

WCTI ISSUES AND CONCERNS

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WORLD NEWS NOW

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, 3:30A – 4:00A

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
MONDAY, 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 and Brian North host along with Meteorologist Les Still providing 2.5 hours of overnight local and national news and weather. 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

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

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	1/27	State leaders announced millions of dollars in overpaid unemployment benefits will have to be paid back. Jobless claims since the start of the pandemic are at record high levels and workers who usually handled one jobless program now handle 9. The state paid nine million dollars to identify thieves which will have to be paid back. The division reports about 70 million dollars have been overpaid since 2020.
BUSINESS/ECONOMY	NEWS	2/23	Homeowners in Eastern North Carolina could see major hikes in federal flood insurance rates. In some cases, the rates could quadruple. North Carolina Insurance Commissioner, Mike Causey, explained if the risk projections are correct, unless the rates skyrocket under FEMA's new program the federal program would economically bleed. FEMA is unable to answer questions as to the percentage of homeowners who could see the increase.
BUSINESS/ECONOMY	NEWS	2/24	Governor Cooper lifts restrictions in North Carolina bringing relief to businesses. The stay at home order was lifted allowing businesses to operate at 50% capacity and onsite alcohol sales can extend to 11pm. We spoke to businesses who were happy to hear they could finally start getting back to business.
BUSINESS/ECONOMY	NEWS	03/08	We did a report on when people in North Carolina could see the \$1400 stimulus check. In a 50-49 vote the U.S. Senate approved the 1.9 trillion dollar coronavirus relief plan.

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CRIME / LAW & ORDER	NEWS	1/06	We had extensive coverage of Chaos at the Capitol when protestors stormed the Capitol as congress was debating the certification of President-Elect Joe Biden. We had reaction from our Congressional leaders and provided live updates throughout our newscast showing the very latest as to what was happening. We also spoke with community members to get their reaction to the violence.
CRIME / LAW & ORDER	NEWS	1/26	We brought the latest information on a state investigation into an officer-involved shooting in Havelock. Officers responded an apartment multiple times that night for a domestic call, on the third time officers said a man pulled a gun pointing it at the officers and the woman he was fighting with. Two officers fired at the man hitting him. The State Bureau of Investigation was called in to investigate the case. On February 26 th we did a follow up story announcing both officers were cleared of any wrong doing.
CRIME / LAW & ORDER	NEWS	02/06	Update to the Duplin County fatal crash where 4 out of 5 people in the car died. Authorities released the names of all of the victims and one survivor who were all teens. A trooper tried to pull over the driver of the car for speeding, but the driver didn't stop and lead law enforcement on a chase through Kenansville. Troopers say the driver ran a stop sign, hit a fence and ran into a pond. Only one person was able to get out of the car. We were on the scene the tonight of the accident and had coverage throughout the evening and into our morning show and continued following up on the story.
CRIME / LAW & ORDER	NEWS	03/02	A former Camp Lejeune Marine was sentenced to more than five years in prison for smuggling guns into Haiti. The Marine was born in Jail and became a U.S. citizen in Onslow County. Prosecutors say he board a plane at the Coastal Carolina Regional Airport in New Bern in 2018. Court documents show he and another man impersonated high ranking military officers to smuggle 8 firearms. He was arrested when they landed in Haiti and said he wanted to help the country's military learn marksmanship and defeat "thugs" causing instability.

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EDUCATION	NEWS	1/12	In Lenoir County emergency food pantries were made available to middle and high school students. The district was awarded \$50,000 through the “No Kid Hungry” program. The money helped restock and create emergency food pantries that was in need more than ever due to the pandemic. We made viewers aware of the program and how they could receive food if they needed it.
EDUCATION	NEWS	02/02	Governor Cooper made a surprise announcement that it was time for students to go back into the classrooms, saying he supports in person-learning for students almost a year into the pandemic. The decision got mixed emotions from parents as some were ready to send their child back, while others were worried. Secretary of Human and Health Services Dr. Mandy Cohen said studies showed it was not safe for students to return but the North Carolina Association of Educators were not sold on the idea and issued a statement expressing their concerns.
EDUCATION	NEWS	02/09	The pandemic is still forcing many schools to use virtual-learning but some are wondering with virtual learning, are snow days a thing of the past? Our reporter checked in with county leaders to find out if online learning could be a new norm. She found that all the districts are doing something different. Some are utilizing the virtual learning while others, like Martin County say they will keep snow days saying it’s good for student’s mental health.
EDUCATION	NEWS	2/16	The pandemic forced school to close almost a year ago and some parents worry virtual learning is having a negative impact on their children’s education. The state legislature proposed creating a summer school program that would help at risk students. We spoke to parents who were worried about long lasting impacts this could have on their children. We also spoke to school principals who feel holding students back isn’t the answer.

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ENVIRONMENT	NEWS	01/14	Fishermen in our area are working to clean up out waterways thanks to a partnership with North Carolina Coastal Federation. Our reporter went out with a fisherman as he found trash like crab pots and got them out of the water. In 2019 they removed more than 3100 crab pots.
ENVIRONMENT	NEWS	2/10	President Biden is facing blowback for one of the first actions he took on his first day in the oval office and criticisms are coming from people and institutions that otherwise support his agenda. The President halted the construction on Keystone XL. Champions of the 8-billion- dollar pipeline, including democratic allies aren't going down without a fight.
ENVIRONMENT	NEWS	2/15	The City of Jacksonville began removing a dozen abandoned boats out the waterways. We were there as teams broke down the abandoned boats. Water quality technicians say these efforts are critical in protecting the environment. The concern is the abandoned boats will sink to the boat and harm sensitive estuarine environment.
ENVIRONMENT	NEWS	3/15	Community members came together to clean up trash along the state's roadways. NCDOT said the pandemic related financial cuts forced them to reduce the number of clean up crews for several months in 2020 and liter began to pile up. Now the funding is picking back up and with the help of volunteers they collected almost two million pounds of liter in just one month.

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GOVERNMENT	NEWS	01/5	The North Carolina National Guard called upon to help with COVID Vaccinations. North Carolina is one of the slowest states in the nation for vaccine roll out prompting the Governor to call upon them to help with the distribution of the vaccines.
GOVERNMENT	NEWS	2/11	Investigative piece into the lingering health problems hundreds of thousands of veterans who served in the Gulf War are battling. New research also shows those veterans may also be more vulnerable to COVID 19. According to the VA soldiers were given pills and shots to protect them from gas attacks, they inhaled soot from oil set on fire and they doused themselves in pesticides to stop sand fleas and other insects. Now leading doctors believe that cocktail of chemical exposures and other factors may trigger was known as the “Gulf War Illness” or G-W-I.
GOVERNMENT	NEWS	2/17	A Pamlico County man was incorrectly declared dead by the Social Security Administration. Michael Willis said he learned of his “death” more than a week after the mistake was made when he tried to make a deposit at a bank, and it was declined. The bank manager showed him a piece of paper stating he was dead. Our reporter helped get the issue resolved after Michael was having no luck and did an investigative piece on how this could happen.
GOVERNMENT	NEWS	3/1	The state Senate votes not to override Governor Coopers veto of State Senate Bill 37. The bill would have required school districts to provide in-person learning option for students. We spoke with parents who have mixed feelings about the decision.

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SOCIAL	NEWS	1/13	<p>We covered a story about an autistic Greenville High schooler who is paving his way as a broadcaster and keeping the community updated. 17-year-old Jackson Robol started the “Jackson Robol Show” on Facebook. He’s interviewed a number of people, including the mayor and ECU’s baseball coach. Robol is autistic and his father says he has a harder time communicating but this helps him learn to interact with a range of people better. We also told viewers when they could follow him for his latest interviews and updates.</p>
SOCIAL	NEWS	1/20	<p>We highlighted two local boys who decided to make a change in Duplin County by cleaning up their community. Twin 10-year-old boys devoted hours of their free time to pick up trash in Chinquapin. The boys hoped to inspire the rest of the 5th grade class to also help.</p>
SOCIAL	NEWS	2/12	<p>With Valentines around the corner we highlighted a couple who seems to have the secret to a happy marriage. Stephen and Elsie Walsh celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary. The Walsh’s met in New Bern and were married in 1946. Stephen was serving on Cherry Point when we me Elsie through her brother. Joanne said he dad would take the bus from Cherry Point to New Bern and then walk to her mom’s home during their courtship. In 1978 they returned to New Bern and have lived here ever since.</p>
SOCIAL	NEWS	3/26	<p>A stray dog became an internet sensation after he walked into a Mount Olive Dollar General store multiple times trying to steal a particular stuffed animal from the store shelf. The lab mix tried 5 times to steal a purple unicorn stuffed animal. Store employees called Duplin County Animal Control but when an officer arrived, she bought the unicorn for the puppy. The dog named Sisu was later adopted.</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
	Meteorologist zoom interview with 5 th graders	3/5	Wahl-Coates Elementary School in Greenville	Three classes joined the zoom call and Les did a power point presentation on basic weather understanding and covered topics like fronts, air masses, water cycle, and types of meteorology jobs.
	Meteorologists speaks to a group of 20-30 adults	3/15	Red Sail Park on Red Sail Road in New Bern	Meteorologist spoke to members of the Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron about the impact weather has on the seas and in general. Discussed everything from climate change, hurricanes and typical weather patterns.