WCTI ISSUES AND CONCERNS

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WCTI NEWS PROGRAMS - 2nd 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 though 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
Marines Wife Speaks for the first time about her Husband dying while training in Norway	NEWS	4/13	Four Camp Lejeune Marines died in Norway when their Osprey crashed during a training exercise. Lana Reynolds wanted people to know who her husband was and the sacrifice he made. She sat down with Lucy Nelson and spoke about how he always wanted to be a Marine and how he loved his country. It was a heartfelt story told so her husband, Captain Ross Reynolds would not be forgotten.
Unsolved Attack in Kinston	NEWS	4/19	Two years ago someone beat Nell Pittman with an aluminum baseball bat outside a restaurant in Kinston. Police still have not made an arrest. Megan Scarano revisited the case to bring attention to the case. She spoke with Pittman's daughter who talked about her mother's recovery and how she can no longer speak or walk and most rely on others for care. The family wants someone held accountable for this crime.
NC Cash Investigation	NEWS	5/2	Our investigative team looked into the NC Cash program and found there were thousands of people in NC who could have free money if they simply checked. The program had 1 billion dollars in unclaimed cash. We had the State Treasure in studio to answer questions. Following our story there was a massive increase in hits to the NC Cash website. The treasurer even reached out to thank us for helping get the money back in the hands of the people it belonged to.
Fentanyl ITEM Investigation	NEWS	5/12	Our investigative team discovered a startling trend in drug overdoes and how it's impacting rural communities. Pamlico County has the highest overdose rate in the state which is a rural city. Our team found that most people who live in Pamlico are working class citizens who have been injured on the job and prescribed pain medications which then led them to Fentanyl.

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Rebuild NC	NEWS	5/16	North Carolina created Rebuild NC following Hurricanes Matthew and Florence. Frank Fraboni learned some people who signed up for the program have faced years of delays, frustrations, and disappointments. We learned the program spent 427 million dollars and only 711 homes have been completed. That adds up to \$600,000 per home. We also learned there are only 7 licensed contractors managing 176 properties. We continue to follow the story
Rape Test Kits	NEWS	5/23	We investigated the progress being made with clearing the backlog of untested sexual assault kits. Attorney General Josh Stein told our reporter the testing was coming to a halt because the state crime lab was overwhelmed but now that state gave them 9 million more dollars in grant funding the testing is back underway. With the money they were able to hire 8 additional lab scientist and now 3/4 of the tests are completed.
Sane Nurse Shortage	NEWS	6/16	Our ITEAM found there is a critical shortage of Sexual Assault Nurses Examiners in local hospitals. Some hospitals needed at least 10 additional nurses. A new grant will provide training for 50 nurses statewide.
Greenville Red Light Cameras	NEWS	6/22	We did an update to a story on the City of Greenville's red light camera program. In March the appeals court found it unconstitutional for the handling of funds. Now the case will go before the Supreme County. The people suing argue isn't giving the appropriate amount of money to the school board as is required for the program. We continue to monitor case

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
	Meteorologist Les Still spoke at Kinston American Legion Post 43 during "First Line of Defense" event	4/9	300 N. McLewean Street Kinston, NC 28501	"First Line of Defense" is a community appreciation event to showcase all who form first line of defense, including meteorologist along with fire, EMS and HAM radio personnel.
	Crystal Coast Triathlon Alexis Cruz, Emcee	5/15	Steve Town Creek Marina 315 Front Street Beaufort, NC 28516	Alexis emceed the event. The community appreciated having a local tv personality support their event post pandemic.
	Tyron Palace Chef's Feast Alexis Cruz, Emcee	5/19	529 Front Street New Bern, NC 28562	Alexis cohosted the Tyron Palace Chef Feast event where 100 people attended. She helped raise money for more than 300,000 meals for food insecure people in our community.
	Fundraiser for Religious Community Services in New Bern. Alexis Cruz, Emcee	5/21	901 B Pollock Street New Bern, NC 28562	Alexis emceed an event with the Religious Community Services where more than 300 people attended. Her efforts helped with additional fundraising and community support.
	Run for the Warriors Kate Hussey, Emcee	5/28	421 Court Street Jacksonville, NC	Kate emceed the event and announced the winners. She also helped promote the race ahead of time and bring awareness to veteran suicide prevention and military transitioning to civilian world.