

WCTI ISSUES AND CONCERNS

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WCTI NEWS PROGRAMS – 1st 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 Alexis Cruz 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 Anthony Baglione 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

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
Missing Child Investigation	NEWS	1/11	A 6-year-old in Jacksonville was missing for nearly 24 hours before authorities found him under a trailer, less than a block from his home. We took viewer questions about how no one saw him and how he survived in the cold temperatures to authorities. Police wouldn't answer many of our questions but said so many people were looking for the boy that the area became contaminated.
Governor Cooper COVID Sites	NEWS	1/13	Governor Cooper arrived in Kinston to tour two community vaccine and testing outreach events. Our reporter spoke to people who waited in long lines and reported on their frustrations. We took the concerns about lack of testing to the Governor and asked what his administration was doing to get more tests. NCDHHS Secretary Kody Kinsley told us they were looking under every rock, reaching out to every vender to find available tests.
Raid at B & J Seafood	NEWS	1/26	A local seafood business was raided by federal agents with the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration's Division of Fisheries. Federal agents were seen carrying out boxes labeled "Fresh Seafood." Federal Agents wouldn't answer our questions about why they raided the business, but we currently have a FOIA request in with the agency. In April the agency responded to our request saying they would turn over the documents we requested. We're currently waiting on those to arrive and will update the story.
Fertilizer Shortage	NEWS	2/2	A fertilizer plant in Winston Salem caught on fire causing concern for farmers who were already paying higher prices for fertilizer. With inflation, the plant fire added the need for farmers to look for alternative types of fertilizer. A month later we followed up with this story after the invasion in Ukraine which caused another hit for local farmers as nitrogen used to produce fertilizer was in high demand.

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James City Fatal Hit and Run	NEWS	2/7	A family wants answers after someone hit and killed their son on Highway 70 in James City. Brian Steffa was in town for his grandmother's funeral when he was hit and killed. He tried to cross the 4-lane road at night when he was hit. Highway Patrol still hasn't found out who killed him. His father spoke to NewsChannel 12's Megan Scarano saying he wants justice for his son and asked how someone could leave his son on the road to die.
NCDOT Dangerous Bridges Investigation	NEWS	2/8	People in Eastern North Carolina voiced concerns about a 2020 Federal Highway Administration report that showed dozens of bridges throughout the state were in poor condition. We spoke with NCDOT Bridge Maintenance Engineer, Bradley Haste about a bridge in Onslow County that needed immediate assistance. Haste said if there is an issue with the deck, structure, or substructure then they will close the bridge. In Duplin County there were more than 18 bridges classified in poor condition, but Haste says those bridges didn't need immediate assistance but instead be flagged and monitored.
Fatal Plane Crash	NEWS	2/13	We had continuing coverage of a plane crash that killed 8 people off Drum Inlet near Sea Level. On board were 4 teens, 2 adults, the pilot and his son. Everyone on board died. The teens attended East Carteret High School. We covered this story for weeks, providing the latest information to our viewers.
Ukraine Students Speak to ECU Students about the War	NEWS	3/8	We heard firsthand the impacts of the war in Ukraine from Ukrainian students. ECU students and faculty were able to arrange a zoom meeting with the students. The Ukraine students talked about their fears and the new realities they face, and the pride they have for their country. We were able to take an international story and localize it here to give a picture on what students there face.

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
	Carolina Chocolate Festival Alexis Cruz Les Still Kate Hussey	2/4	Swansboro P.O. Box 243 Swansboro, NC 28584	Alexis Cruz, Les Still and Kate Hussey were cake judges at this years Carolina Chocolate Festival. On air talent was able to interact with community members and city leaders.
	Virtual Speaking at 3-H Youth Development Anthony Baglione	2/24	Morehead City 303 College Circle	Students worked with the state climatology office for a weather/climate project. It's a 5-week program with weekly meteorology/climate lessons. Anthony was one of the virtual speakers
	School Visit to talk about Meteorology Chief Meteorologist Donnie Cox	3/1	Bayboro 515 Anderson Lane	Donnie spoke to 75 5 th graders at Anderson Elementary School in Bayboro about weather and what we do at the tv station to keep viewers aware of severe weather dangers
	School Visit to talk about Meteorology Rachel Meyers	3/2& 3/8	Trenton Trenton Elementary Trent Park Elementary	Rachel did two separate school visits where she spoke to elementary students about meteorology. She shared with students a power point presentation and answered questions.
	USO Supporting Our Troops Snack Pack Drive	3/5		WCTI Partnered with the USO to collect snacks for our service member. With troops deploying overseas for training and the crisis in Ukraine we pulled together the food drive in a week. The drive was a huge success

