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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.

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| *Politics *Public Health *Community | 7/2 | Fayetteville City Council member Kathy Jensen on the new city budget and how the city is addressing mental health concerns. Cumberland County Health Director Dr. Jennifer Green talks about a new COVID vaccine in the works and the latest cancer treatments. Rod MacLean of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society on what amateur radio is and why it’s still viable. |
| *Politics *Public Health *Community | 7/9 | REPLAY: Fayetteville City Council member Kathy Jensen on the new city budget and how the city is addressing mental health concerns. Cumberland County Health Director Dr. Jennifer Green talks about a new COVID vaccine in the works and the latest cancer treatments. Rod MacLean of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society on what amateur radio is and why it’s still viable. |
| *Military *Public Health *Community *Public Safety | 7/16 | Ranger Rick Murillo military suicides and his upcoming Man22 Suicide Awareness Run, July 2 in Festival Park. North Carolina Department Of Transportation spokesman Andrew Barksdale on the I-95 widening project, the Fort Bragg-to-Fort Liberty signage changeover and the new Bragg Blvd upgrade project. |
| *Education *Economy *Military *Public Health | 7/23 | Cumberland County School Board Member Greg West on a proposed Parent's Bill Of Rights making its way through the North Carolina legislature, and ongoing challenges with teacher pay. Fort Liberty Garrison Commander COL John Wilcox on his experience with Sheryl Crow at the post Independence Day celebration, handling the summertime heat on post, and this weekend’s Man22 Suicide Run. |
| *Economy | 7/30 | Robert Van Geons, CEO of the Fayetteville/Cumberland |

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| *Downtown Revitalization *Politics | | County Economic Development Corporation, on the still-empty Amazon Fulfillment Center, the Warfighter summit in Fayetteville this week and the current climate to bring new businesses to Cumberland County. Former Fayetteville City Councilman and Cumberland County Commissioner Charles Evans on his decision to run for Fayetteville mayor. |
| *Politics *Public Safety *Community | 8/6 | Fayetteville Mayor Mitch Colvin on the efforts legislators at the local level can make to decrease shootings and other crime, and updates on city initiatives. Spring Lake Alderwoman Sona Cooper on the town's financial situation and the state of the schools there. |
| *Education *Economy *Crime *Public Safety | 8/13 | Cumberland County School Board Member Greg West on budget and funding, the shortage of teachers and the start of school this month. Fayetteville Police Chief Kem Braden on gun violence in Fayetteville and how the community can get involved to help solve this problem. |
| *Military *Public Health *Education | 8/20 | Fort Liberty's Garrison Commander COL John Wilcox and CSM Greg Seymour on how soldiers handle the extreme heat, drone technology and what's in the budget for Fort Liberty projects. Cumberland County Schools' newly crowned Principal Of The Year, Erica Fenner McAdoo from Howard Hall Elementary, on the state of public education in 2023 and the role of teachers and principals. |
| *Public Health *Crime *Public Safety *Downtown Revitalization | 8/27 | Cumberland County Health Director Dr. Jennifer Green on dealing with the extreme heat, the rising COVID metrics in North Carolina and available vaccines for Flu, RSV and COVID. Fayetteville Mayor Mitch Colvin on the specially called City Council meeting on youth gun violence, and efforts to combat homelessness. Bianca Shoneman, the CEO of Cool Spring Downtown District, on new business openings downtown, tweaks to the Dickens Holiday Event and plans for more artwork and murals downtown. |
| *Crime *Public Safety | 9/3 | Fayetteville Observer Opinion Editor Myron Pitts on two big Fayetteville problems - gun violence and |

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| *Public Health | | homelessness. Fayetteville Police Capt. Shawn Strepay on the rash of stolen Hyundais and Kias due to a manufacturing defect in the vehicles' security systems and how you can get the free security upgrade. |
| *Community *Economy *Education | 9/10 | Melody Foote, the author of "100 Things To Do In Fayetteville, NC Before You Die" on her connection to the city and her favorites of those 100 things. Jeff Thompson, the Bloomin' Idiot from Bell's Seed Store on end of Summer and Fall planting. On the week that marks the anniversary of the birth of Fayetteville's namesake, the Marquis de Lafayette, Dr. Hank Parfitt of the Lafayette Society, on what made the man such a notable figure. |
| *Military *Community *Education | 9/17 | Airborne and Special Operations Museum Director, Jim Bartlinski, and ASOM Foundation Director, Renee Lane, on the 16th annual Field Of Honor and the distinguished speaker lecture series. Cumberland County Schools Superintendent Dr. Marvin Connelly and School Board member Greg West on teacher pay raises tied to the still unpassed North Carolina budget, and teacher recruitment and retainment. |
| *Politics *Public Health *Crime *Public Safety | 9/24 | North Carolina State Senator Val Applewhite on the budget process in Raleigh, Medicaid expansion being taken out of the budget as a stand-alone bill and the prospect of legalized gambling in the state. Cumberland County Commission Chair Toni Stewart on the proposed youth curfew as a measure against gun violence and the possibility of a new County homeless shelter. |