

WCTI ISSUES AND CONCERNS

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WORLD NEWS NOW

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, 230A – 400A

Anchors Kenneth Moton and Mona Kosar offer up-to-date news coverage including mixture of live and taped coverage of domestic and international news issues. The show just celebrated its 29th anniversary on ABC

AMERICA THIS MORNING

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, 4:00A – 4:30A

Kenneth Moton and Mona Kosar co-anchor this morning news program which provides viewers with late-breaking national and international news, sports, weather and financial reports.

GOOD MORNING AMERICA

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, 7A – 9A

Robin Roberts, Michal Strahan, Lara Spencer, Ginger Zee provide viewers with timely news reports, informative features, weather and up-to-the minute interviews with world leaders.

THE VIEW

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, 11A – 12P

Created in 1997 by veteran journalist Barbara Walters, this daytime talk show is hosted by a panel of women, each offering her take on the day's news. The women welcome various celebrities and other guests. Topics include politics, beauty, fashion, diet and relationships.

ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT WITH DAVID MUIR

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, 6:30P – 7P

Anchor David Muir keeps viewers informed about world news events this half-hour news review.

20/20

FRIDAY, 9:00P – 11:00P

20/20 is an informational news magazine which combines hard-hitting investigative reports, newsmaker interviews, compelling human interest and feature stories and offers viewers a chance to learn more about the world around them.

NIGHTLINE

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, 12:37A – 1:06:30A UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

Dan Harris, Juju Chang and Bryon Pitt anchor this program which offers in-depth reporting on major news stories of the day. Reporting also covers features and profiles.

WORLD NEWS TONIGHT SATURDAY/ SUNDAY

SATURDAY, 6:30P – 7P

Tom Llamas anchors this half hour news program showcasing the day's events around the world and the country.

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THIS WEEK WITH GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS
SUNDAY, 9A – 10A

George Stephanopoulos anchors this news program which focuses on the politics of the day. It often features world leaders and policy makers participating in roundtable discussions.

JIMMY KIMMEL LIVE
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, 11:35P – 12:37A

Emmy-winning funnyman Jimmy Kimmel serves up late night comedy bits and welcomes comedians, celebrities, athletes, musicians and more with unusual or compelling personal stories.

THE BACHELOR
SUNDAY, 8P – 10P

This show places a bachelor with a pool of romantic interests who he dates and at the end selects a wife. During the episodes he eliminates candidates each week before finally handing out a final rose to the person and a possible proposal.

LOCAL AND SYNDICATED PROGRAMMING

ACCESS
MONDAY THRU SATURDAY, 1A – 136A

anchors focus on celebrity entertainment projects popular in the news magazine and entertainment genres.

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

Alexis Cruz hosts along with Meteorologist Les Still providing 2.5 hours of overnight local and national news and weather. Reporter Lilia Wood handles the breaking news of the day and Reporter Molly Levine handles Live Center with the big headlines, traffic reports, etc.

LIVE WITH KELLY AND RYAN
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, 9A – 10A

Kelly Ripa And Ryan Seacrest discuss what's going on in their lives and in pop culture. Guests join in on the conversation, enjoy musical guest performances and get the chance to win prizes for answering trivia questions.

THE DOCTORS
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, 10A – 11A

This Emmy-Award winning show returns as the most timely, topical and practical health, wellness and lifestyle information show on daytime television. Anchored by ER Physician Dr. Travis Stork and Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon Dr. Andrew Ordon, Specialists from across the health and wellness spectrum will join them to share real life stories, answers, interventions and care. Follow-up stories with guests from previous season often air to update viewers on their progress.

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

Anchor Alexis Cruz and Meteorologist Les Still provide current news, weather and sports.

INSIDE EDITION
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, 12:30P – 1P

This show includes investigative reports, interviews with newsmakers, human interest stories and celebrity and pop-culture features.

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

Anchor Valentina Wilson and Frank Fraboni deliver 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

Brian North 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

Anchor Valentina Wilson and Frank Fraboni anchor this show bringing viewers breaking news, impactful reporting, sports and weather with Chief Meteorologist Donnie Cox and Sports Director Brian North.

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

Mariana Rodriguez 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

Kori Johnson 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
Rock the Park
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
BUSINESS/ECONOMY	NEWS	9/18	The pandemic hurt a lot of businesses in 2020 but we found in Carteret County they were having a record-breaking year for tourism due to the virus. In the beginning Carteret County felt the affects of pandemic but when the restrictions on vacation rentals and hotels were lifted, they started see their numbers go up. The county's tax revenue went up 40 percent from July of 2019, beginning in more than 2.4 million dollars in one month.
BUSINESS/ECONOMY	NEWS	10/2	The North Carolina Seafood Festival normally brings a big economic boost but COVID changed that this year. We covered the economic impact this had in our area as the 3-day festival normally brings in 39 million dollars. Businesses were upset with Governor's order of an 11pm curfew making losing the festival even harder, saying this was yet another nail in their coffin.
BUSINESS/ECONOMY	NEWS	10/6	American Airlines suspended flights in and out of the Greenville airport. Flights wouldn't resume until January. The airport went from having five departures and five arrivals daily to just 2 arrivals and day and 2 departures. We should the economic impact as American Airlines was 1/3 of the airport's revenue.
BUSINESS/ECONOMY	NEWS	10/19	East Carolina University furloughed a number of employees and reduced the salaries of several others to help combat the athletic departments 4.7 million-dollar deficit. These cuts impact the entire athletic staff.

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CRIME / LAW & ORDER	NEWS	9/09	A Greenville grandmother is charged with assault after police say she threw her grandchild to the ground. Video of the incident got a lot of shares on social media.
CRIME / LAW & ORDER	NEWS	9/21	In Martin county authorities arrested a mother and her boyfriend for the death of a 2-year-old little girl. We spoke with family members about the tragic loss.
CRIME / LAW & ORDER	NEWS	10/01	Leaders from all over our state met in Richlands to stand in solidarity against hate crimes, this was in response to a swastika that was mowed into a family's lawn last month. This was a follow up story to the original incident.
CRIME / LAW & ORDER	NEWS	10/05	We had exclusive video of a woman accused of stealing Trump 2020 campaign signs in Pamlico County. We showed how this particular county had seen a significant increase with people stealing signs on both sides of the isle, both democrat and republican signs. The sheriff said this is a crime and had to stop. We also included the punishment for stealing signs which was 20 days in jail or a \$200 fine.

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EDUCATION	NEWS	9/8	With COVID we saw a lot of changes this year including student housing for ECU students as thousands of them had to move off campus when the university switched to online classes due to the rising COVID cases. We broke down what students needed to do if they were stuck with a bill and locked into leases. And how to apply for waivers to wave any fees associated with the change.
EDUCATION	NEWS	10/1	We had a follow up story about parents concerned over remote learning. Some parents were concerned their children would be held back or penalized due to the challenges of remote learning. We spoke to parents whose children's grades dropped significantly during the pandemic and asked the district what plans and measures were in place to make sure this did not happen. The district said they planned to perform middle and end of year testing to assess where each student is and make sure no student falls behind. Will be doing a follow up soon on this story.
EDUCATION	NEWS	12/09	Some teachers say the pandemic is creating a stressful work environment with fears of spreading the virus with in person learning. It was a catch 22 for many teachers as they were glad to have students back in the classroom, but at same time were worried they would contract the virus, saying the virus was always on their minds. Showed the personal side of what teachers are dealing with during the pandemic.
EDUCATION	NEWS	12/15	A COVID cluster was identified in Onslow County Schools causing concerns for parents and staff. It happened just as students were about to head home for the holiday. Many questioned if they could return safely after the holidays as the cases continued to rise. Dixon High School had 6 cases but district wouldn't say if it was staff members or students. District said they were closely monitoring the situation and would make adjustments as needed.

ISSUE	PROGRAM	DATE	SUBJECT
ENVIRONMENT	NEWS	10/20	We delved into a problem that has plagued the City of Kinston for years which is flash flooding. City leaders announced a flood mitigation study would be completed, giving residents hope a solution is coming soon. State leaders are working with the Environmental Defense Fund who is paying for the study.
ENVIRONMENT	NEWS	10/28	We covered a man in our area who was in the hospital fighting off the deadly flesh-eating bacteria, vibrio. Vibrio is found in water sources. While it is rare, vibrio is on the rise in North Carolina. The man contracted the bacteria in the Neuse River in Craven County, not by an open wound but instead ingested infected shellfish. The number of cases in NC jumped from 21 in 2007 to 41 in the most recent data.
ENVIRONMENT	NEWS	11/1	The state received more than a million dollars in Environmental grants that will help and improve the environment. Some of the money will go to help protect local waterways and systems.
ENVIRONMENT	NEWS	12/3	An oyster species could help restore shoreline on Neuse River that was damaged by Hurricane Florence. Scientists at Duke University are working with leaders at Marine Corp Air Station Cherry Point to try to regenerate the Eastern North Carolina Oyster. Researchers say the species could help build back land that was eroded away due to hurricane.

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GOVERNMENT	NEWS	09/01	We covered the announcement by the governor to move into phase 2.5 pertaining to COVID. This latest phase allowed museums, aquariums, playgrounds and gyms to open at a limited capacity, but the new phase did not allow bars and nightclubs to reopen. We broke down what people could and could not do and asked the governor what this meant for sports fans? Which we learned was 7 percent capacity. We asked the questions and provided viewers with the information they needed to know moving forward.
GOVERNMENT	NEWS	9/16	We covered a story about possible changes to NC Voter ID law. The change caused confusion about whether a voter needed to bring a photo ID to the polls. We explained to viewers this change would not have any effect on the 2020 election. We let voters know no ID would be required unless you were a first-time voter.
GOVERNMENT	NEWS	10/5	We attended a Beaufort County Commissioners meeting where commissioners were discussing possibly defunding 5 deputy positions. Employees of the sheriff's office asked commissioners not to defund them but one of the commissioners wanted to see data on the number of calls for service that would not be serviced before approving the \$279,000 it would take to fund those 5 positions.
GOVERNMENT	NEWS	10/15	We covered the Trump Rally in Greenville. We looked into what was being done to prevent the spread of COVID as there were hundreds of people at the airport cheering him on. Trump staffers handed out masks and hand sanitizer to those who attended and also enforced temperature checks before any one was allowed inside the rally. We focused on the safety measures being taken and the rally itself with team coverage of the event.

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SOCIAL	NEWS	9/10	The Flame Catering opened its door to provide an academic hub for students who needed help with remote learning. The hub provided WIFI, lunches and had teachers on site to help the students at a low cost of 10 dollars per day. We told parents how they could sign up and helped parents find resources available to them that they may not have known about.
SOCIAL	NEWS	10/23	A Marine in our area was honored for stepping in to save the life of an Onslow County deputy after a car crash. On 11/06/2019 Lt. King found Deputy John Cavanah lying on the ground after being hit by a car while riding his motorcycle. On 10/23/20 dozens of Marines gathered to reunite King and Cavanah while also presenting King with a Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal.
SOCIAL	NEWS	11/13	A brave little girl's family was fighting to get her to Disney in time to make precious memories after her make a wish trip was cancelled due to the pandemic
SOCIAL	NEWS	12/09	<p>We covered a family asking for help for a Jacksonville veteran who went in for a routine check-up and ended up being diagnosed with COVID and Leukemia.</p> <p>A GoFund me account was set up for the family.</p>

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
	Donnie Cox visited a private school to talk about weather	10/13/20	Excel Private School Morehead City, NC	Basic discussion on weather instruments and what we do with the information we get from them. Discussed what we do to prepare or present weather forecasts on tv
	Donnie Cox visited an elementary school to talk about weather	10/16/20	Farmville Elementary Vanceboro, NC	Weather discussion on material they are studying in basic meteorology. Also, a discussion on what we do at station in preparing and presenting forecast on tv
	Anthony Baglione attended a virtual meeting teaching 7 th graders about weather	10/29/20	Dixon Middle School Sneads Ferry, NC	Basic weather discussion with students and had a question and answer session