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“Fayetteville Focus” is a 30-minute weekly program that looks at issues and newsmakers from Fayetteville and the surrounding area. It airs at 5:30am each Sunday morning. The following Issues have been identified as pertinent to the Fayetteville, NC / North Carolina Sandhills region: Public Health, Public Safety, Economy, Education, Community, Military/Veterans, Politics/City-County-State Governments, Crime, Environment and Downtown Revitalization.

*Education *Community	1/1	The Cumberland County Teacher of the Year, Talicia Smith, and Principal of the Year, Gemmette McEachern, in separate visits spoke on the challenges of teaching and managing schools in 2022.
*Education *Crime *Public Safety	1/8	Cumberland County School Board Member Greg West looks back at 2022 and how the year was different coming out of 2 years of the COVID pandemic. Long-serving Cumberland County District Attorney Billy West on the rise in gun violence and how DAs and judges can help when it comes to issuing bail amounts and jail terms to offenders.
*Public Safety *Crime *Public Health	1/15	Outgoing Fayetteville Police Chief Gina Hawkins introduces the new chief, Kim Braden, set to take over upon Hawkins’ retirement this week. Cumberland County Health Director Dr. Jennifer Green on the latest uptick in COVID cases and the new variant known as "Kraken."
*Military *County Government *Community	1/22	Fort Bragg Garrison Commander, COL John Wilcox on the pending change from Fort Bragg to Fort Liberty and the latest in an ongoing investigation into illegal drug activity amongst a group of Bragg soldiers. Cumberland County Commissioner Jimmy Keefe on the debate surrounding the county’s sales tax distribution and the county’s new performing arts center.
*Economy *City/County Government *Crime	1/29	Fayetteville Mayor Mitch Colvin on the county sales tax distribution method and how changing it from per capita to ad valorem could financially hurt the municipalities in Cumberland County. North Carolina

State Treasurer Dale Folwell provides an update on the stolen \$1.4 million check story, and the state's unclaimed monies fund.

*Community *Education *Public Health *Downtown Revitalization	2/5	Fayetteville Mayor Mitch Colvin on abandoned shopping carts, the latest on the Civil War History and Reconstruction Center and repurposing the Market House. The Director of Operation Inasmuch, Craig Morrison, on the Point-In-Time homeless count project – how it works and just how accurate it is. The CEO of Cool Spring Downtown District, Bianca Shoneman, on the downtown initiative, Sip N Stroll, what the effects of paid parking downtown have been over the last year and the new Crown Events Center and how it should improve walkability.
*Politics *Community *Public Health	2/12	Former Hope Mills Commissioner Jesse Bellflowers on the controversial plan to turn a 100-year old historic church into an auxiliary parks & rec location. Cumberland County Health Director Dr. Jennifer Green on the latest COVID metrics, sleep deprivation and the recalled eye drops.
*Crime *Public Safety *Community	2/19	Cumberland County District Attorney Billy West on the next expungement clinic slated for February 25 and the possible legalization of medical marijuana in North Carolina. New Fayetteville Police Chief Kem Braden on kids with guns, crime stopping technology and his thoughts on the killing of Tyre Nichols by Memphis police.
*Politics *Crime *Public Health	2/26	Fayetteville Mayor Mitch Colvin on the long-overdue Public Works Commission appointment, the new data released on drug overdoses in North Carolina and police stepping up traffic stops to catch criminals. Cumberland County Health Director Dr. Jennifer Green on the new COVID data released this week, the possibility of a new vaccine for RSV, which causes cold-like symptoms in infants, and the record number of drug overdoses and deaths in 2021.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Politics *Economy *Education *Public Health 	3/5	<p>North Carolina State Senator Tom McGinnis, newly representing parts of Cumberland County, on power-grid security, the possibility making I-95 a toll road, Medicaid expansion and the opioid problem in Cumberland County. Greg West of the Cumberland County School Board on guns in schools and school safety.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Public Health *Politics *Education *Community 	3/12	<p>Executive Director of the Sandhills Chapter of the American Red Cross, Phil Harris, on Severe Weather Preparedness Week. Fayetteville Mayor Mitch Colvin on a possible solution to the county sales tax distribution method, going from two-year to four-year terms on the City Council and recent initiatives by Fayetteville Technical Community College and Fayetteville State University. Jeff Thompson, WFNC's Bloomin' Idiot from Bell's Seed, talks Spring gardening.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Military *Public Health *Education *Public Safety 	3/19	<p>Fort Bragg Garrison Commander COL John Wilcox and new Garrison CSM Greg Seymour give an update on the renaming of Bragg, budget plans for the post and its new WIC Clinic. Cumberland County School Board member Greg West and board chair Deanna Jones talk school bus safety, the future of E.E. Smith High School and the cost of a replacement building and the possibility of putting metal detectors at schools.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Education *Economy *Public Health 	3/26	<p>Long-time Cumberland County Commissioner Jimmy Keefe on the new sales tax distribution agreement and the high cost of building a new E.E. Smith High School. Cumberland County Health Director Dr. Jennifer Green on the recent low COVID numbers in North Carolina, recalled baby formula and eye drops and the effects of coffee and sleep deprivation.</p>