

# WCTI ISSUES AND CONCERNS

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## **WCTI NEWS PROGRAMS – 3rd QTR 2021**

**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
911 Accuracy	NEWS	10/14	In an investigative piece we tested the new 911 system for accuracy. North Carolina recently upgraded its statewide system to make it easier to locate 911 calls from cell phones. Our investigation revealed if you called 911 from right outside the 911 center it showed the caller was one mile away which was not correct. But we also learned within seconds, the telecommunicator pinpointed the location with a secondary locating system called Rapid SOS.
Emerald Isle Car Chase	NEWS	10/14	A Newport man was charged with leading police and deputies on a high-speed chase through Emerald Isle. It started when police say Dylan Norton tried to steal a rifle. Employees were able to wrestle it away from him but then he led police on a chase. We spoke to people who witnessed the chase and law enforcement providing the public with the latest on the case. We later would do an ITEAM piece featuring Norton talking about mental illness.
COVID Hospital Policy Controversy	NEWS	10/15	A Carteret County woman reached out to us for help after she says her children were denied to the chance to say goodbye to their father before he passed away from COVID because of the hospitals visitation policy. We reached out to other hospitals in the area to compare policies and learned they have similar policies, but all make exceptions for family members whenever possible. The woman hoped by sharing her story would bring change to hospitals.
Greenville Bar Ordinance	NEWS	11/9	Greenville City Council members are looking to change an ordinance that limits the numbers of bars and nightclubs in the city. In past bars and night clubs had to be 500 feet apart from each other. Council wants to look at these permits on a case by case basis and see if an exception needs to be made. Businesses in the area support the change in an attempt to continue to grow the downtown area.

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Mental Health Concerns	NEWS	11/26	In October we covered a high-speed chase that led to the arrest of 19-year-old Dylan Norton. We later learned his extremely bizarre behavior that day is symptomatic of what his mother describes as severe mental illness. Through our investigation we learned his mother repeatedly sought help for her son only to find the state mental health system, as she described it, broken. Our ITEAM looked into the states system and found it had a D minus rating saying North Carolina does not have a tool-kit to help people with mental illness.
Waitress Altering Tips Investigation	NEWS	12/7	A Snapperz Bar and Grill employee is arrested and charged for altering tips. We sat down with the owner of the restaurant who says he wants to right the wrong and is paying customers who were cheated back. We spoke with the Better Business Bureau to tell viewers what they can do to protect themselves against something like this in the future, including putting a \$ sign before the one or beginning of your tip. This is a good way to make sure there is no space for a tip to be altered.
FED Ex Package Dumping	NEWS	12/14	A FedEx driver is arrested and charged after authorities say he dumped a truckload of packages into the woods behind an apartment complex in Greenville. Police contacted FedEx and they sent another driver to pick up the packages and deliver them to more than 70 different locations.
School Shooting Threats	NEWS	12/15	We had a number of school threats. In Onslow County the BOE held a special meeting to discuss the number of threats. We covered the meeting but also spoke to a local expert on school threats to give perspective to viewers on what we're seeing. She explained that anytime after you have a recent school shooting like in Michigan, threats increase. She said add that with the holidays and end of semester exams that it creates the perfect storm.

### 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
	Seafood Festival All on air talent	10/1-10/3	Morehead City	We covered the annual Seafood Festival. On Air talent emceed the chef's tent and we had a booth set up where people could come and meet the staff. We did several live hits from the festival.
	Share your Christmas On Air Talent	10/6-10/10	Richlands, Wallace, Swansboro, Kinston, New Bern	This is the annual food drive we have every year where we partner with grocery stores. We do live broadcasts from each location talking about the need for food and encourage people to come out and help the local food bank.
	Berry Merry Christmas	11/26	New Bern	Investigative Reporter, Kate Hussey, emceed the tree lighting ceremony in downtown New Bern.
	New Bern Christmas Parade	12/4	New Bern	Several on air talent participated in the Christmas Parade.
	Craven Smart Start's Holiday Hustle 5k and 10k	12/11		The run raises money for educational programs for children in Craven County and beyond