

WCTI ISSUES AND CONCERNS

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WCTI NEWS PROGRAMS – 2nd Quarter 2022

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

Moriah Davis 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 Valentina Wilson 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

Frank Fraboni leads 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

Deja Mayfield anchors our weekend morning show at 7am providing up to the minute updates with what happened overnight. Meteorologist Grant Carlton provides a morning weather outlook.

NEWSCHANNEL 12 AT 6 AND 11 WEEKEND EDITIONS
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Amanda Smith anchors the Weekend Edition at 6pm and 11p providing updates on local weekend news in the area. Meteorologist Grant Carlton 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
Oh Baby
Animal Rescue
Vets Saving Pets
Wildlife Nation with Jeff Corwin
Ron Hazelton's Housecalls

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 |
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| Questions surround Pink Hill mixed drink referendum | NEWS | 3/9 | Our investigative team with a referendum that passed during the Nov 2022 election to allow mixed drinks to be served within town limits. The referendum was deemed invalid by the NC Election Commission in January after it was found there were fewer than 300 registered voters taking part. Business owners had begun renovating restaurants in town to accommodate selling mixed drinks. |
| Children being recruited by gangs in Eastern NC | NEWS | 2/14 | Our investigative team looked into the rising problem of gangs in Eastern NC recruiting young children as young as 9 or 10year old. Tyler Hardin spoke with an ex-gang member and law enforcement about what can be done to curb this trend. |
| New Leadership at Rebuild NC promises change | NEWS | 3/23 | Investigative reporter Frank Fraboni sat down with the new leadership team of Rebuild NC to discuss past criticism of the program and what is being done to fix the issues. This comes after numerous stories last year uncovered massive wait times up to 4-5 years for people trying to get storm related repairs done with the HUD funding. |
| National Weather Service looking for evidence of possible tornado | NEWS | 1/05 | Bayview, Beaufort County — Cleanup began on January 5th, 2023, in Bayview, Beaufort County after a fast moving and powerful storm moved through on January 4th. The National Weather Service was there looking for clues of a possible tornado that caused the damage. |

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| Young Right Whale spotted in Morehead in Morehead City found dead days later | NEWS | 01/11 | MOREHEAD CITY, Carteret County — An endangered whale species spotted in Eastern North Carolina has been found dead. This comes just weeks after a Humpback Whale was found dead near Cape Lookout. Now, the dead whales have people wondering why? Daniel Griffiee was boating when he said the whale swam right along the side of his boat and days later, that same whale was found dead near the port in Morehead City. |
| No recreational flounder in NC for Spring of 2023 | NEWS | 2/15 | MOREHEAD CITY, Carteret County — Recreational spring flounder season will not take place in 2023, the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries announced Feb. 15, 2023. They said preliminary data from the 2022 recreational fall season (Sept. 1- 30) indicated that removals of Southern Flounder exceeded the total allowable catch (TAC) by 25,000 pounds. |
| State gas tax to increase by two cents in 2023, income tax slightly down | NEWS | 01/03 | NEW BERN, Craven County — The new year brings new laws that go into effect. For people in North Carolina, it is new laws on taxes that will have an impact at the gas pumps. Prices at the pump are up and so is North Carolina's gas tax. Sunday, the state's gas tax went up from \$0.39 cents to \$0.41 cents, a two cent increase. |
| Craven County homeowners surprised by new house assessments | NEWS | 03/08 | NEW BERN, Craven County — Homeowners in Craven County are experiencing sticker shock after they received their latest property tax bills. The county completed a new property value reassessment and prices are increasing. The new property tax assessments began in February. Homeowners said they know growth is driving up prices, but they said the latest increase is putting a damper on those who have lived in their home for years. |

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.

| Community Activity | Participant(s) | Date(s) | Location | Narration of Type and Description |
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| American Heart Assn. Heart Ball | Brian North | Feb 4 th | New Bern, Maola Events Center | Emceed the annual Heart Ball event as part of National Heart Month |
| Shad Festival Fish Stew Cooking Contest | Brian North | Feb 18 th | Grifton, Train Depot | Emceed the Fish Stew Cooking Contest as part of the Shad Festival in Grifton, NC |
| Oakes Road Elementary Career Day | Deja Mayfield | March 23 | Oakes Road Elementary School, New Bern | Spoke to children about her career in Journalism and demonstrated the equipment she uses. |
| Comfort Elementary Career Day | Valentina Wilson and Martin Hicks | March 28 | Comfort Elementary in Trenton | Spoke to the children about her career in journalism and Martin demonstrated the equipment we use, |
| ECU Journalism Students | Michelle Pumphrey | March 15 | ECU School of Journalism | Spoke to aspiring Journalists about our industry. |