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REPLAY: Dr. Tara Seward, Fayetteville native and practicing psychologist in the D.C. area, on the rising instances of anxiety in the age of the COVID pandemic. Cumberland County's Maureen Stover, who was recently named the North Carolina state Teacher of the Year, on what her Cumberland International Early College High School is all about and the spoils of being named TOY. Michael Gibson, Fayetteville Cumberland Parks and Recreation director, on the decision to close the public pools and splashpads, and where the county stands with the that are part of the 2016 bond referendum.

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Cumberland County School Board member Greg West on the plans and strategies for students and teachers as the 2020-2021 school year begins with remote learning this month. Cumberland County School System Director of Student Activities, Vernon Aldridge, on the efforts and possible plans to provide students the opportunity to participate in athletics and other extracurricular activities. Elaine Kennebeck of downtown Fayetteville's Heritage Square Historical Society, on their annual Christmas Bazaar fundraiser at the Samford House.

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Terri Robertson, the Director of the Cumberland County Board of Elections, on the changes to this year's elections due to the COVIC pandemic, mail-in voting and the need for precinct officials. Terry Sanford High School principal Tom Hatch on plans for teachers to work from school or home to get prepared for the start of remote learning on August 17, how electronic devices will be distributed to students who need them and changes in how teachers are perceived by parents.

Elaine Smith, Director of Cumberland County Animal Control, on her Clear The Shelter event going on now, how the COVID pandemic is affecting the shelter and other ways people can help the shelter.

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Lindsay Whitley, Cumberland County Schools' Assistant Superintendent for Communications and Community Engagement, answers some posted questions from parents about the coming school year that starts next week with remote learning. Local veterinarian Dr. Kasmin Davis of Ambassador Animal Hospital on the effects of the COVID19 pandemic on pets, particularly the increased presence of humans working from home, and then the pending decrease as owners return to work and school. Rick "Ranger Rick" Murillo, founder and director of the upcoming 5th Annual Suicide Awareness Run, on what his event is all about and why he started it.

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Dr. Michael Zappa, Cape Fear Valley Health System's Chief of Emergency Medicine and Associate Chief Medical Officer, on the reasons that local and state COVID numbers are higher than some places around the country and how we should deal with the return of college students to campuses. U.S. Representative Richard Hudson on the reliability of mail-in voting, how he handles the gridlock that slows progress down in Washington, and the status of a new stimulus bill and other COVID pandemic assistance programs. Fayetteville City Councilman Larry Wright on the External and Internal Review Committees created by Mayor Mitch Colvin to address racial reconciliation and efforts to remove the Market House image from official city property.

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Lindsay Whitley, Cumberland County Schools' Assistant Superintendent for Communications and Community Engagement, on changes and "tweaks" the system is making on the remote learning daily schedule for students and teachers and administrative operations. Andrew Wheeler, the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protective Agency, during his recent visit to Fayetteville on the Chemours water contamination controversy. Nana Bentsi-Enchill, the board chair of the Fayetteville Dogwood Festival, on efforts to create social restriction compliant events and activities in the absence of the regular events that have been cancelled during the COVID pandemic.

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Carolyn Justice-Hinson, Communications/Community Relations Officer for the Fayetteville Public Works Commission, on how PWC is dealing with the thousands of customers who have past-due balances due to the pandemic, and the PWC Public Works virtual exhibition at the Arts Council. Fayetteville Observer reporter Paul Woolverton on the status and challenges covering the sexual molestation case of local businessman Michael Lallier, four years after the charges were filed in Darlington, SC. Diane Shaw, the Special Collections Archivist at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania and curator of their extensive Lafayette Collection of letters and artifacts, on her presentation at Fayetteville Technical Community College about Marquis de Lafayette, Fayetteville's namesake.

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Jim Bartlinski, Museum Director at the Airborne & Special Operations Museum, on the re-opening of ASOM six months after the doors were shut due to the COVID pandemic and special visitors and events already planned for the rest of 2020. Nicole Rivers of Grays Creek High School, announced this week as Cumberland County Teacher of the Year, on why she became a teacher and how she is handling remote learning during the COVID pandemic. Fayetteville Real Estate agent and owner of Team Harris Real Estate Wendy Harris, on Fayetteville's current status as out-of-balance seller's market.

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Cumberland County School Board member Greg West on the board's decision to continue remote learning through the end of the fall semester. Lindsay Whitley, Cumberland County Schools' Assistant Superintendent for Communications and Community Engagement, addresses the concerns of parents who want the system to re-open sooner than the system plans. September is ovarian cancer awareness month and Fayetteville gynecological oncologist Dr. Michael Sundborg discusses assessments and treatments.