

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.

Ocean Treks
Sea Rescue
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
Dangerous Intersection	NEWS	7/15	We looked into a potentially dangerous intersection in Duplin County following a fatal crash. Our reporter spoke to people who live on Tram Road who told her the intersection was a problem. She checked in with Highway Patrol who tells us most of the accidents at the intersection is caused by distracted drivers and adds there is a good amount of congestion in the area because of a nearby plant. Trooper said more signage needs to be added to the intersection.
Back to School Protocol with COVID-	NEWS	7/20	The start of school was a week away and some school districts were opting out of providing virtual learning for the 2021/2022 school year. We spoke to parents who weren't comfortable sending their child back to in person learning. We also spoke with Carteret County Schools Superintendent, Rob Jackson, who told us not enough students were interested in virtual learning.
COVID Cases skyrocket	NEWS	8/5	We checked in with local hospitals and tracked the recent spike in COVID positive cases. In Onslow County they hadn't seen that many positive cases since February. In just 3 days they had 500 people test positive.
Vaccine Lottery	NEWS	8/12	The News Channel 12 Investigative Team looked into the state's vaccine lottery which paid out millions of dollars but yet the state still had one of the lowest vaccination rates in the nation. We spoke to a state representative who told us Governor Cooper didn't consult with the general assembly before rolling out initiative and felt it was a waste of time and money.

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Investigation into NC Exotic Animal Law or lack of a law	NEWS	8/19	Our investigative team looked into the states exotic animal law and found many counties do not have any regulations, meaning a lion could be living next door to you and there is nothing you can do about it. Our investigation uncovered no one at federal level is monitoring either. We spoke with a tiger rescue group who wants to see tougher regulation and spoke with lawmakers on what's next to resolve the problem.
Fight at White Oak High School	NEWS	9/14	We reported on a fight at White Oak High School and set the record straight. Rumors circulated that a student pulled a gun on another student during a powder puff football game. We learned that was not correct and instead a rumor. Parents said the misinformation spread on social media terrified them.
Greenville Fire Chief Resigns	NEWS		The Greenville Fire Chief resigned after he was arrested for a DWI. In an exclusive interview he spoke to us about the mistake he made and how he did not want his mistake to leave a mark on the department.
MCAS Cherry Point Air Show	NEWS	9/24	We did a 30-minute special during our 5:30pm newscast at MCAS Cherry Point for the 2021 Air Show. We gave viewers rare access to the base with interviews with the Commanding Officer, pilots and the Blue Angels.

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
	Havelock Stem Convention Rachel Meyers Donnie Cox	8/13	Eastern Carolina Aviation Heritage Foundation/ Havelock Tourist and Event Center	We had a Meteorology Booth set up. Rachel and Donnie explained and demonstrated the rise and fall of air parcels. How this effects people's day to day weather and impacts severe weather potential and forms clouds. Demonstrated tornado structure and tornado safety.
	Seafood Festival Sponsorship Breakfast Rachel Meyers Donnie Cox	9/13	412 D. Evans Street, Morehead City, NC	Interviewed organizers. Emceed event. Thank board members and expressed the stations excitement to be a media sponsor.
	Virtual School Visit with Dixon Middle School Rachel Meyers	9/15	Dixon Middle School Onslow County	Rachel did a virtual visit with 4 middle school science class, ahead of classes focused on Meteorology. Discussed general meteorology information and gave students a virtual tour of news set.
	Crop Hunger Walk Rachel Meyers	9/26	New Bern	Rachel emceed event. Introduced speakers, thanked donors and sponsors. Presented awards
	MCAS Cherry Point Air Show Valentina Wilson, Frank Fraboni, Donnie Cox, Alexis Cruz, Les Still, Brian North, Kate Hussey, Sharon Danquah	9/24-9/26	MCAS Cherry Point	Live 30-minute special broadcast on air show. Had a booth set up throughout the weekend where people could come up and talk to our staff.

