, and we're waiting for a response.

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7/25/2022
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD CAMDEN SPACEPORT
LATEST

WTOC reached out to the owner of the property, Union Carbide. Their statement says, in part "Through the residents' referendum vote, Camden County repudiated the County's Option Agreement with Union Carbide Corporation to purchase the Company's Woodbine, Georgia property. As a result, there is no longer an Option Agreement in existence between the County and UCC, and UCC does not intend to convey the property to the County."

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7/25/2022
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD BRYAN MEGASITE NEW
DETAILS

You may remember - Hyundai announced back in May it's building its first fully dedicated electric vehicle plant at the Bryan County megasite. The package is the largest economic development deal in state history...with Hyundai investing 5 point 5 billion here. With that investment and the tax breaks from the state - the package comes to nearly 228-thousand dollars per job. The plant is expected to create 81-hundred direct jobs.

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7/25/2022
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD HUTCHINSON ISLAND
DECK LATEST

"Construction crews are out here starting repairs on the deck that collapsed near the Savannah Convention Center. The Chatham Area Transit Ferry is still working its normal hours. The director tells me they are working on getting federal funding to help fix some of the damages." CAT Director says Faye Dimassimo says the earthquake that happened on the same day as the collapse is likely a factor. According to CAT officials when public infrastructure is impacted by natural causes, there may be opportunities for federal funding. They are still waiting to hear back from the Biden Administration about if they are eligible for federal funds and how much money for repairs on the dock and ramp they can receive. "We're still working through and exploring what those opportunities might be. Whether they are federal or otherwise to make those repairs." The Chatham County Commission approved 3.2 million dollars to put towards repairs of the deck. While still operating, the CAT ferries only have one dock to drop passengers off to Hutchinson Island, which could be a challenge. "There are occasions when we need two vessels running at the same time, when we have extra large conventions. Now that we have one dock here that will be more challenging. It's certainly possible. Other than that, we've been fortunate that this collapse has not caused a destruction of all of our docks." "They say there is a possibility that the deck could be repaired in about about a year. Reporting on Hutchinson Island, Camille Syed WTOG News."

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UNDER INVESTIGATION

This afternoon, Chatham County Attorney Jonathan Hart, denied public access to those records because he says the documents WTOC requested are quote "currently part of an investigation and are unable to be reproduced until an action has been decided."

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7/25/2022
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD COUNTY MANAGER
UNDER INVESTIGATION

If you remember - on Friday, WTOC confirmed Smith's suspension with pay. The reason for his suspension has not been publicly stated. Our investigates team requested personnel documents from the county that might explain the reason. This afternoon Chatham County Attorney Jonathan Hart denied public access to those records because he says the documents are quote "currently part of an investigation and are unable to be reproduced until an action has been decided." We'll update you as soon as we learn more.

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7/25/2022
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD TO GO CUP

Check it out. The theme of the design contest was "The beauty of Savannah."
The contest opened in April - calling for entries from artists in Chatham County.
This is the winning design -- submitted by Dana Richardson.

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7/27/2022
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD CHATHAM FIRE FEE
PRORATED REFUNDS

If you live in Unincorporated chatham and formerly subscribed to chatham fire, check your mailbox! A refund check could be heading your way. But only if you paid for fire protection between July and December of last year. "The county came to the conclusion that anyone who paid between January and June of last year that they will have used up their full subscription either by the end of last calendar year or during the first 6 months of this year when the county was paying us. So their one year subscription has effectively expired." A team of 5 people are overseeing more than 12-thousand pro-rated refunds over the next couple of weeks. Those checks ranging as little as 10 cents to more than 26-thousand dollars. Chief Kearns says the team is expecting mixed reactions. "I think it's fair to say some people are going to be really happy and others are gonna be 'oh, is that all?'" This new partnership between Chatham fire and the county follows years of residents neglecting to pay for the critical service... leaving Chatham Fire short millions of dollars. "I can tell you there were a lot of sleepless nights" Chief Kearns says he's grateful the county commission stepped in. because the consequences could have been deadly. "The county commissioners were very bold. This is not an easy issue to get your arms around and they were up to the challenge and voted to pass this fee. The alternative would've been the citizens of the unincorporated area and visitors to the community would not have had fire protection"

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We told you about the proposal that would bring nearly 400 homes to an area off Wild Heron Road. That's not far from Georgetown Elementary school. According to Savannah City Alderman Kurtis Purtee, the developer is postponing a public hearing until they complete a traffic study. That study is expected to take place after the school year begins. They are likely to bring the petition back to the Metropolitan Planning Commission sometime in September. We'll keep you updated.

7/27/2022
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GEORGETOWN
REZONING SCRAPPED

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The vote to adopt the millage rate was 6 to 3...with Alderwoman Kesha Gibson Carter, Alicia Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier opposed. With the millage going down from 12.739 mills to 12.2 mills ...the city says it's the lowest it has been in 35 years. But some residents say the reduced rate still doesn't keep their taxes down. "We're coming off two record years of real estate. Properties in this county is at an all time high whether you're selling renting or buying." "Are we considering the rise in inflation? Food crisis and transportation and everything when we're also considering raising property taxes. We're reducing property taxes. So it's going down? We're reducing property taxes." If your home is valued at \$100,000, you would pay an additional \$32 in taxes under this proposal. More than 19-thousand households do have the Stephens-Day exemption so the city says most of them will see a reduction "we made a significant push on stephens day this year because we wanted to make sure people had that exemption. And now, here"s an opportunity to provide tax relief for us to not only provide tax relief but to also make sure our law enforcement remains competitive" BUT the only way for all citizens to see a reduction is a roll back to 11.399 mills. "I want the public to know that I'm not supporting this." The city says if they rolled it back any further they couldn't increase pay for first responders "Public safety has been a huge investment and a huge outcry in the city of savannah. Many members of council have gotten up here and completely bashed either leadership in this organization or leadership in the police department or practices and policies of the police department" "With increasing gas prices, increasing prices for food, with our city being in somewhat of a crime crises i think it's disingenous to say that if someone doesn't support the city manager's recommendation we somehow don't support police and fire...that's as far from the truth as the mouth it came out of."

7/28/2022
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SAV: 3RD MILLAGE RATE
PUBLIC HEARING

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7/29/2022 4:30AM
4:30:00 AM DAYBREAK OD TYBEE STORM SURGE
PROTECTION PASSES

Georgia's U-S Senators helped to co-sponsor the bill. Senator Jon Ossoff writing in a statement it will quote "help protect homes and businesses on Tybee from coastal flooding, storm surge, and high winds." He goes on the thank Chatham County commission Chairman Ellis and Tybee's Mayor Shirely Sessions for their help getting it passed.

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7/29/2022
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD CHATHAM CO. MANAGER
SUSPENDED

All questions have gone unanswered as to why Chatham County Manager Lee Smith is on administrative leave. "With Lee Smith's suspension, the Chatham County Commission appointed Mark Kaigler Interim County Manager." Kaigler was formerly an assistant county manager Before the vote to appoint him, went into a closed session for about an hour and a half. Commissioners came back into a public session and voted to appoint Kaigler. (nats) "Please cast your votes." The vote was 7 to 0 with Larry "Gator" Rivers and Dean Kicklighter absent for the decision. Chairman Chester Ellis would only read a short statement to the media. "Regarding the Chatham County Manager Lee Smith, the county commission met and discussed his administrative leave the county manager will remain on administrative leave until further notice." WTOC requested personnel documents that may reveal why Smith is under investigation earlier this week. That request was denied by the county attorney. "There's still lots of questions surrounding why Lee Smith was suspended. Chairman Ellis declined to answer any other questions regarding this investigation. Reporting in Chatham County, Camille Syed WTOC News."

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(sot) This type of development could soon be a trend in Statesboro. That's why city leaders say they needed to set some rules so these grow the right way. (vo) City council approved a new zoning category for townhomes. They're described as a hybrid between apartments and single family homes. (sot) With townhomes, it's a vertical housing unit with one family per unit. (vo) The new ordinance would allow a developer to place 12 units on a single acre inside the city. The rules for standalone houses limit only two per acre. City manager Charles Penny estimated 70 percent of Statesboro residents rent, whether it's a house or an apartment. Council members say this ordinance gives developers a new option in the market. Field says they've adopted the ordinances to catch up with developers eager to build in the city. (sot) We have two requests that will go to the Planning & Zoning tonight with this new zoning category that we've created. Plus we've got another 7-9 that we're tracking. (vo) Council member Phil Boyum did voice concerns that he hoped the townhomes would be owner-occupied, and not become even more rental property. (sot) In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

8/2/2022 DAL: STATEBORO CITY
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8/2/2022 STATESBORO NEW
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LL: Richmond Hill City Council members recently signed a non-binding agreement that lays out how the city will work with the county and developer Raydient L-L-C to widen parts of Belfast Keller Road and improve intersections. VO: The project on the county-owned road is expected to cost roughly 55-million dollars. According to the documents, Bryan County has already spent money to establish right of ways and design entrances for the new Richmond Hill High School. The memo also says that developer Raydient has committed to donating around 10 acres of land for road rights of way...which they say is worth more than 3.5 million dollars. City officials say they're still waiting for more signatures before the project can continue...but they hope work gets underway sooner rather than later as businesses bringing growth along Belfast Keller push for the road to be widened. "It's a win win for the city, it's a win win for the county. So, I think any way you look at it, the memorandum of understanding is a first step in sort of nailing down exactly what is going to take place." LL: Both the City of Richmond Hill and the developer have signed the memo. The county says that talks are still ongoing and that they don't have comment at this point. The memo calls for a more complete agreement to be drawn up by August 1 with work expected to get underway in June of next year. Reporting in Bryan County...Flynn Snyder...WTOC News.

8/5/2022 BELFAST KELLER ROAD
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD IMPROVEMENTS

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Tybee Island is one step closer to securing federal help in maintaining its shoreline. *nats pop: "We're very fortunate, we're very thankful." Officials are applauding after the U-S Senate recently passed the Tybee Island Storm Management Act...a bill that would continue a federal partnership to help the island combat climate change and storm surge. "This is a very nonpartisan bill because it's literally protecting our shoreline, it's protecting the coast, it's protecting lives, it's protecting marine life." Georgia Senators Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock cosponsored the bill. According to Senator Ossoff, Tybee Island has experienced 10 inches of sea level rise since 19-35. Under the bill...Tybee officials would work with Army Corps of Engineers to nourish areas affected by erosion and bolster existing dunes to combat storm surge. Shirley Sessions/Tybee Island Mayor: "The dunes and the sand is really the first line of defense against storm surges, against bad waves, any type of tropical storms, or nor'easters that we experience during the year so we are really pleased." And beachgoers who have lived through the devastation of hurricanes said they are optimistic about the possible extended partnership with the federal government. Emily Stillwell/Tybee Island Homeowner: "A few years back, I think it was about 4 or 5 years back, we had a hurricane come through and our house actually got about 2 inches of water in it. And so we're hoping that the dunes and the extra sand will help protect the houses when the hurricanes come through." As officials now hope to maintain a federal partnership that they say will save homes and businesses when future storms roll in.

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8/6/2022 WEEKEND TYBEE STORM RISK
11:01:00 PM OD MANAGEMENT ACT

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The goal is to not just make walking as easy as putting one foot in front of the other. But to make it easy everywhere. "when we have community members who depend on walking and biking to get to their every-day life activities like going to church, going to the store, going to school, then we want those people to have the infrastructure in their communities to do so safely. Healthy Savannah has been identifying challenges for pedestrians in Savannah's low-income neighborhoods since securing a REACH four years ago. "Reach Grant stands for Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health ... we want to look at roadways, tree canopies, intersections, everything that would make it easier or harder for someone to get to the places they need to go. We want to take a closer look at them and work with the community to find out what are they seeing so we can make the proper recommendations to fix those issues. The City does the work to fix the issues. But healthy Savannah does the legwork to identify them - already helping to get walkways improved in Edgemere Sackville and now focusing on the Carver Heights area. "Savannah has about 73% of our streets don't have sidewalks on both sides. That's most prevalent in our low-wealth, African American communities ... we know the health benefits to walking and biking and we want that to be available to everyone, no matter their community, race or color. With one year remaining on the \$3.4 million REACH grant, the WTOC Hometown Heroes at Healthy Savannah will also continue to support the City's Tide to Town project of walking and riding trails through 75 percent of Savannah's neighborhoods, which includes the Truman Linear Trail. "We know something like that has the potential to connect neighborhoods, to connect people to the places they need to go. And so, seeing more and more shovels in the ground, building that in collaboration with communities, is something we're very proud of and we hope to see more of ... we hope that once this grant is over, we've made a significant dent in that effort to improve walkability and bikability here in Savannah, and we hope to really energize our communities to advocate for themselves to see the changes that they need. Tim Guidera, WTOC news. 00:02:12

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HOMETOWN HERO:
HEALTHY SAV
PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

8/9/2022
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SAV DEVELOPMENT
WATER CONCERNS

"This isn't a mile away. This is next door, so if there's a fire on this site or the truck spills on the way to the facility or on the facility, the stuff that's in that warehouse is in the drinking water for the City of Savannah. There is no, it's gonna take a couple hours to turn things off. It's next door." Commission voted in favor of the project. 5th District Commissioner Phil Kieffer says all designs for the site will be reviewed by state and Federal officials to ensure the area's drinking water is not affected.

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BEAUFORT GREENSPACE
TAX

The plan is called the Greenspace Tax referendum. It's a 1 percent tax over two years, and it's expected to collect 100- million dollars. That money will be used to buy land, conservation easements and make other purchases aimed at slowing and preventing land development. The whole goal of making those purchases is to protect the environment in one of South Carolina's fastest growing counties. Voters will get to vote yes or no to the tax in November.

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8/10/2022
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HHI AIRPORT TOWER
GRANT

New at 7 - a slice of a 1 billion dollar pie is coming to the Lowcountry. Beaufort County leaders announced today the Hilton Head Island Airport will get 275 thousand dollars to remodel its control tower. The money is coming from the Federal Aviation Administration's Contract Tower Competitive grant program. The grant will be put toward replacing aging equipment... adding energy efficient lighting... and updating the tower's H-VAC system.

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8/11/2022
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CITY COUNCIL
DISCUSSES WATER
METERS

Jay Melder - Savannah City Manager "We're using our federal ARPA funds to be able to invest in our infrastructure here. We're not charging our water customers for this service. And I think it's important, the city received roughly 57-million dollars worth of ARPA funds, and every cent of that fund is going to projects in the community."

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LL: City of Hagan officials say that they've had resignations and position turnovers before but never quite this quickly. *nats pop: "No, we've never had this happen this rapidly."* It's a unique situation, say city staff, who note it all started with the recent resignation of Hagan's city clerk...the person responsible for the city's day to day operations. That...then lead to the mayor's resignation citing family and reasons related to his other job. "The City of Hagan is not a full-time position as mayor, but it does require a lot of work. And if you're unable to put that work in, and recognize that, the best thing to do is to step down. Sometimes you have to take care of your own health and what you need to do for your own family. So as a council we understood." Clay Miller is now filling the mayor role for Hagan. He says despite the road bumps...they've already tapped the city's assistant clerk to step into the main role. "So we're going to have a full staff. There's going to be a learning curve but we're in the process of coming back to where we were." Gena Roberts is the council member who resigned. She says she gave up her post to run for mayor of Hagan. A move that Miller says will help Roberts qualify in time for the November election and replace her more quickly on city council. "We wouldn't get a new city councilman until March of next year. She decided to resign on the day she did so that we could include that election in the election in November to get a council person on their as soon as possible." "And also it would save the city some money to keep from having a special election later on. So that way, it's worked out pretty good and couldn't come at a better time for the election coming up in November." And despite the rapid turnover for this Evans County city of roughly 15-hundred people...leaders here say Hagan city services have not been impacted. "Those positions have been filled. Everything's great in Hagan and moving right along and it's going to be fine." LL: And now city leaders are looking to the future...telling me they now want to focus on ways to help the City of Hagan grow. Reporting in Hagan...Flynn Snyder...WTOC News.

8/12/2022 FLYNN: HAGAN
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD RESIGNATIONS

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"Chairman Chester Ellis says voting for TSPLOST in November could help get rid of railroads like this one in Garden City that often hold up traffic." Ellis says they are working to eliminate ten railroads and they are most focused on the one on HWY 21 and President Street. "Everybody in here will agree that railroad on President Street is a nuisance." He says they will be receiving federal funds to help cover the railroad projects, for example federal funds will handle 80 percent of the cost to eliminate the railroad on President Street and the remaining 20 percent of funds would come from transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. "That twenty percent is set up in the TSPLOST so that we can help folks get around Chatham County." He says if TSPLOST doesn't pass, it's likely that property taxes will go up. The tax adds a penny to sales and is on the November ballot. He says voting for TSPLOST will help them tackle drainage issues. "There's not one area in the County that doesn't experience flooding during one time or the other. It is our hope that after this there will be no area in Chatham County that floods." In addition to TSPLOST, Chatham County is still negotiating with Savannah and surrounding municipalities on how to split the Local Option Sales Tax that will give residents a rollback, according to Ellis. Ellis says it should be split in half with the county and other municipalities including Savannah. "It's in negotiations. From negotiations we go to mediation and hopefully we'll come out with something that's for the benefit of all and not just for the largest municipality in town." They have until the end of the year to come to an agreement or they will lose the money the tax could bring. Camille Syed WTOC News.

8/12/2022 CHATHAM SPECIAL TAX
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It was a big day at WTOC... Nats: as many old co-workers, area leaders and friends came out to celebrate this interchange naming ceremony in honor of WTOC News Anchor Doug Weathers. Bill Cathcart: 7:28 Today's marker in your honor will be a reminder for so many that each day of both you and your news leadership excellence and credibility. 7:40 Doug started at WTOC in 1954 as a film editor. He worked his way up to anchor and news director. Bill Hitchens: 53:45 I've always called Doug, the Walter Cronkite of Savannah. 53:48 32:02 Carl Gilliard/We are very thankful Doug, that without you there would not be the Good news and WTOC Represents that. 32:12 Larry Silberman: 28:57 When Doug was delivering the news... he did it with conviction and compassion that made even the worst days seem a little bit better. 29:06 Doug retired in 2001 but has been as busy as ever. Now at the age of 90, he devotes much of his time to his church, the 200 Club of the Coastal Empire and the Band of Brothers organizations. 54:10 Bill Hitchens/ If you work hard and treat people right, you will do well on this earth, and that's Doug's Calling card, he's always done that. 54:20 00:31 Dawn Baker: Doug was so much bigger than his job, he was about this community, He loves this community he is a man of integrity. faith, ethics, he taught all of us, he's loyal, but he had a two fold plan that all of us had to love this community as much as he did. 00:48 A man who's face has been familiar for generations, will now have his name seen for generations to come. 37:27 Doug Weathers: But I can't begin to tell you what a great privilege to have something like this named after me. I thank all of you very much. Sit on the applause for a little bit. then fade back to next story.

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DOUG WEATHERS
INTERCHANGE

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"While Chatham County Manager Lee Smith is still getting paid during his suspension, Chatham County Commissioners are working on his severance agreement." After an executive session with commissioners and staff that was closed to the public, Chairman Chester Ellis read this statement to media. "Chatham County board of commissioners is authorizing the county attorney and the chairman to receive what we believe will be a mutual severance agreement between Mr. Smith and the Chatham County government." WTOC put in a public records request for the minutes from the executive session and have not heard from the County Attorney's office at this time. We were told that executive session minutes are not typically available through public records. Michael Kaigler is the interim County Manager at this time. According to the Chatham County charter, the Chatham County Manager may be removed by a two-thirds vote of all board of commissioners. At least thirty days before a county manager's removal becomes effective, the board must also have a two thirds vote to agree on the reasons for the manager's removal. If that happens, Lee Smith could request a public hearing up to 10 days after. If removed, he would collect any unpaid salary, accumulated annual leave and three months of pay. If he is removed because of malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office, his salary for the next three months will not be paid. "Chairman Chester Ellis would not answer any media questions as to why he suspended Lee Smith at this time. Reporting in Savannah, Camille Syed WTOC News."

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CHATHAM CO. MANAGER
SEVERANCE AGREEMENT

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New at 5 - Bryan County's Board of Commissioners denied a permit for a proposed apartment complex that some caused controversy in the area. Those apartments would have added more than 200 units near Harris Trail Road and Sterling Links Way in Richmond Hill. WTOC is hearing from neighbors who say they're relieved the plans weren't approved. Our Flynn Synder has that story coming up on THE News at 5:30.

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HARRIS TRAIL
APARTMENTS DENIED

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Commissioners denied the permit in a 4 to 1 vote during a recent meeting. The project has faced some pushback from the start from those living in a nearby neighborhood. VO: We first told you about the proposed apartments back in March. Since then...neighbors in the subdivision that backs up to the property have been outspoken about privacy concerns and a lack of proper infrastructure to handle the influx of people. They also acknowledge that the developer did meet with them to address some of those concerns... The applicant agreed to increase the buffer area between the proposed complex and the existing homes...but the permit was still denied. "We were excited, kind of in shock. Part of us felt like they were going to approve it just kind of on conversations throughout the meetings so when it was voted and denied we were very relieved. Something else might go in here, but hopefully not for a while and in the meantime we'll work on this infrastructure and getting this road ready for the growth." LL: Those who live here say they understand growth is inevitable...but they don't want it to happen too fast. The area included in the proposal is still zoned for commercial use as neighbors now wait to see if there will be anymore proposals for this plot of land in the future. Reporting in RH...FS...WTOCN.

8/15/2022 HARRIS TRAIL PROPOSAL
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(sot) Bulloch County commissioners say they need a six month freeze on rezoning to get ordinances in line for the growth they say was coming even before Hyundai put this region on the world's radar. (vo) Commissioners voted unanimously for the moratorium. Chairman Roy Thompson says they're constantly hit with requests to rezone farmland to subdivisions. (sot) We can have anywhere from six to ten at one meeting, scattered all over the county. (vo) The county manager says the southern part of the county was already exploding with new housing and subdivisions, and it will only get more crowded when Hyundai and the supplier plants begin hiring thousands of workers. They need the freeze, he says, to prepare. (sot) We're going to...finally...look at some serious revisions needed in our zoning and subdivision codes. (vo) Thompson says if they can regulate the growth, they can put infrastructure in the right places to accommodate it. (sot) We have to do some planning, right now, for the future. (vo) Thompson said the moratorium would not affect people wanting to build a single home on their own lot. (sot) And we'll keep you updated as this develops. In Bulloch County, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

8/16/2022 BULLOCH CO. REZONING
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD FREEZE

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Sot: (Lavon Stevens - Chairman, HHI Land and Cultural Preservation Task Force) "Please stop wasting the town's resources if we are not serious about cultural preservation and the advancement of a community that is diverse and inclusive." Vo At today's community services and public safety committee meeting, about 10 people spoke in front of the committee. All of them voicing frustration. Sot: (Louise Miller Cohen - Founder, Gullah Museum of HHI) "I'm wondering what the problem is? What the problem is of telling the story of these people who are here?" Vo This committee tabled an initiative last month that would require all town employees to be educated on Gullah history... and did so without public feedback. Sot: (Alexander Brown - Ward 1, HHI Town Council) "The fact that it was not discussed publicly... committee members really had no idea what the concerns were." Vo Glenn Stanford sits on the CSPSC and town council. He explains that decision. Sot: (Glenn Stanford - Ward 6, HHI Town Council) "There was some concern last month about some of the language that was in there and getting a clear interpretation. Those questions have been answered." Vo After public comments, committee members agreed the Gullah education program should be approved. Sot: (David Aimes - Ward 4, HHI Town Council) "In and of itself it may not be the answer but it does have benefits to this community as a whole." Vo The vote was unanimous. Nat Vo Councilman Brown, who is Gullah himself, is pleased with the progress made today. Sot "When you think about the history of Hilton Head and all those studies and reports and no action behind them, to now see that we're taking action... absolutely I'm excited about it." On cam tag Now that this initiative has been approved by the community services and public safety committee here today, it moves on to town council next month where it'll have the opportunity to be approved by the town's full group of leaders. Reporting from Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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?But we've been in the meeting since it started, and nothing about the special-called executive session meeting from last Friday has been discussed so far. Whether that will come up at all, we'll have to see. One thing I did notice, the spot usually reserved for Lee Smith now has the name plate of assistant county manager Michael Kaigler. However, on the MPC's website, Smith is still listed as a board member. As for executive director Melanie Wilson, she was present for the first portion of today's meeting, but left while the board was considering old business on the agenda.

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WTOCI: LEE SMITH
INTERNAL
INVESTIGATION

The investigation into the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission began in September of last year after someone sent an anonymous complaint sent to MPC Chairman Joe Welch. The complaint included allegations about a hostile work environment under the MPC's executive director Melanie Wilson. According to a copy of the MPC investigation report, Chatham County hired a private law firm out of Atlanta to look into those claims. Here's what the nearly two-month investigation found: It did NOT substantiate claims about a hostile work environment. But did find there is low staff morale at the MPC, distrust of executive leadership and communication issues involving Melanie Wilson and executive leadership. Board members interviewed during the investigation pointed out that morale issues at the MPC are long-standing and preceded Wilson. She was hired to be a "change agent" to bring order to an organization at risk of losing funding. During Wilson's interview with investigators, she denied allegations about her management style and that the allegations "absolutely" surprise her. She also told investigators "this process seems retaliatory to her." The law firm concluded the investigator was unable to substantiate many of the allegations.

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HHI AIRPORT TOWER
GRANT

Standup: The air traffic control tower here was built back in 2004, but now thanks to \$275,000 of federal funding, its equipment will get some upgrades. The airport's director says winning the grant came as a welcome surprise. Sot: phoner graphic no lower needed "With any good opportunity like that we did put in what we thought was a pretty solid package, but we really had no indication whatsoever when we submitted it what the chances were of recovering a grant." Vo He says the money will allow the airport to ensure its safety record, as a crucial part of the process gets an upgrade. Sot "By the time the tower is actually finished some of the technology is almost outdated by that point and it's hard to get upgraded for that equipment in the tower, but that what this grant will allow us to do." On cam tag Some of the things in the tower they'll look to improve are its weather tracking equipment, the HVAC system, and voice equipment. All of which Rembold says will lead to a better work environment. Reporting from Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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8/18/2022
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CLYBURN ON HAMPTON
CO. MISSING MONEY

This is one of just two baseball fields in Hampton County for kids to play on and people here are hoping a proposal from Congressman James Clyburn will bring enough money to the plate to change that. "This money could be critical to Hampton County getting a recreation complex." Vo The proposal would bring \$3,000,000 of federal funding. Vaughn says they shouldn't even need that money though, because the county misspent millions. We first reported on that missing money back in May when the county admitted they accidentally spent the money on other things. If these federal funds come through, Vaughn has a plan he's already submitted to county leaders. It involves using a current high school as the location for the recreation complex. Sot "It would really be uplifting for the community to have their recreation complex right there." Vo Current plans have that high school falling out of use in a few years, so Vaughn tells me the timing would be perfect. Clyburn's proposal, which involves other projects around the state as well, has made it through the House, but still has to be approved by the senate. Reporting from Hampton County, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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LL: It's been a little over 4 months since the tornado struck here at Hendrix and across north Bryan. And while crews have made progress in repairs...they say there's still more work to be done. PKG: *nats of drilling* Repairs continue 136 days since this recreation area was ravaged by an EF-4 tornado. "I think it's a vast improvement today than what it was on April 5th." The multi-purpose fields are back open for football and soccer...just in time for the fall season. *nats of construction* You can now see the concrete at the park as crews have cleared that massive debris pile. And the indoor rec center is now demolished after being torn to shreds in the tornado's winds. Matthew Montanye/Bryan County Public Works Director: "By the end of the calendar year, we hope to start the process of rebuilding the new rec center. We've also got some of our concessions stands, where we're reroofing those buildings. We have just completed resurfacing our tennis courts and we are putting new fencing around our tennis courts and our basketball courts." Down the road...at the county courthouse in Pembroke...roofing and indoor clean up continue to be a priority. Matthew Montanye/Bryan County Public Works Director: "They've pretty much finished doing the clean up on the inside, but now we've got to back in there and replace sheet rock, carpet and flooring. So still a little bit of work to do on the courthouse." Crews say they're having to contend with minor shipping delays. Matthew Montanye/Bryan County Public Works Director: "We've got to order that material. There's been a little bit of a delay and it takes a little bit longer to get that stuff in, but not terribly bad at this point." As those who visit this community hub hope to play ball soon again. Matthew Montanye/Bryan County Public Works Director: "Hendrix Park is kind of their come together place for youth activities and sports. They're just ready to get back together. And we're starting right now, we got football and soccer starting back up at Hendrix Park, and by the spring, we plan on having the softball fields and the baseball fields ready for spring baseball as well. It's better than it was, but we're not close to being finished yet." LL: Next up, crews hope to continue demo work on that indoor gym and continue to repair fencing that was damaged in the storm. Reporting in Bryan County...FS...WTOCN.

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HENDRIX PARK REPAIRS
LATEST

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Mayor Shirley Sessions says she does anticipate that the council will move forward with some type of extension. As a reminder, the city put the moratorium in place while they work to write new STVR rules. Mayor Sessions says the goal is to find a balance between the number of STVRs on the island and the residents' quality of life. Like many people I have spoken with on the island, Sessions says she wants this to be solved so that the council can get back to their daily operations. However, she says it is something they need to take their time on. She says people can expect the council to extend the moratorium until the end of October because, she feels, it would be a disservice to everyone involved if they lift it before a final draft of the ordinance is in place. "It has been an inconvenience, but I think the approach that we tried to take was to get a thorough look at what the problems are. In order to really look at those, in depth, the city took a pause. We had town hall meetings, we had surveys, we had group meetings, and we had public hearings." The moratorium is on the agenda for next Thursday. Mayor Sessions says there will be two readings of the proposed STVR ordinance after next week's meeting. The first will be on September 22. The second reading and the final vote will be on October 13. On Tybee Island, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

8/19/2022 TYBEE STVR PAUSE
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD LATEST

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Sot: (John McCann - Mayor, HHI) "Loved every minute of it, loved the people that are here, but it's time for a change... it's time for a change." Vo McCann served on town council for six years before his term as mayor, and now he says the island is ready for new leadership. Sot "When you go along there are so many new people coming up with new ideas - different ideas - it's healthy for a town council to turn over." Vo He compares the role to running a business, waking up every day expecting something to happen and never being disappointed. Sot "During my term we've had a hurricane, we've had a pandemic, we've had the mask on, the mask off." Vo While he's enjoyed his time, Mayor McCann admits there are some regrets. Sot "You probably could've done more with housing, you probably could've done more with our homeless people, you probably could've done more with people that need food banks to live every day." Vo There's a lot he's proud of too, believing he's leaving Hilton Head a better place than he found it and while that won't be official for a few more months, he's got advice for his successor now. Sot "The more places you go, the more ribbons you cut, the more babies you kiss the more you're out there, people feel comfortable because you're out here." Vo As for who that'll be, he's not ready to back a replacement at this time. Sot "There is but it won't be yet though. I haven't met two of the four candidates and I'd like to do that first before I endorse anybody." Vo Reporting from Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

8/22/2022 HHI MAYOR NOT TO SEEK
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD REELECTION

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8/22/2022 SAV CARRIAGE HOUSE
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD SURVEY Current zoning ordinances includes lot coverage, setback, and lot size requirements. The city says the survey will help them understand your preferences for the homes in your neighborhood. We do have the link on our Webiste - WTOC dot com. The deadline to fill out the survey is Friday, September 9th. 00:00:18

8/22/2022 MIDTOWN DRAINAGE MTG
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD TONIGHT More details on those plans are slated for tonight's meeting. It starts at 6 p-m at the J-E-A. The meeting will also be livestreamed on the city's facebook page. If you can't make it tonight there will be one more in person session for residents before the work begins out here -- which is expected at the beginning of 2023. 00:00:19

8/22/2022
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BEAUFORT CO. BOAT
LANDINGS MEETINGS

Beaufort County is 38% water with 26 boat landings just like this one here at the Broad River. They say they really want to get the future of these boat landings right and to do that they're looking for as much public feedback as they can get "We are trying to come up with a 10-year master plan on how to update, how to bring new amenities, and how to meet the citizens demand all across the county." Vo People use these areas for all kinds of outdoor activities, and Ophardt says their improvement will help the county's economy. Through the feedback the county has received so far, there are a few things citizens are clear they want. Sot "Biggest thing is parking, they'd like to see expanded parking of where we can do that at the boat landings, wash off areas for the boats because the salt water can really corrode the boats, and then also restroom facilities. So far, they've held two of those public meetings with three still to come. The county also tells me they've about 1000 responses for the survey online, which won't close for another few weeks. Reporting from Beaufort County, Tyler Manion, WTOC News. 00:01:05

8/23/2022
9:00:00 AM MORNING
BREAK OD 2 23 ALYSSA: YAMACRAW
DEMOLITION APPEAL

A Chatham County judge has denied an appeal to stop the demolition of a low-income housing complex known as Yamacraw Village. Former residents filed the appeal against the Savannah Housing authority in February. Judge Louisa Abbott dismissed the appeal saying the plaintiff's "lack standing" and have no legal authority to challenge the housing authority's future actions. 00:00:22

8/23/2022
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SAV EARLY VOTING
LOCATIONS

"...I am asking the Board of Registrars to expand early voting hours from 7am to 7pm daily at all locations. Secondly, to offer two days of Sunday voting on October 23rd and October 30th...for them to open an early voting site in Pooler, and to have at least nine early voting sites available throughout the County."

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In years past, it hasn't been uncommon for people that work on Tybee Island to live in less expensive places nearby, like Wilmington Island. However, people that live on Wilmington say that scenario is becoming less common, because it's becoming more expensive to live there. With the investments, these corporations, all these investment corporations buying up all the property and raising the mortgages and rents so high, I think it's hard for regular people. Police, fire, nurses, waiters, I mean, how are they supposed to live?" It's a growing problem on the Island.. one that Chatham County is aware of. 4th District Commissioner Patrick Farrell says they have to respect the rights of people or investment firms that want to buy property- but they're doing what they can to mitigate costs for long-term residents. We rolled back the millage rate in the unincorporated tax, and the countywide tax, so we're doing our part to keep costs down for property owners. Even if people can afford to buy a home- that doesn't mean there's a home to buy. Gross says her neighborhood used to be full of families- but now many of the houses sit vacant. Gross: There are three houses on this street that I think have been bought by investors. They've been empty for months or sometimes even years, and I think people are just putting a little money in them and either reselling them or renting them out. Some homes on the island have also been turned into short term vacation rentals. The State of Georgia now takes a hotel/motel tax from STVR's.. and Chatham County is adding its own regulations. Farrell: The County requires anyone operating in that mode with the home to get a business license, so the County is aware of who they are and who's the contact person. Shea: Tybee Island currently has a moratorium in place on vacation rentals, but there's currently nothing like that in place here on Wilmington Island or any of the other islands surrounding it. Reporting on Wilmington Island, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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WILMINGTON ISLAND
STVR CONCERNS

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8/23/2022
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD SEA ISLAND PKWY
EXPANSION

Here's what we know right now - They want to see the parkway expanded to four lanes. That will include a landscaped median and pathways. The changes will be funded through a Penny Tax approved by voters in 2018. It's one of nine projects to be funded that way. County leaders say the goal is to both alleviate traffic as people enter Lady's Island and make it a walk-able neighborhood. When the initial draft proposal is ready, the county says they'll ask for public input.

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8/23/2022
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MINE STTLMT

It was against the Army Corps of Engineers. The company says the lawsuit was settled when the Army took back its finding that the project needed to consult the Muscogee Creek Nation before moving forward. A copy of the settlement shows the Army Corps now agrees it doesn't have authority over the project under E-P-A regulations.

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Sot: (Sandy Gillis - Executive Director, HHI Deep Well Project) "Over the next 90 days 350 people will be displaced." Vo Some, like the Salgado sisters, have been told they must be out September 13th. Something they were notified of August 12th by this letter that's fully in English... The Salgado's, like most people in Chimney Cove, only speak Spanish. The Deep Well Project is trying to help, but the executive director says it's a near impossible task. Sot "The thing that is out of our control that we are desperately seeking help from the community is finding rental places where these families could settle." Vo There's 52 units in this community, meaning 52 families out of a home. The Salgados say they currently pay \$1400 a month for their place that houses four adults and three kids. They add that rent would be twice as expensive at all the other places they've found. We communicated with them over FaceTime with our partners at Telemundo Atlanta, who translated the interview. Sot: (Doralic & Cecilia Salgado - Live in Chimney Cove) Starts in Spanish... "We are very worried because we don't know where we are going to go. It's such a short amount of time." Vo The last line of this letter reads... If you fail to vacate the property on or before the deadline, the owner will initiate ejection, requesting that the sheriff of Beaufort county evict you immediately. Deep Well says that's not how this should work. Sot "First of all the sheriff's deputies are only involved in evictions if there is a court ordered eviction... that's not what this letter was. What this letter was is notification that the lease is being terminated." Vo She calls it bullying and unnecessarily aggressive language. Not surprisingly, that threat of police action caused extra concern in the neighborhood. Sot: Starts in Spanish... "Yes a little danger... we feel worried about the police because we don't want to be treated as delinquents. We haven't done anything wrong." Vo The non-profit staff is doing everything they can to help, and they say if these people can't find homes it will affect the whole area... not just these families. Sot "We're about to have 200 of those great employees homeless over the next 60 days and that's going to be not only a challenge for these families but for the business community where these people are employed." Vo If they have to move off the island, Gillis says the workforce here will take a hit and families' lives will be altered. Sot: Starts in Spanish... "We can't find anything right now. We just need more time."

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Behind me, you'll see Abercorn Creek, just a little ways away from a drinking water intake that services hundreds of thousands of people. Effingham County recently authorized industrial zoning near the creek, which Savannah Mayor Van Johnson says the city wasn't adequately consulted about. Now, they may take legal action. "As the City of Savannah is an interested property owner impacted by the Effingham County decision, the Savannah City Council will consider authorizing the City Attorney's office to appeal this decision." Mayor Johnson says a problem is the proposed warehouse, which would be built in the new industrial zone, would be 25 feet away from Savannah's water supply. Effingham County manager Tim Callanan says that's not entirely accurate. Callanan says the warehouse IS required to be a minimum of 25 feet away from the City of Savannah's property- but that the actual distance between the warehouse and the creek will be greater than that. "Keep in mind it'll be that distance, plus the distance of the width of the property, which gives you about 650 feet to Abercorn Creek." Which is further than the 150 feet Effingham County's Water Resource Protection Ordinance requires. Callanan says another thing to consider is water flow. He says rainwater runoff wouldn't flow towards the river, but actually towards retention ponds in the other direction. Callanan: "Any runoff from these building here have to travel about three quarters of a mile through wetlands before it even reaches the downstream point from the water intake." Callanan also says it's important to remember the project will have to go through an approval process before anything is built- and Effingham County will speak with the City of Savannah before that happens. Callanan: "I had a great call with the City Manager yesterday, and in a few weeks we'll be starting a series of meetings so we can reconnect on a whole series of issues that I think affect the whole region." Shea: There's no word yet on what company will actually use the warehouse once it's built, what they'll use it for, or even what they'll store in it once they move in. Reporting in Effingham County, Shea Schrader, WTOG News.

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QUALITY CONCERNS

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8/24/2022
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HHI CHIMNEY COVE
EVICTIONS

Starts in Spanish... "We are very worried because we don't know where we are going to go. It's such a short amount of time." Vo The Salgado sisters live in one of 52 homes inside Chimney Cove that had eviction notices taped to their doors a few weeks back. "The very last line of the letter threatens that if you are not out on September 13th, the Beaufort County sheriff's office is going to come throw you out." Vo She says that's not how evictions work and the sheriff's office wouldn't do that. The threat from these notices still scared residents though. Sot: Starts in Spanish... "Yes a little danger... we feel worried about the police because we don't want to be treated as delinquents. We haven't done anything wrong." Vo The Deep Well Project is trying to find new places for these folks to live. This is their warehouse that houses furniture to give away to people who need it... they're also collecting funds to help with Chimney Cove residents' moving expenses. They'll have to find a place to live first though, and that's proving difficult. Sot: Starts in Spanish... "We can't find anything right now. We just need more time."

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SAVANNAH TINY HOME
DAY SHELTER APPROVAL

Four resolutions lie ahead for Savannah City Council's consideration tonight that would directly impact services and housing opportunities for those without shelter in the city. One of those would allow the City to give funding to Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless to create a Savannah Homelessness Outreach Team. "We need expanded street outreach. We need the ability to send the experts into the field to let the homeless individuals, unsheltered individuals and families know where they can go to get services, where they can go to get care." Another resolution Council will vote on would allow the Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. to use three million dollars for the construction of up to 50 cottages and a resident services building at Dundee Cottages and the Cove at Dundee. 38 of those cottages would go at the Dundee Cottages site, which right now is just a fenced-off lot. "The unique opportunity that these cottages give us is truly low-barrier to access for families and children. And I think that is a specific point we need to draw out about these cottages at Dundee." If City Council approves the measures that would support developing the Dundee Cottages site, the units would be ready for folks to move in by next summer. In Savannah, Sean Evans, WTOG News.

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DARIEN GOLF CART
RULES CHANGING

(in golf cart): Starting September 1st, in the City of Darien, you'll be able to take one of these on city streets. The new city ordinance requires you to register your golf cart yearly – but it comes with some perks. You're now able to drive your golf cart on city roads with speed limits under 35 miles per hour. Registration costs \$15, and you'll receive a city decal that must be displayed on your cart. City Manager Richard Braun says this is a change that people who live in the area... have been asking for. "The citizens wanted this in place. They want to drive on our city streets. We're glad to do that. You can enjoy a beautiful, quiet, historic town, now with your family in your golf cart." This permitting process follows Georgia state law... and isn't available for other recreational vehicles, like ATVs. If you haven't gotten your golf cart registered yet, you have until September 1st to do so, right here at Darien City Hall. In Darien, HB WTOC NEWS.

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AMBER: GUYTON
MEETING

Last year, residents overwhelmingly voted to allow package stores - stores that sell liquor - in Guyton. So, the city went back and wrote-up a brand-new alcohol ordinance. Mayor Russ Deen says they then took a group of "viable" candidates - and pooled them in a lottery. Tonight, they drew from a pool of 3. Travis Painter and Chirag Patel's names were drawn. The mayor says - he doesn't think this change, will change much.

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TYBEE STVR VOTES

New tonight. Tybee Island's city council just voted to extend its ban on *new short term vacation rentals, or S-T-V-R's. By a 3-to-2 vote - council extended the ban through October. Mayor Shirley Sessions says they will have two upcoming readings for a newly-proposed S-T-V-R ordinance. They will be on September 22nd and October 13th.

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ALYSSA: SAVANNAH
AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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The review is being led by the Savannah-Chatham County Metropolitan Planning Commission. The federal requirement will determine historic impact. The Yamacraw site in downtown Savannah pre-dates the Civil War and has significant ties to freeing Africans from slavery in the South. According to the M-P-C, the historic review began in early July at the request of the City of Savannah. It's expected to take another few weeks.

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YAMACRAW VILLAGE
HISTORIC SURVEY

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?LL in: Will Britt served on Statesboro City Council for three terms beginning in the early 2000's. But it's his ties to a business group that's landing him in federal prison. Vo: This is video WTOC shot in 2017 of federal agents raiding Britt's home, pulling out boxes of evidence that helped ultimately build the case against him. At that point, the FBI told us Britt had been under investigation for more than a year. And according to the Department of Justice, that investigation stemmed from Britt's role as a co-owner of a group of bars all around the state. According to investigators, Britt gave false information to an accountant for the preparation of tax returns related to some of the businesses, fudging the numbers to hide how much money the businesses were making. That caused Britt and other owners of the bars to file false tax returns with the IRS by paying less than what they actually owed in income tax. Back in April of this year, Britt pleaded guilty to tax evasion, along with one of the other owners who did one month prior. So today in U.S. District Court, Britt was sentenced to two years and nine months in federal prison, followed by three years supervised release. LL tag: The judge also ordered that Britt pay back just over 350-thousand dollars in restitution. Reporting in Statesboro, Sean Evans, WTOC News.

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STATESBORO EX
COUNCILMAN
SENTENCING

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"We can't forgo the 2.2 million in state funds without having drastic impacts on school attrition, transportation, and school services. So, we have had a commitment over the last 6 years to maintain the 14 mills and I think that's what the board will continue to do and hopefully continue to do in the future as well." The change comes after a series of public input sessions earlier this month.

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EVANS COUNTY EX
MILLAGE
RATE

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ENVIRONMENTAL LEG
LOCAL IMPACTS

The City of Savannah has already put the wheels in motion to shift toward green energy for city facilities and vehicles. For example, earlier this year they approved a nearly 9-million dollar investment in solar energy systems for some city-run facilities, an investment they say will save taxpayers money over the long haul. At a news conference today, Savannah City Councilman Nick Palumbo said the federal dollars that will come to Georgia through the Inflation Reduction Act will allow the City to give money to people who shift to green energy. "We frankly can't do it without our federal partners. They're the big dogs out there, they have a lot more funds out there to access into, and capital to be able to do it. And this unlocks the possibility, not just for cities like Savannah, but all over Georgia's coast and all over our country to be able to utilize the same programs we're utilizing today." They expect the Inflation Reduction Act will bring around 180-million dollars of investment in large-scale clean power generation and storage to Georgia by 2030. In Savannah, Sean Evans, WTOC News.

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DAUFUSKIE FERRY
DISPUTE

Sot: (Christopher Ophardt - Public Information Officer, Beaufort County) "The county has always viewed this as temporary, the problem is land water access is a premium." Vo People who live on this typically quiet street tell me the lack of a permanent solution has gone on too long, and say the ferry brings in hundreds of people a day during the summer. Neighbors didn't want to go on camera but did put together a statement that reads in part. GFX "Beaufort County has been subsidizing a large commercial tourist ferry operation out of our quiet historic residential neighborhood for over 5 years" The county explains why it's being addressed NOW... Sot "We have a county council that brought it up to the top of the priority list and then also it cannot be understated the infrastructure and ARPA dollars that came in freed up money for us to do other projects like these land acquisitions." Vo Ophardt says the county is now negotiating with two properties that were identified over the summer. If a deal can't be made for the new ferry locations, they're ready to take aggressive action. Sot "County council has considered condemnation as an option if the property owners are unwilling because this is a vital public interest." Vo Ophardt says condemnation means the owners would be paid market price and forced to hand over the land to the county. Regardless.. some residents of Buckingham Landing are taking action of their own..with this lawsuit. They tell us the lawsuit is "...seeking cessation of operations at this location.." That location, for many, means the ferry coming and going several times a day just beyond their backyard so now "Buckingham Landing residents want their peaceful neighborhood back."

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A little water goes a long way in Valerie Tenney's apartment on Wilmington Island. But a surprisingly high water bill earlier this year became a source of concern and then lingering frustration. "And then they send me a notice talking about I owe them \$384 dollars and I'm like - no I don't something isn't right." A week later - the bill climbed even higher to \$639 dollars. "I was like there's just no way." After weeks of back and forth with the city saying she had a leak and her apartment complex saying she did not, Ms. Tenney called WTOC Investigates. "I just wanted an answer and I want the bills to come back down and I want my late ones coming off my credit." We took her concerns to the city, which agreed to a water meter audit to find the source of the problem. Because the city's meters are not digital, it required Ms. Tenney to do some legwork. "They read their meter before that two hour- window and they send me that reading through a text message and then after the two-hour window they read their meter again. Nothing should have moved." And nothing was moving for Ms. Tenney's meter, which meant: "There wasn't a leak." "I know from past history from doing cases like this it can be something minor, as a running toilet." As it turns out - there was a leaky toilet flapper unbeknownst to Ms. Tenney that the maintenance staff had repaired months earlier. "...because work done, the leak was corrected - she's able to get a credit on her bill."

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JESSICA: A+A WATER
METER AUDITS

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"Family comes first without a doubt" Mayor Don Bethune served Garden City for years....but when family calls -- he answers "when my daughter developed a stage 4 cancer and it was a type that was very rare and very aggressive....that was thyroid cancer and I knew my family needed me." A public servant for most of his life -- "When it got to that part it was easy." from the savannah fire department to garden city councilmember and then mayor...he says it was time Reflecting on his nearly 13 years of service -- he says he did his best "I've enjoyed being mayor. I've been humbled that the residents elected me. Tried to do a very good job, tried to work hard but some of my biggest enjoyment is all the houses I worked on." "Not a politician" is something he stands by. Saying he has always just been a concerned citizen trying to do what's best for them "We've made tremendous strides in our benefits and in the job market that we're in...that's what it takes" One of the decisions he's most proud of -- raising pay for city employees, paying 100-percent of their healthcare and retirement at 55 years old. He's also leaving with a few months left on the city's industrial rezoning moratorium. The city has been pushing for more housing....now they're catching the eye of Hyundai developers trying to get housing for their employees. "They've been very interested. They've liked what Garden City has shown. A lot of times for housing projects say for a housing project, the city or county might not be excited about it. We're excited about housing. I want to be able to tell builders, we want you to come to Garden City." The mayor is ready to pass the baton to soon-to-be interim mayor Bruce Campbell -- his parting words of advice.... "You're going to have to step up the mark and keep your phone close by."

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ONE ON ONE WITH
GARDEN CITY MAYOR

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FLYNN: RH GAS STATION
MORATORIUM DEBATE

The proposed changes come as Richmond Hill's moratorium on new gas stations is set to expire tomorrow. The moratorium gave councilmembers time to address safety and pollution concerns with gas stations and how close they are to houses. Now...councilmembers will decide tonight whether to impose updated ordinances for new gas stations. If approved...the changes would mean that there will have to be a 500-foot minimum between gas stations and homes. City leaders say that the proposed changes could have an impact on where gas stations are placed in the city. "It could limit the placement of service stations within downtown commercial, or some of the other commercial areas that are within certain proximities of a residential area." Councilmembers will also take up proposed ordinance changes that would require certain amenities be put in place for some condo developments.

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HHI LEGISLATIVE PLANS

Hilton Head town leaders invited members of the public into an open meeting today to talk about the progress being made on their strategic plan. Vo It's the first workshop since the proposal was adopted. "Our strategic plan is a roadmap for the town for the next couple of years. It lays out where we are on a timely basis, how we got there, and what we're looking to do. Vo Mayor McCann says even having a plan is something to be proud of and today's he's glad to have a council committed to working to make it a success. He knows there's still a lot to work on though. Sot "Well, it's 278 corridor, it's the bridge, it's housing... those kinds of items - the major big items that have been with us for a while." Vo He says presentations at the workshop bring a better understanding of those larger issues so council can address them moving forward. The mayor says days like today allow for conversations that otherwise might be hard to schedule, as they bring all involved parties into a room together with near unlimited time to discuss. He says he'd like to see more of these moving forward. Reporting from Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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GA TAX REVENUE UP IN
AUGUST

Despite the losses - the governor's office says tax revenue as a whole is up for the month. Between income, sales tax and more - collections were up 8 point 5 percent compared to last year...totalling nearly 2 point 31 billion dollars.

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EVERGREEN CEMETERY
FUTURE

"At one point the owner was in a nursing home, we had to find him. then when we found him he died...then there were burials occurring there and bodies already there and issues with deeds all those kinds of things" A troubled cemetery for decades is now condemned by the city of savannah. But in a good way.... "Condemned takes on a negative connotation but we're talking about Evergreen Cemetery" The lack of upkeep on the property put an added strain on many grieving families including Mayor Van Johnson "My grandmother and grandfather and aunt are buried there. I have not been able to go to their graves in four years. I know where it is but i can't get to it" The City invested around \$90,000 in 2019 just for cleanup. For years -- the city felt like they were making progress then back to square one. "Two years ago, the city was in active negotiation to purchase the city for one dollar when this gentleman passed away" But not anymore "Once the property is...once the property is city owned....i'm gonna say it one more time mr. mayor because we've been waiting...you've been here almost 20 years..we're here sir." Alderwoman Estella Shabazz was one of the pivotal council members who didn't stop pushing to fix it -- "We will be able to maintain *claps* clear clean monitor and punish for illegal dumping i will make this motion" And with a unanimous vote to approve the condemnation of the cemetery they are well on their way to making that happen "We also have to show love for our dead people. We stand on the backs of those ancestors...the shoulders of those ancestors"

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9/8/2022 GARDEN CITY NEW
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"They're glad to see me in this position and half of them lived in Garden City all their lives, and never thought this day would come, but you know, God opened doors that no man can close and closed doors that no man can open."
Campbell's first day will be September 19th - a week from this upcoming Monday.
He says his main goal as mayor - is to attract more residents to Garden City. 00:00:22

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CAMILLE: CHATHAM CO.
COMMISSION

As Chatham County continues the battle against gun violence---County Commissioners are hoping a new resolution will bring awareness to the on-going issue. Some commissioners say the resolution sparks conversation but others expressed concerns. WTOC's Camille Syed tell us why one commissioner worries resolutions like this one divide the community.

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CAMILLE: CHATHAM CO.
COMMISSION

"Gun violence hurts the whole community." The resolution the Chatham County commission took up today does not change any rules for citizens of Chatham. It amounts to a letter asking the federal government to work with local governments to do more to stop gun crimes. Commissioner Helen Stone said the resolution, which is part of a campaign by the National Association of Counties, is not meant to target all gun owners but instead to bring awareness to the rising problem of gun violence. While Commissioner Aaron "Adot" Whitley was in favor... "We can look at it as just one cut and dry thing but there's so many different aspects or factors of gun violence and I believe that this actual resolution is just say that we recognize that." Commissioner Dean Kicklighter is concerned the resolution is too divisive and voted against it. "It was made political with the word firearm and I don't see where the local government needs brought in to a hot button Washington, DC political hot topic that they use to divide our country." Chairman Chester Ellis voted for the resolution and says the commission continues talks with judges and prosecutors to find solutions to not just gun crimes, but all violence. "Why do a 16 year old feel the need in Chatham County or in the United States to carry a gun that ultimately hurts an infant. To change folks minds to make them feel safer in what ever environment, that's apart of the resolution. It's not political." The resolution passed 6 to 2 with Commissioners Kicklighter and Kenneth Adams in dissent. Commissioner Patrick Farrell was absent. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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WTOC has known since last year the housing authority was trying to get permission to demolish Yamacraw Village. "The scripture tells us love thy neighbor as thyself and savannah is doing a horrible job at that" That process is delayed now – until the Metropolitan Planning Commission finishes a historical site review. "How can you do a fair evaluation on Yamacraw if you did not do a historic evaluation of Yamacraw." So much of the housing complex is historic – the site pre-dates the Civil War and has significant ties to freeing Africans from slavery in the South... Not to mention First Bryan Baptist Church is on the national register of historic places "The first Sunday school for Blacks was right here" It's one of the oldest Black churches in America and Pastor Christopher Pittman is its 20th pastor "First of all, it will be 235 years old this January which is just major" Pastor Pittman is grateful for the decision to review though he is concerned about damage to the structure of the church if demolition happens – he's not completely opposed to tearing it down "They can't tear down the church but there's a large number of African American people who will be displaced. I'm concerned where are they going when you tear down the building" Georgia Benton raised her family in Yamacraw and still has non-profits in the area – she says the city does not have a good track record of preserving Black history "we tore down the old union station we got rid of modernizing the old city market..modernizing again...we got rid of frog town. All those were historic markers and historic areas" They don't want the MPC, housing authority or federal government to let Yamacraw or the church lose its history "Tear it down...How would you like me to put a bulldozer through your neighborhood" She says they don't need demolition – Yamacraw needs saving

7AM
 DAYBREAK
 9/10/2022 SATURDAY YAMACRAW VILLAGE
 7:00:00 AM OD HISTORICAL REVIEW

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Using his platform as a public official, Savannah Mayor Van Johnson got personal at today's news conference, sharing his journey through prostate cancer diagnosis and treatment. Mayor Johnson said it was after an annual checkup in 2020 that he learned his PSA levels, or Prostate Specific Antigen, was abnormally high. And after a biopsy, he learned what he was up against. "On my way from home to City Hall, I received a call and heard the words that no one wants to hear: you have cancer." Mayor Johnson says he didn't have any indicating symptoms, but attributes early detection and follow up testing to having a number of treatment options to choose from to battle the disease. "I just finished my third follow up, and my PSA levels are now within normal range." The Mayor says it's his hope that sharing his story will encourage men in the community to consider screening, especially if they're at a higher risk. "We especially place emphasis on those who are underrepresented, who don't always see out the care that they need, and don't always get the care that they need. We too are here to recognize risks, early risks, and to encourage and recommend screenings...and when they're needed earlier." "I've learned that you go through tests to have a testimony. And it's not a testimony unless you tell it." To find out more about prostate cancer screening, look for this story on our website. In Savannah, Sean Evans, WTOC News.

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During his weekly news conference today, Mayor Johnson took a moment to share publicly how he has personally been affected by prostate cancer. The Mayor revealed he was diagnosed with stage one prostate cancer following an annual screening. WTOC's Sean Evans details Mayor Johnson's story, and what he hopes it achieves during this prostate cancer awareness month. 00:00:22

9/12/2022
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD CHATHAM CO. BOARD OF ELEC ON VOTING PREPS
?SB 202 changed that window from nine weeks, to only four, giving elections office workers less time to certify the election and prepare early voting for the runoff. "The compressed timeframe puts a tremendous amount of pressure on our processes, on our procedures and on our people." Wooten pointed out to Board members during today's meeting a Risk Limiting Audit at the direction of state elections officials also had to be done. He says he doesn't have a problem with doing the audit, but he does not like the time frame. "We'll get it done, but it's going to be difficult." I also asked Wooten about the GBI looking into a possible voting data breach in Coffee County, and if Chatham would be ready should any last minute changes to the elections process following the outcome of that investigation. "We'll be ready for whatever the state tells us to do. Yeah." Wooten says he's anticipating a similar turnout on Election Day this year compared to 2018, around 60-thousand voters or more, highlighting the importance for people to read their sample ballots ahead of time...especially the six questions on this year's ballot. "We want to do everything we can to educate the public about those six questions and what they mean. How do they impact residents of Chatham. And the best thing to do is read them." 00:01:17

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MAYOR JOHNSON
EVERGREEN REAX

"I was excited Thursday - we approved a friendly condemnation action not to exceed more than 143-thousand dollars for the property. This is a win, win, win for the families of the loved ones. This is a win for the heirs of the property because we're clearing that title, and it's a win for the City of Savannah. This is a large piece of property, blighted property, that we'll be able to bring into compliance." If the city gets the property - it will become the 6th city-owned cemetery in Savannah.

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CHATHAM ELECTIONS
2022 PREP

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MAYOR ON UNITED WAY

NATS "One-hundred, 50 thousand, 500 hundred dollars..." The city's goal is \$150,000 dollars but as you heard, the mayor wants to exceed that goal again this year.

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SPRINGFIELD ALCOHOL
LICENSE

The Local on Laurel in Springfield will soon have liquor store attached to its name. (sot) "The first couple of years, I'll probably struggle but once it gets rolling..." Owner Billy Patel believes it will be a good addition to the community. "I'm hoping to bring success and a lot of jobs because it's going to be a big liquor store." The vote by residents to allow businesses to have a liquor license passed last year by 17 votes according to Springfield City Manager Matt Morris. He says the city has already hit it's maximum of two liquor stores downtown on North Laurel Street where The Local on Laurel Liquor Store will be. "So, we took in applications. Once all those applications came in, we actually did a blind drawing at a city council meeting." They've also approved two package stores on Highway 21. While Morris believes some people will be against liquor sales, he is hopeful the additions will benefit the city in the long run. (morris) "the revenue can be used for anything citywide so it's a general fund revenue so you can use it for streets, sidewalks, parks, anything that the city council decides to but I think it'll be a strong revenue stream for us." Opening in March 2023, Patel hopes the community will welcome their business. (patel) "They might be upset but hopefully we can progress." Camille Syed WTOG News.

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BO: GUYTON ALCOHOL
LICENSE

The city of Guyton is also moving forward with liquor sales. Last month, the city did a lottery drawing - pulling two names for liquor licenses. The city's mayor says the next step is to figure out where those businesses can set up shop. We'll let you know what happens next.

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TM: HHI TOWN EMA ON
HURRICANE SZN

With the peak day of hurricane season just days behind us, the town of Hilton Head wants residents to avoid that complacent sense of safety as we move through the rest of the season. "We've had several quiet years and we don't want people to think, well you know what we're good. You always have to be prepared for the storm because you never know when one's going to pop up." To stay ready for the worst case scenario, Dunn advises that you use the time available now to prepare for the future. "If you don't have a plan already, go ahead and take the time to make one. Start building that emergency kit, look at that evacuation plan and just make sure you're ready to go." As a reminder, that plan should include an evacuation destination and ways to keep your family comfortable in a new place. Hurricane season doesn't finish until the end of November, so until that happens we'll keep you posted with everything you need to know on air and online at WTOC.com. Reporting from Beaufort County, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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We're about 2 1/2 months into the city of port wentworth's 6-month industrial rezoning moratorium. The city hired an outside agency -- Horizon to look at their ordinances and development decisions. Following the evaluation -- the city made its first proposed change to dissolve and restructure the planning and zoning board. "Why are we putting the cart before the horse?" Horizon is still studying how the city can improve re-development so people question why council is considering this now Only 5 members, volunteers from the community, are active on the planning board The revision as proposed would require four city employees to serve with three residents or business owners The main concern -- city employees are already on port wentworth's payroll. "Because these people report directly to you guys, there may be some sort of conflict of interest almost in the appearance of a quid pro quo" "Surely we can expect some bias towards whatever they pass on city council. What guarantees are we gonna have that the city of employees will look toward the future of port wentworth and the residents" Some council members agreed to an extent citing an imbalance of power "I do not have an issue with us having employees on there, but the proportion is my issue" The city manager says this is a model other local municipalities have followed and they can revise it as they see fit (STEVE DAVIS, CITY MANAGER) "If you guys want to change the balance...the thing that we're trying to modernize it. It's clear that we need a more professional outlook dealing with the planning and zoning board."

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RESTRUCTURE

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CHATHAM CO. SMALL BIZ
GRANTS

The county has grants of up to 25-thousand dollars in COVID relief for small businesses. These grants are open to everyone in Chatham County. Chatham County officials say if you are unsure if your business qualifies, just try applying. We'll have more on this meeting tonight on THE News.

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HAYLEY: LIBERTY CO
SPLOST VOTE

The SPLOST vote on the ballot here in Liberty County is more of a renewal of one already in place. The tax would remain at 1 percent for six years if it's passed. The SPLOST is expected to generate an estimated \$69 million over six years... Liberty County Administrator Joey Brown says priorities for the funding are public health and safety. "Over time, we've done more than \$17 million in public safety improvements through our SPLOST access, and this is no exception to the rule." Big ticket items include funding for the loans needed to build two new fire stations, one in the county and one in the city of Hinesville and a new EMS station. Brown says they're also looking to build a new county health department. "The original health department was built in 1977. Health practices were much different back then. The past few years have shown us significantly really how undersized and really inefficient our current facility is." This renewal would replace a previous SPLOST for the same amount, keeping the overall sales tax in the county at 8 percent. Among other things, funds would also be set aside for equipment for Liberty Regional Medical Center, roads projects and other infrastructure improvements. Liberty County voters will decide whether to pass the new SPLOST vote on the ballot this November. In Hinesville, HB WTOC NEWS.

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CHATHAM SMALL BIZ
GRANTS UPDATE

"The board of commissioners understands the importance of small businesses and how they have been resilient in our community, being available to the residents and keeping us where we needed to be, and so they are offering this opportunity to show our support and gratitude for what they've done during the pandemic." The grants are first come, first served. Chatham County officials say if you are unsure if your business qualifies, just try applying. So far 27 businesses have been approved to get the funding.

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BEAUFORT PARK
IMPROVEMENTS

City Council approved a 412-thousand dollar contract for playground improvements at Southside Park. The playground plans were approved back in May. Council also applied for a 250-thousand dollar Community Block Development Grant. That's going to improvements at Washington Street Park. The city says it's match for the grant would be 25-thousand dollars.

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Tim Gardner, a former candidate for McIntosh County Commission, filed this complaint himself, which includes information compiled by the McIntosh County Republican Party. The complaint lists discrepancies noticed by poll watchers at different precincts throughout the county. "People were concerned about inadequacies and discrepancies done throughout the elections process they felt could've been a hinderance." The information Gardner submitted in his complaint includes poll watchers being asked to leave before the tallying of votes, people dropping large amounts of absentee ballots into the drop box at once, and the voting scanners being down at multiple locations resulting in ballots being stored until they could be scanned – to name a few. "This is not about me winning or losing. Half the people in the country lose baseball games every night. This is about the integrity, so people in McIntosh County have confidence in their election, so when they vote, they're voting for their person and it gets counted right." Gardner filed his complaint immediately following each election – and this week, he received confirmation from the Secretary of State's office about the investigation being opened. I reached out to the Georgia Secretary of State's Office. They confirmed the open investigation, and that not all complaints filed with the office result in an investigation. I also reached out to McIntosh County Election Supervisor Elenore Gale – she says her office has no comment at this time. LL TAG: It's important to note the opening of an investigation doesn't indicate wrongdoing. Gardner says he was informed the investigation could take several months. In Darien, HB WTOC NEWS.

9/15/2022 HB: MCINTOSH CO
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9/15/2022 RINCON NEW CITY
11:01:00 PM 11PM OD MANAGER

The city says Jonathan Lynn will start in the role Monday. Lynn most recently served as city manager in Hogansville...but worked in several other Peach State communities - including Tybee Island, Douglasville and Tyrone.

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BEAU. AFFORDABLE
HOUSING TRUST

The city says it will be putting in just over 200-thousand dollars the first year. After that, they'll contribute 518-thousand dollars over ten years. This fund is also getting support from Beaufort and Jasper Counties - along with Hilton Head Island, Port Royal, Bluffton, Hardeeville and Yemassee. The total amount pledged is 7 point 2 million over 10 years. Beaufort says it's using American Rescue Plan money to pay for its part.

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SC I95 MEETING

"I'm hoping that it will be like they say it's gonna be cause it would certainly ease up some of the traffic when they have the overhead bridges and stuff." --BUTTED TO-- "So I think that- I'm hoping that- it will be the way they say it's gonna be and that we will have those benefits that we're expecting." If you would like to leave a comment- Comments must be postmarked or submitted electronically by September 30th.

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9/15/2022
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The goal of the project is to reduce traffic on I-95 from the Savannah River to US 278. The area includes 14 bridges, two existing interchanges- and a new proposed interchange being completed on its own by Hardeeville. Many say those are changes they're looking forward to.

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9/19/2022
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD OLD TYBEE ICE CREAM
SHOP NEW PLANS

LL The Sugar Shack is a popular place on the island and has been for more than 50 years. It's known for its ice cream, which according to the plans they submitted to the planning commission won't be changing, but they are looking to add some new elements. VO The Sugar Shack's new management tells me they're looking forward to presenting their development plans to the planning commission at tonight's commission meeting. The proposal states that they'll still be selling ice cream. But that they want to also operate as a candy store and a place where people can rent out bikes and golf carts, which would be a new addition. Also, according to the management, The Sugar Shack name isn't changing. Elaine McGruder, who's on planning commission says she was surprised to see their plans. She says this is the second new business owner, on the island, who has applied for a permit to rent out golf carts. She says there are still many questions she has for them that she hopes they'll get to clear up at the meeting. SOT "Of course that place is already in commercial area, so legally as far as the application it should be ok. I just don't know about the parking places and I don't know how many golf carts because it doesn't say. The application doesn't say how many they want." LLTAG McGruder says another question she has is how they'd plan to make sure the golf carts that leave their lot don't get driven down Butler Ave since they aren't allowed to. She says the commission is just the first stop in the approval process. The application will then go to the city for a vote. The commission meeting is tonight at 6:30 at the public safety building. On Tybee Island, Mariah Congedo WTOG News.

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It was the new mayor Bruce Campbell's first garden city council meeting since he took office. That meant him and the 4 other council members needed to appoint someone to fill the at-large seat "All in favor of Gwyn Hall show of hands?" Council members nominated three candidates and voted 4-2 for Pastor Gwyn Hall of Mt. Moriah baptist church. Some residents didn't think that was fair. "We're the ones paying ya'll's bills so we should have a choice in who sits up there with yall" "The residents are feeling there is still no transparency in Garden City" "I think garden city has a serious ethics problem and I also feel that since gwyn hall is on the ethics board he should see the ethics problem" The city is in compliance with the charter -- Which states following a resignation -- the mayor pro tem will fill the mayor's position and if a council member's spot becomes vacant, the remaining members can appoint someone to that position. Garden city council members say they discussed revising the 10-year-old charter before the mayor stepped down. "If any council member came and asked for a change before the appointment why is there a change being talked about after the appointment" With the state legislature not being in session -- no revisions can be made right now "It's three years left on that. I could see that. I could see changing on something like that but a year...or something like that i could see the appointment instead of a special election" The mayor says in response to people questioning the process and their transparency -- " they don't do anything behind closed doors" "Everybody's not gonna like it. You'll like it when you up top but when you looking in you ain't gonna like it"

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GARDEN CITY NEW
COUNCIL MEMBER

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GARDEN CITY CAT
AGREEMENT

"We've been asking like you said for years and years and years to get some stops..get more stops down HWY 21. This is great to hear...finally we're able to get it in motion....my question to you is when will this start?" CAT says the stops should be in place by the beginning of 2023. The extra stops will be at priscilla d thomas way, varnedoe ave., and smith avenue The deal will cost the city at least 90-thousand dollars over the course of 5 years.

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CAMILLE: RINCON CITY
MANAGER

New to the city but a Georgia native "It's going to be an excellent journey and adventure here." Jonathan Lynn is starting that new journey as Rincon's city manager. His plans? Working with residents, the city council and other municipalities to make Rincon an even better place to call home. "What are you most excited for? Growth. The Hyundai plant coming in the proximity here, as well as the port continues to bust out the seems, we're in a great position to take advantage of that overflow for resident population, for meeting the retail and commercial needs for those people." "And as more people move to this area and Rincon continues to grow, he plans on building up the city by meeting the community's needs." "Making sure that we are putting enough amenities in place for the balance between the residential growth and the commercial and industrial growth that are coming not only to Rincon but the area. Everything from parks, to trails to updated athletic facilities and partnering with all the other agencies." With traffic constantly backed up on state-owned Highway 21, he expects growth their as well. While those roads improvements are out of Rincon's hands, he still wants to create a plan for Rincon so... "We're actually ready for them and we're putting plans in place to address that for our residents and our businesses." And Lynn says he can't wait to turn these words into action. "Being a Georgia Southern graduate, it was just the right opportunity to come back here and I'm definitely looking forward to it." In Rincon, Camille Syed WTOC News.

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The Mayor revealed today during his weekly news conference that mediation actually began late last week in the negotiations surrounding Local Option Sales Tax. But Mayor Johnson says no agreement has been reached yet, so the talks will have to continue. "We have to get LOST done. We must get LOST done. And we have to do it with as less harm to our residents as possible." In mid-July, all eight towns and cities within Chatham County proposed a 77/23 split of just over 107-million dollars in projected LOST revenue, with the municipalities receiving the majority. The County countered with a 50/50 split, arguing that ratio would allow for a tax rollback for residents county-wide. But the cities, including Savannah, believe a 50/50 split wouldn't benefit their residents, and result in them having to pay a higher tax at the city level. "We are trying to keep taxes low for as many residents as possible, in this case, the majority, the vast majority of county residents which live in a city." And Mayor Johnson said failure to come up with an agreement isn't an option. "This is a big help for us. It is a big help for our businesses to help keep their bottom lines in check. It's a big boost for folks that come here, that take advantage of our variety of amenities Savannah has to offer." The LOST negotiations, which come around every ten years, have to be completed by the end of the year. Failure to do so would result in a county-wide property tax increase. In Savannah...

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SEAN: LOCAL OPTION
SALES TAX

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Over on Tybee Island - the future of short-term vacation rentals is back up for discussion. City council will have it's first reading of new rules for the properties at their meeting tomorrow. That will be our first chance to hear what they're proposing...after months of working to write changes. That meeting is happening at 6:30. The second reading and final vote is set for next month.

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TYBEE ISLAND CITY
COUNCIL PREVIEW

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PORT WW CITY COUNCIL
PREVIEW

"They wanted to start over altogether because it was really since the 1980s so almost 40 years since they had a complete rewrite so it's desperately needed" This is all happening before the city council meeting and again next week. The city will also decide on how they will dissolve and restructure the planning commission. The regular council meeting will start at 7-pm.

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GA CANNABIS COMMISH
VOTE

The commission was created in 2019 to oversee the licensing for in-state production. But that process has been tied up in legal battles since last summer...meaning there's still no legal way to buy the oil in state. Today's vote puts that seven-year wait for some families one step closer to ending.

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SAV CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP PREVIEW

This conversation has been happening over the last several months. The talks include figuring out zoning for potential dispensaries, what any local licenses would look like...and coordinating with the Savannah Police Department. WTOC is following these talks. We'll have more tonight on THE News.

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SAV CITY COUNCIL MTG
TONIGHT

Also meeting tonight - the Savannah City Council. Taking a LIVE look from the WTOC Plant Riverside District Skycam. On the agenda - several purchasing items - including cancelling a purchase of 19 new police cars. The agenda notes say that order was canceled by the company due to a shortage. Also on the agenda is a request to use that money to purchase the cars from another company. The meeting is set to start at 6:30. We'll have more from that - and the workshop that started about an hour ago - tonight on THE News.

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Sot: (Pete Poore - Director of Communications, SCDOT) "It was a positive perfect storm if you will." Standup Sot SCDOT knew they'd have ARPA money to spend, but recently another opportunity for federal funds came up. The department tells me it's called "after august money" and essentially it's a pot of unused infrastructure funds put together from around the country that there are specific qualifications to get. Sot "There's two caviots, one you have to have to spent or obligated all of your own federal allotment and you have to be ready to demonstrate how you would use that money." Vo The Palmetto state's DOT did both, this receiving 190 million federal dollars along with a 20% match from the state. In our area those funds will go toward the widening of 95 through Jasper County. Sot: (Marty Sauls - Councilman, Jasper County) "This is a \$600 million project that we've gotten approved. Construction will start next year and that will actually start at the Georgia state line and head north through exit 8 on phase 1." Vo The highway will be widened to three lanes each way, progress this Jasper county councilman has been pushing for for a decade. Sot "It'll cut drive times for the trucking industry and shipments. We have the Savannah port right at our back door, we have the Charleston port an hour north so you're going to see a release of stress and traffic flow." Vo That release is closer now thanks to these funds. SCDOT says the I-95 widening can now be accelerated six years, to finish around 2034 instead of being started then. On cam tag: Obviously this will be a long process to completion, but one we'll keep track of it and keep you updated with any important information. Reporting, Tyler Manion, WTOG News.

9/22/2022 SCDOT MONEY FUNDS
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD LOCAL PROJECTS

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It's something people across the peach state have been anticipating -- the legal use of medical marijuana oil. As legislators get closer to making a decision, they're reviewing and vetting people and companies who want to open dispensaries. Some Savannah City Council members aren't in favor of the process so far. "It's a little biased. Discriminatory and what have you and it's only gonna benefit those six companies as far as economics that are concerned" Only 6 companies will be able to distribute in the state, but there can be multiple vendors within the city then there's a regulated number of people who can have grow licenses "We're really looking to see..the state has allowed these dispensaries to operate...they've selected a certain number we can't speak to that process but we want to make sure we are prepared" The city of savannah is just getting ahead of the next legislative session -- Figuring out where the dispensaries will be located -- the preliminary proposal is downtown outside of savannah's alcohol overlays Alderwoman Bernetta Lanier thinks they need to be more consistent "Do we have pharmacies in alcohol overlays that sell opioids?" They also have the Savannah Police Department examining the public safety aspect to make sure the dispensaries won't be a nuisance. All of these steps and discussion to get regulations in place -- alderman nick palumbo says he's ready for a decision from the state...and says legislators have been arguing for too many years. "40-thousand people who are registered and have these licenses who have cancer, who suffered from seizures, who suffered from MS, from parkinsons from alzheimers who are in hospice have suffered while lawmakers like us have continued arguing over the details" Savannah's still has a ban on any new marijuana-related licenses. The ban does not affect CBD shops that are already selling products.

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SAV COUNCIL ON
MEDICAL MARIJUANA

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"As changes could be underway for pet owners, the director at Chatham County Animal Services tells me one of the biggest changes would be a fine for residents who leave their pet in a car when it's over 79 degrees outside." (sot) "It's a tragedy waiting to happen." Director Jake Harper says sometimes they get calls daily with people complaining about dogs being left in cars unattended. It can be very dangerous if a lost dog is brought to animal services twice, the pet is required to be spayed and neutered before coming home. Right now, pets have to be spayed and neutered after three times being dropped off at Chatham County Animal Services. (sot) "70 percent of the dogs we get in the shelter are not spayed or neutered. They usually come in once. Sometimes they come up twice and allowing that third time just seems a little too much so we're backing it back to twice." He says fines vary by case for these proposed changes but can be as high as \$600. "There's a chance for residents to voice their opinions during the second reading of this ordinance. It's expected to take place in two weeks at the next county commission meeting. Commissioners will vote on this ordinance at this meeting as well."

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CAMILLE: CHATAHM CO.
COMMISSION

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: Hinesville City Council and the Liberty County Commission have voted to show their support for naming 15th Street after Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin. It's all thanks to efforts from the Liberty County Boys and Girls Club. The vote designates the road for the Defense Secretary... County officials say it won't change the official name of the road, so people and businesses can keep their addresses. Rather, it gives the road a new nickname. Boys and Girls Club leaders want it to serve as inspiration to kids in the area. "This is one way that the city and the county is saying 'yes, let's let our boys and girls know that great things can happen in their lives. Just stay focused.'" Austin, former assistant division commander for the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, has been back to the area before – like this visit to Fort Stewart in 2012. Boys and Girls Club leaders have invited him back to Hinesville... To accept their Humanitarian of the Year Award. "Our humanitarian of the year award goes to servants. Who could be a greater servant than someone who has worked among us, worked with the city and the county to help us improve our area where we live." 15th Street is a busy road through Hinesville... that leads directly to Fort Stewart. The designation covers the portions of the road in the city and county. Walthour says it will mean a lot to the community, as well as the mission of the Boys and Girls Club. "That's what we're about, trying to make sure we have mentorship, different STEM programs, to keep our children excited and focused so they can become very productive individuals like Secretary Austin." LL TAG: Walthour says the next steps are to meet with Fort Stewart officials regarding the portion of 15th Street that goes onto the military installation. In Liberty County, HB WTOC NEWS.

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HAYLEY: HINESVILLE
ROAD NAME

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Savannah's city manager Jay Melder started last September. The city struggled to fill the position in the past. But now, Melder is focusing on some key issues... including affordable housing. "We're going to be at 11 billion people by the end of this century and that's going to require millions of square feet in housing and we're going to need to build some in savannah as well to meet our needs... so yes, we need more housing stock and we need more affordable housing stock" Out of a 19.1-million-dollar budget, city council was able to invest 7-million into the affordable housing fund "what people need to understand is that for every 1-dollar we invest we can leverage 7 more in the private market to build and develop and preserve affordable housing" That's the solution according to melder...and why council approved building 38 affordable dundee cottages weeks ago. Another housing concern surrounds Yamacraw village. It's one of the city's oldest public housing complexes, and it's facing possible demolition. Yamacraw is the housing authority's jurisdiction - but the city has some stake now with their purchase of some of the land to widen the springfield canal "We need to make sure ultimately that for the families who are living in yamacraw now and in the future that we have safe dignified affordable housing for them" All in all -- a lot of steps are being taken and there's more work that continues. That's why a unified council was another main priority for the city manager knowing their history of being divided "There are differences in opinions on how we address things and when but you're gonna have that anywhere. But I think that for the issues of public safety, homelessness, affordable housing, stormwater, street and traffic safety....all 9 members are behind those efforts"

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ONE YEAR LATER: SAV
CITY MANAGER

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The council also held the second reading on the Greenspace Program ordinance. You may remember - that's the plan to protect certain areas of the county from development. Tonight - they talked about how council would decide which lands to open and which ones to preserve. WTOC will continue to follow this policy as it works its way through council.

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BEAUFORT CO.
GREENSPACE LATEST

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LADYS ISLAND ROAD
PROJECTS APPROVED

All six are part of the Lady's Island Corridor Traffic Improvements projects. The county says they're still working to finish the designs. They expect to put the projects out for bid soon and start construction later this year. It's expected to cost 30 million dollars. That money is coming from 2018 Penny Sales Tax referendum.

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TYBEE STVR FIRST
READING PASSES

New at 4:30 - the new proposed ordinance for short-term vacation rentals on Tybee Island has passed its first reading. It comes after complaints from locals...and a long pause where new rental properties were not allowed. The new rules lay out how things like parking work for STVRs. The second reading and final vote is set for October 13.

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SAV 311 AVAILABLE FOR
ASSISTANCE

As the city prepares for the storm - they're reminding residents tonight - there is a number you can call if you find yourself in need of help. Call 3-1-1. That is the non-emergency number available 24 hours a day.

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**DESCRIPTION OF WTOC (TV) PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST
SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES.**

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PSA'S promoting this organization that helps families of law enforcement that have been killed in line of duty.

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PSA'S that include topics about Make A Wish and Ronald McDonald Charities, getting a colonoscopy, Sandy Hook Promise organization, Middle School health, etc.

GAB-

A variety of PSA's distributed by the Georgia Association of Broadcasters on dangers of texting and driving, importance of wearing seatbelts, Highway Safety, 811, Female and Male health, helmet safety, Ga Farm Bureau, National Guard,

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RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE OF THE COASTAL EMPIRE

PSA'S promoting the annual Beer, Guys, CIGARS AND CASINO fundraiser and letting viewers know they can roundup their bill at McDonald's to benefit the organization.

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PSA promoting the annual Smart Women Expo.

UNITED WAY OF THE COASTAL EMPIRE

A variety of PSA's promoting the annual campaign in the coastal empire.

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Promos to alert viewers they can find Back to School information on THE News and in a special.. Plus, First Alert Weather Apps and Weather team spots, Hurricane preparedness, Community Calendar, 911 ID. Plus, the Service to America show. Also, Books to kids, hurricane IAN wx, Murdaugh, Rescue Me Friday, off the air and promos to tell people we are about the community,

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WTOC	8/13/2022-8/25/22	:30	Highway Safety	SAV400028	2
WTOC	9/27/2022-9/30/22	:30	Hurr Ian Wx Desk,Winds,App,A and B	SAV302139-42,47-48,49-50	31
WTOC	7/9/2022-9/30/22	:30	Hurricane Names, Story 2022,History	SAV302049,SAV302118,302146	168
WTOC	8/26/2022-9/4/22	:30	Intro Dylan Met	SAV302119	17
WTOC	7/1/2022-9/18/22	1:00	Jamie Foxx-Colon Cancer60	SAV400324	12
WTOC	7/1/2022-9/11/22	:30	Keep it Clean (GAB)	SAV400273	14
WTOC	7/1/2022-9/25/22	1:00	Make A Wish Lasso	SAV400353	22
WTOC	9/11/2022-9/25/22	1:00	Middle School Health	SAV400363	4
WTOC	7/3/2022-8/30/22	:30	Mighty Eighth PSA	SAV400326	7
WTOC	7/18/2022-	:30	Murdaugh Charge	SAV302062	17
WTOC	7/3/2022-9/25/22	:30	Nat Guard: Be First, Make a Difference	SAV400330-31	118
WTOC	7/20/2022-7/23/22	:30	Off Air-WTOC-July 23	SAV400383	14
WTOC	9/25/2022-9/30/22	:30	Phil the Park Oct 8th	SAV302136	17
WTOC	8/1/2022-9/29/22	:15	Rescue Me Fridays-Zoom Room	SAV302089	62
WTOC	7/1/2022-9/25/22	1:00	RMHC Anthem	SAV400366	19
WTOC	7/1/2022-9/25/22	:30	Ronald McDonald Roundup	SAV400341	19
WTOC	7/1/2022-8/5/22	:30	Sandy Hook Promise	SAV400364	14
WTOC	9/1/2022-9/25/22	:30	Saving Money	SAV400387	10
WTOC	7/2/2022-7/25/22	:30	Seatbelts	SAV400367	11
WTOC	7/6/2022-9/26/22	:30,:15	Smart Women22-Spon30	SAV302045-46	151
WTOC	7/1/2022-9/30/22	:15	StormChaserTool OC	SAV301866	45
WTOC	7/13/2022-7/23/22	:30	SVC to Am 2022 Nxt Sat 30	SAV400369-74	55
WTOC	9/8/2022-9/28/22	:30	UnitedWayTeamUnited22	SAV400390	45
WTOC	7/1/2022-8/14/22	:30	Water Safety	SAV400362	23
WTOC	7/1/2022-9/30/22	1:00	WTOC Community Calendar	SAV301393	81
WTOC	7/25/2022-7/30/22	:30	WTOC Goes Back To School-Sat	SAV302074-75	22
WTOC	7/1/2022-8/25	:10	WTOC WX App Alert-OCW22	SAV301932-33	142
WTOC	9/13/2022-9/30/22	:10,:15,:30,:60	Your Stories, Our City-10-1	SAV302145	58

WTOC 11.2(BOUNCE)
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Channels	Air Date	Aired Length	Material Description	Aired House #	#
DTOC	7/3/2022-9/8/22	:30	200 Club 2022	SAV400365,382,255	151
DTOC	9/18/2022-9/30/22	:30	70 yrs weather experience	SAV302131	29
DTOC	8/7/2022-8/21/22	:15	Appalacha Rises (Flood)	SAV400384	11
DTOC	7/16/2022-8/12/22	:15,:30	Back to School 5/6 All WK,daybreak	SAV302054-55,302073	56
DTOC	7/7/2022-7/8/22	:15	Back to School Show Sat	SAV302047	2
DTOC	8/30/22-9/14/2022	:30	Beer Guys Casino Golf 22	SAV400385	29
DTOC	7/3/2022-9/19/22	:30	Before You Dig	SAV400343	56
DTOC	7/2/22-7/30/2022	:30	Books to Kids POP 22	SAV400368	57
DTOC	7/3/2022-8/27/22	:30	DeptDrivServ-VoterID	SAV400311	19
DTOC	9/3/2022-9/25/22	:30	Driving Experience	SAV400386	21
DTOC	7/2/22-9/30/2022	:15,:30	FA WX APP OCW 22	SAV301930-31	236
DTOC	7/1/22-9/30/2022	:30	FA WX Day No Cutter	SAV301935	141
DTOC	7/1/2022-7/31/22	:30	GA DDS HEROES, Training	SAV400338	21
DTOC	7/19/2022-9/17/22	:30	GA DeptOfHealth-It's that Simple,male,female	SAV400380-81	76
DTOC	7/1/2022-8/31/22	:30	GA Peanuts	SAV400342	7
DTOC	7/3/2022-8/8/22	:30	GA Pub Health-Adolescents, Teachers	SAV400319,21	21
DTOC	7/2/2022-8/31/22	:30	GABDA5803H-Show Your Smile	SAV400361	21
DTOC	7/31/2022-9/15/22	:30	Georgia811-ProtectTheMoments	SAV400308	6
DTOC	7/3/2022-9/10/22	:30	Gov Office of Hwy Safety-Know When to Hit	SAV400244	8
DTOC	7/2/2022-9/15/22	:30	GovOfficeHwySaf-DriveSober	SAV400337	17
DTOC	9/3/2022-9/25/22	:30	Helmet Safety	SAV400388	13
DTOC	9/27/2022-9/30/22	:30,:15	Hurr Ian Wx Desk-1-DAVE, Winds, App	SAV302139-42,48	15
DTOC	7/10/22-9/30/22	:30	Hurricane History22, Names,Story	SAV302146, 302049,302118	171
DTOC	9/29/2022-9/30/22	:30	Ian-Storm A	SAV302149	3
DTOC	8/21/2022-9/5/22	:30	Intro Dylan Met	SAV302119	25
DTOC	7/2/22-9/10/2022	1:00	Jamie Foxx-Colon Cancer60	SAV400324	32
DTOC	7/1/2022-9/6/22	:30	Keep it Clean, GAB	SAV400273	21
DTOC	7/2/2022-9/5/22	1:00	Make A Wish Lasso	SAV400353	10
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DTOC	7/18/2022-7/31/22	:30	Murdaugh Charge	SAV302062	18
DTOC	7/3/2022-9/24/22	:30	Nat Guard: Be First, Make a Difference	SAV400330-31	97
DTOC	7/23/2022	:30	Off Air-WTOC-July 23	SAV400383	11
DTOC	9/27/2022-9/30/22	:30	Phil the Park Oct 8th	SAV302136	9
DTOC	8/2/2022-9/30/22	:15	Rescue Me Fridays-Zoom Room	SAV302089	38
DTOC	7/1/2022-9/26/22	1:00	RMHC Anthem	SAV400366	36
DTOC	7/1/2022-9/27/22	:30	Ronald McDonald Roundup	SAV400341	60
DTOC	7/2/2022-8/6/22	:30	Sandy Hook Promise	SAV400364	53
DTOC	9/1/2022-9/27/22	:30	Saving Money	SAV400387	19
DTOC	7/2/2022-8/31/22	:30	Seatbelts	SAV400367	40
DTOC	7/7/2022-9/28/22	:30,:15	Smart Women22-Spon30	SAV302045-46	220
DTOC	7/1/2022-9/30/22	:15	StormChaserTool OC	SAV301866	74
DTOC	7/13/2022-7/23/22	:30	SVC to Am 2022 Nxt Sat 30	SAV400371-5,77	23
DTOC	9/8/2022-9/30/22	:30	UnitedWayTeamUnited22	SAV400390	40
DTOC	7/1/2022-8/31/22	:30	Water Safety	SAV400362	35
DTOC	7/1/2022-9/26/22	1:00	WTOC Community Calendar	SAV301393	41
DTOC	7/27/2022-7/30/22	:30	WTOC Goes Back To School-Sat	SAV302074-75	7
DTOC	7/17/2022	:10	WTOC news App AlertNews	SAV301574-75	3
DTOC	7/10/2022-9/18/22	:10	WTOC WX App Alert-OCW22	SAV301932-33	5
DTOC	9/13/2022-9/30/22	:15,:30	Your Stories, Our City-15-1	SAV302144	37

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**SPECIAL WTOC PROGRAMS
JULY 1, 2022– SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

M-F 9-10:0AM

MORNING BREAK-- 10AM

A weekday talk show airing at 10am featuring guest interviews, performances, weather and news.

M-F 3PM-4PM(PREMIERED 9//12/22)

AFTERNOON BREAK

This fresh and informative WEEKDAY hour features today's talk about hot local topics, the latest on entertainment and lifestyle segments that will have viewers learning something new every day from topics such as cooking, home improvement, parenting, travel, health and more. 'Afternoon Break' will be hosted by WTOC Anchor Sam Bauman and, entertainment reporter and talk show host Becky Sattero.

7/9/22 7:30pm

Back to School with WTOC

A parent's guide to all this needed to have their child ready for the upcoming school year.

7/30/22 7:30pm

WTOC GOES BACK TO SCHOOL

WTOC takes a look at the upcoming school year and helps prepare parents with tips to make it successful for the students.

7/31/21 7:30PM

WTOC HURRICANE READY SPECIAL

The First Alert weather team looks at the 2021 hurricane season with preparation tips.

7/23/22 7PM-8PM

SERVICE TO AMERICA AWARDS

Showcasing the community service work of local radio and television stations throughout the US.

8/13/22 7:30PM-8PM

ENDZONE PREVIEW SHOW

A preview of high school football in the coastal empire and lowcountry.

8/19-09/30-11:20PM-11:35PM-EVERY FRIDAY

WTOC END ZONE

WTOC sports anchors Lindsay Gough and Jake Wallace host this 15 minute high school football show with highlights from all the high school games of the region.