

# WCTI ISSUES AND CONCERNS

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## WCTI NEWS PROGRAMS – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2022

NEWSCHANNEL 12 THIS MORNING  
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, 4:30A – 7A

**Alexis Cruz** and Brian North host along with Meteorologist Les Still providing 2.5 hours of overnight local and national news and weather.

NEWSCHANNEL 12 AT NOON  
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, 12P – 12:30P

Anchor **Brian North** and Meteorologist Les Still provide current news, weather and sports.

NEWSCHANNEL 12 AT 5  
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, 5P – 5:30P

Anchor Valentina Wilson delivers the top stories of the day and in-depth political coverage on the latest happenings at the capitol. Chief Meteorologist Donnie Cox provides viewers with latest forecast and future tracking.

NEWSCHANNEL 12 AT 5:30  
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, 5:30P – 6P

Frank Fraboni anchors this 30-minute newscast that continues our in-depth coverage of local and national stories along with daily weather forecasts with Chief Meteorologist Donnie Cox.

NEWSCHANNEL 12 AT 6  
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, 6P – 6:30P

Anchors Valentina Wilson and Frank Fraboni anchor this show bringing viewers breaking news, impactful reporting, sports and weather with Chief Meteorologist Donnie Cox.

NEWSCHANNEL 12 AT 11  
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, 11P – 11:35P

Valentina Wilson and Frank Fraboni lead the news team in presenting viewers with the latest updates on the day's news events. Meteorologist Donnie Cox has the latest on weather and presents the outlook for what's ahead.

GOOD MORNING EASTERN CAROLINA WEEKEND  
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, 7A – 8A

Megan Scarano anchors our weekend morning show at 7am providing up to the minute updates with what happened overnight. **Meteorologist Rachel Meyers** provides a morning weather outlook.

NEWSCHANNEL 12 AT 6 AND 11 WEEKEND EDITIONS  
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Kate Hussey anchors the Weekend Edition at 6pm and 11p providing updates on local weekend news in the area. **Meteorologist Rachel Meyers** provides the weather outlook for planning outdoor activities and Brett Kennedy provides weekend sports highlights.

NEWSCHANNEL 12 NEWS BRIEFS  
VARIOUS TIMES MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

Provides news updates in either 30 second, 15 second, or 2-minute segments. Focuses on weather forecasts for the day and week ahead plus important news headlines during cut-away from Good Morning America. Afternoon teases recorded and aired shortly before the 5pm evening newscasts.

TV 12 WEBSITE

WCTI NewsChannel 12's website offers complete information about the station and its people, departments, and services. Viewers can access all local, national, world and feature stories through the website and its very active social media accounts. The website can be accessed at <http://www.wcti12.com/>.

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING**

The following program is not broadcast within the core programming time period and is not considered as part of WCTI's children's core programming. However, because of the content and educational purpose of the program, we submit it as part of this report as well as the quarterly FCC 398 filing to show good intent.

Hearts of Heroes  
Free Enterprise  
Outback Adventures  
Oh Baby  
Animal Rescue  
Vets Saving Pets  
Wildlife Nation with Jeff Corwin

THE FOLLOWING PAGES INCLUDE TOPICS AND ISSUES ADDRESSING COMMUNITY CONCERNS THAT WERE BROADCAST BY WCTI ON THE DATES AND TIMES LISTED. ISSUES AIRED BY "NEWSCHANNEL 12 NEWS" WERE

INCLUDED IN OUR NEWSCASTS VARIOUS TIMES THROUGH OUT THE DAY ON THE DATE LISTED AND AVERAGED THREE MINUTES IN LENGTH.

ISSUE	PROGRAM	DATE	SUBJECT
Shooting in downtown New Bern outside courthouse	NEWS	7/12	We had team coverage on a shooting that occurred in downtown New Bern. Two people were shot on the sidewalk outside courthouse. Both died. We broke down the facts, spoke with witnesses and businesses who sheltered in place while police tracked down the shooter. We also looked into suspects criminal history and our ITEAM gave viewers the latest information on the person police were searching for and eventually arrested.
Sex Assault Kit Folo	NEWS	7/14	Our investigative team followed up on a previous story about the backlog of more than 16 thousand sexual assault case. Today the Department of Justice launched a new online database to add a layer of accountability and transparency. We also learned that more than 80 percent of the kits requiring testing had been tested.
ECU Announcement on new Mental Health facility	NEWS	7/19	A new state-of-the-art facility is meant to decrease the number of people with Mental Health issues that are placed on ENC jails. In Pitt County we found out there were 20 inmates who need to receive help for mental illness and not be locked up. The new facility will also help families with children who are currently driving 75 miles to receive care.
Shark Research in ENC	NEWS	7/19	With Shark Week coming up we checked in with researchers at one of the top labs in the country, right here in Morehead City. Reporter Lucy Nelson learned they are working on cutting edge research by tagging and tracking sharks to discover trends and traits. They also found that as the waters get warmer it's attracting more bonnet head sharks to the area.

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Wayne County Deputy Killed and two others injured	NEWS	8/2	We kept the community up to date with the latest information on the Wayne County deputy who was shot and killed and the recovery of two other deputies who survived. We broke down the latest information on law enforcement deaths nationwide and statewide. We showed viewers the memorials going up and told them how they could help all the families impacted.
How Safe are Schools?	NEWS	7/28	The school shooting in Uvalde, Texas sparked conversations across the country about how safe schools are. ITEAM reporter Kate Hussey reached out to every school district and every sheriff's office in our area to find out what they're doing to protect students.
School Security Folo- School SROS's	NEWS	8/16	We continued to look into safety measures in schools across our area and found a critical shortage of school resource officers in many of our districts. While all 15 counties in our area stepped up efforts by performing school auditions, lockdown drills and active shooter training at least 8 of our districts were having a hard time these officers
Rebuild NC	NEWS	8/18	We continue to uncover more problems for the state-run program called Rebuild NC. The state is now investigating flooding victims' claims that they were misled and lied to. We first did the story back in May and since then many more victims came forward. Legal Aid NC believes the program designed to help low income families has deep flaws, harming the poor, primarily minorities.

### Community Activities

A web-based community calendar and activities list is posted on <http://wcti12.com/> to address several issues in the community. Organizations submit events via web, email, and/or mail.

Description of Issue	Community Activities	Date(s)	Location	Narration of Type and Description
Spoke to students and adults at Havelock-Craven County Public Library	Meteorologist Les Still	7/18	301 Cunningham Blvd Havelock, NC 28532	Les spoke to about 20 people ranging in ages from 2-82 about the influence of waterways on our weather, giving insight into the complexity of forecasting.
Q &A with football coaches	Brian North	7/27	The Chelsea in New Bern	Brian spoke at the Rotary Club meeting to moderate a question-and-answer session with three area football coaches. About 30 people attended.
Food Drive	Anchors and Reporters did live broadcast all week from Food Drive Locations	8/1-8/5	Jacksonville, Greenville, Morehead City, Kinston, New Bern	We partner with Food Lion to help raise money for our local food bank and collect donations
NC Seafood Festival	Anchors/ Reporters/ Meteorologists all broadcast live from the festival	9/30-10-2	Morehead City	Our on air talents gets out and engages with community to talk about issues in the community all while enjoying and highlighting the festival
Cherry Point Change of Command	News Director, Chris Swope	8/5	Cherry Point Base	