

# WBT AM / FM / WLNK HD2 Quarterly Report

## January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024



The following is the quarterly issues report for WBT AM/FM and WLNK HD2 for the Fourth Quarter of 2023. The report includes a synopsis of all programs of importance, which aired from **January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024**

WBT AM / FM / WLNK HD2 has identified the following issues of importance to its community and it's listeners:

- Health / Addiction Reform
- Government / War / Politics & Taxes
- Charity / Local / Education / Sports
- Business & Economy
- Public Safety

### **WBT AM / FM / WLNK HD2 Public Affairs Programs:**

**Weekdays, 5:00-10am > Good Morning BT with Bo Thompson & Beth Troutman (BTBT)** – A daily look at the top stories in the Charlotte-Metro region, the nation and world. It features live interviews with elected and public officials, news makers, reporters and others close to a given story. Bo Thompson and Beth Troutman hosts the show Monday through Friday. Length: 5 hours per day.

**Weekdays, 10:00-Noon > Vince Coakley** – (V Coakley) This talk show airs Monday through Friday and often features interviews with elected and public officials, newsmakers, reporters and others close to a given story. Length: 2 hours per day.

**Weekdays, Noon - 3:00p > Pete Kaliner** – (P. Kaliner) This talk show airs Monday through Friday and often features local interviews with elected and public officials, newsmakers, reporters and others close to a given story. Length: 3 hours per day.

**Weekdays, 3:00 - 7:00p > Brett Winterble** – (B. Winterble) This talk show airs Monday through Friday and often features interviews with elected and public officials, newsmakers, reporters and others close to a given story. Length: 4 hours per day.

**Weekdays, 7:00-8:00p > Breaking With Brett Jensen** – (BWB) This talk show airs Monday through Friday and often features interviews with local elected and public officials, newsmakers, reporters and others close to a given story. Brett covers the story behind the story. Length: 1 hour per day.

**Saturday, 5:00-6:00a > Carolina Outdoors – with Bill Bartee and Wes Lawson** (CA Outdoors)

The Outdoor Guys from Jesse Brown’s continue hosting one of the station’s longest-running programs, activities in the Carolinas. Hunting, fishing, hiking camping etc. and upcoming events. Outdoor Length: 1 hour

**Sundays, 7:00-8:00a > Carolina Focus – with Sharon Thorsland and Ed Billick** (CA Focus) A

weekly focus on original interviews and choice encore segments of local interest from the past week in the Carolinas - news and events. Length: 1 hour

**Sundays, 8:00-9:00a > David Chadwick – with David Chadwick** (CHAD) a “faith based” show that cover important topics in our culture, our nation and the world. Length: 1 hour

*Below is a sample of how programming addresses the issues of concern to our listeners*

**Events –**

**EVENT January 19, 2024 – 32nd Annual Union County Crime Stoppers Barbecue! “Live on Location” from 6am to 6pm**

The event kicked off at 11 AM and there was live music, appearances by several local, state and federal representatives. Held at the Union County Agricultural and Events Center in Monroe!

- **6:00-10am > Good Morning BT with Bo Thompson & Beth Troutman**

Reid Helms, President of Union County Crime Stoppers welcomes all and WBT. Also on set: **Richard Helms**, Union County Commissioner, **Allan Baucom**, Candidate for U.S. Congress D-8, **Brad Sellers**, Wingate City Manager, **Rev. Mark Harris**, Candidate for U.S. Congress D-8, **Congressman Dan Bishop**, thoughts on BBQ; His race vs. Jeff Jackson for NC AG, and then **Union County Sheriff Eddie Cathey**; wrap-up with Reid Helms

- **10:00 -Noon - > Vince Coakley**

- Vince discusses what Crime Stoppers provides to the community and how this barbecue helps to raise money for the rewards that they offer. Hypes the event!

- **Noon - 3:00p > Pete Kaliner**

The president of the Union County Crime Stoppers, Reid Helms, visits with Pete to discuss what Crime Stoppers provides to the community and how this barbecue helps to raise money for the rewards that they offer. Todd Johnson, State Senator of Union County and some of Cabarrus, updates Pete on the progress with the large increase in population. Rev Mark Harris – running for Congress stops by...talks his campaign and the issues facing America and Shane Green, Chef and Lead BBQ Master, shares his passion and hard work to make this event happen. 2,800 lbs. of pork, 800 lbs. of Turkey etc. A labor of love!!

- **3:00 - 6:00p > Brett Winterble**

A labor of love. Reid Helms, president of the Union County Crime Stoppers wraps up the day thanking WBT. Because of WBT, the largest turnout ever, larger than last year. Dr. Rhett Brown, Wingate University President. Dr. Brown has a unique life story. First-generation college student. Grew up poor in rural South Carolina. Served in the military. Got his bachelors and master’s degrees at Wingate. Rhett talks about trends in higher ed., the cost of higher education today, what makes Wingate unique. Wingate is hosting WBT’s 8th Congressional District Debate on Jan. 31 at the Batte (BAT) Center

**EVENT January 31, 2024 – WBT’s District 8 Debate at Wingate University** – held at Batte Fine Arts Center. All six of the registered candidates for the Primary: Allan Baucom, John R. Bradford III, Don Brown, Leigh Brown, Mark Harris, and Chris Maples were participating. A “sold out” event ....Moderated by WBT’s Bo Thompson and Beth Troutman, hosts of Good Morning BT (6:00 AM – 10:00 AM), the debate will featured questions for the candidates presented by WBT’s Vince Coakley (10:00 AM – 12:00 PM), Pete Kaliner (12:00 PM – 3:00 PM), Brett Winterble (3:00 PM – 7:00 PM), Brett Jensen (7:00 PM – 8:00 PM), and Mark Garrison (News Director & Morning Anchor).

## **Health / Addiction Reform – 6 Items**

3/31/24 - Guest in Studio - Rachel Ellis, Assistant Vice President of Corporate and Foundation Relations/Grants on partnership between Atrium and CMS to create new Health sciences high school with Sharon and Ed - (Carolina Focus) 7:02a 29:05

3/24/24 - Dr. Marshall Carter, pharmacist with CVS. Discussing seasonal allergies kicking in and what people can do to combat them with Sharon - (Carolina Focus) 7:35a 12:09

3/24/24 - John Acquaviva, PhD, professor of exercise science at Wingate University. John holds a Ph.D. in exercise science and is a professor at Wingate University (NC). His courses include Strength & Conditioning, Sports Nutrition, and Exercise Physiology. In addition to Faith & Sport radio show being syndicated each week on Radio Maria. In studio w/Ed - (Carolina Focus) 7:05a 29:30

2/25/24 - Sarah Worthy, the CEO of Doorspace discussing a recent survey of healthcare providers in 10 countries, including the United States that details physician dissatisfaction with their jobs and quality of care w/Sharon - - (Carolina Focus) 7:05a 36:15

2/8/24 - Guest: Dr. Ashley Lucas, PHD Weightless & Nutrition - discussion of weight loss trends; drugs, lifestyle - (BTBT) 9:35a 7:55

1/14/24 - Dr. Daniel Davis, Atrium Health Internal Medicine Specialty Medical Director, will share convenient care options and tips for taking care of yourself when you aren’t feeling well during this flu season - - (Carolina Focus) 7:05a 14:35

## **Government / War / Politics & Taxes – 19 Items**

3/8/24 - Phil Bell, the Director of External Affairs at Freedom Works, joins Pete to discuss the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024– (P. Kaliner) 2:04p 10:34

3/6/24 – Post election results and comments - Pat McCrory joins in-studio, Five takeaways from election; what now for No Labels? Also Mack BOCC results - Leake wins, Cotham loses, Robinson vs. Stein for NC Governor and his other races of interest from last night - (BTBT) 9:05a 34:15

3/5/24 - - North Carolina Speaker of the House Tim Moore discusses the implementation of voter ID in the state and President Biden's purposeful destruction of border security. Moore is running for NC's 14th congressional district – (P. Kaliner) 1:04p 11:00

2/16/24 - Allan Baucum interview Dist. 8 Congressional Candidate – entire one hour – (BWB) 7:05p – 34:00

2/15/24 – John Bradford interview Dist. 8 Congressional Candidate – entire one hour – (BWB) 7:05p – 33:40

2/15/24 - Guest: Don Brown, candidate for US Congress – District 8 - (BTBT) 8:05a 8:15

2/14/24 - Leigh Brown interview Dist. 8 Congressional Candidate – entire one hour – (BWB) 7:05p – 32:55

2/14/24 – Governor Nikki Haley candidate for US President. Her view on America today, Trump, Biden and the upcoming election - (BTBT) 8:05a 15:45

2/14/24 - Pedro Orta, a decorated former member of the CIA and author to talk about the CIA's surveillance of the Trump campaign and the politicization of the CIA. Orta explains the “Five I’s” work around that enables the CIA to access information on American citizens through data collected by allies of America - (B. Winterble) 5:21p 16:00

2/5/24 - Mick Mulvaney, former Trump Director of the Office of Management and Budget, White House Chief of Staff in studio discuss the recent border security deal, Trumps potential running mate, and Nikki Haley on SNL - (BTBT) 7:05a 16:45

2/2/24 - Guest: SC State Senator Wes Climer; campaigning in SC for Nikki Haley tomorrow - (BTBT) 9:35a 8:15

1/31/24 - North Carolina Speaker of the House, Tim Moore, joined the show to discuss his call - along with 71 Republican colleagues - for Gov. Roy Cooper to support Texas Governor Greg Abbott's efforts to secure the border. Also, Rep. Jon Hardister - (P. Kaliner) 1:05p 9:34

1/29/24 – Guest Thomas Massie, Congressman of the 4th District in Kentucky on the incident in the Middle East and how we should handle it. The president has indicated we will retaliate, what is appropriate? Some in Congress are calling for very hawkish action. Former president Trump is saying that this attack shows the weakness of Biden – (V Coakley) 10:05a 9:52

1/21/24 - Congressman Richard Hudson Jr. serving as the U.S. representative for North Carolina's 9th congressional district since 2013. A member of the Republican Party, his district covers a large part of the southern Piedmont area from Concord to Spring Lake. In studio to discuss the Iowa Caucus results and what it means going forward with Bo and Beth - (Carolina Focus) 7:35a 24:00

1/21/24 - Four minutes intro/tease to the interview with Steve Baker, Investigative Reporter for Blaze Media, joined Pete Kaliner to discuss how two federal agents apparently perjured themselves in the trial of Oathkeepers who were in the US Capitol during the J6 riot. Ed then leads the listeners to hear the rest of this podcasted interview at WBT.com...the Pete Kaliner Show - (Carolina Focus) 7:26a - 4:05

1/18/24 - Argentinian President Javier Milei addressed the World Economic Forum yesterday, and gave a brilliant defense of liberty and free market capitalism in the heart of the globalist beast - (P. Kaliner) 12:05p 32:34

1/14/24 – Councilmen Tariq Bokhari – City of Charlotte Crime Statistics with WBT’s Pete Kaliner - - (P. Kaliner) 12:05p 16:56

1/9/24 - Author Scott McEwen joins the show to talk about Trump's legal situation - (B. Winterble) 6:19p 8:00

1/8/24 - Mick Mulvaney, former Trump Director of the Office of Management and Budget, White House Chief of Staff joins by phone - one week out from Iowa Caucus, DeSantis to end campaign? Obama worried about Biden strategy, SCOTUS Colorado and more - - (BTBT) 7:05a 16:30

### **Charity / Local / Education / Sports –12 Items**

3/20/24 – Coach Matt Doherty and Coach Bob McKillop (former Head Coach of Men’s basketball @ Davidson College) join Brett to talk March Madness! -- (B. Winterble) 4:05p 9:00

3/17/24 - Romona Holloway - Radio One Community Affairs Manager shares the Dress for Success Campaign honoring the 31 amazing women - Your Hour of her Power as we celebrate Women’s History Month w/Ed- 2:35 <https://sharecharlotte.org/nonprofit/dress-success-charlotte>. - (Carolina Focus) 7:27a – 3:00

3/10/24 - Charlotte Hornets Co-Chairmen Rick Schnall and Gabe Plotkin announced this week the team has hired Jeff Peterson as its Executive Vice President of Basketball Operations. In this role, Peterson becomes the organization’s chief basketball decision maker while also being responsible for leading the team’s day-to-day basketball operations. ....his introductory press conference - (Carolina Focus) 7:35a 21:30

3/10/24 - Guest in studio: Trish Wiggins, retired school teacher, both elementary and secondary as she shares her insights for teachers, parents and students in today education arena w/ Ed - (Carolina Focus) 7:02a 29:15

2/25/24 - - Angela Melito, Program Executive for ESSIO or Program Executive for CLPS to talk about NASA CLPS Initiative and this week's Lunar Landing w/Ed - - (Carolina Focus) 7:54a 5:36

2/18/24 - Julius Peppers Virtual Media Press Conference where our HOF Carolina Panther shares his life and as he performed in the NFL. Favorite moments, advice for others and his appreciation and gratitude for all that helped him along in his journey - - (Carolina Focus) 7:02a 29:45

2/11/24 - Dr. Rhett Brown Wingate University President's interview with WBT's Brett Winterble at the recent Union County Crime Stoppers BBQ. Dr. Brown shares his valuable insights on today's higher education and Wingate" University purpose and vision - (Carolina Focus) 7:17a 12:50

2/6/24 - Former WBT newsman Jim Barroll dead at the age of 71 and Bo's Audio Tribute to Jim - (BTBT) 5:05a 16:20

1/28/24 - Profiles in Broadcasting - Guest in studio, WBT's Beth Troutman - from her early childhood through all of life's career opportunities to where she is today as the co-host of WBT's "Good Morning BT" - w/Sharon and Ed. 7:02 (Carolina Focus) entire Show 54:00. Also first Segment of the show aired 2/4/24 30:00

1/21/24 - Segment from Carolina Outdoors - Carolina Raptor Center located at the Latta Nature Preserve in Huntersville, NC. Host Bill Bartee of the Carolina Outdoors was able to catch up with CEO & President of the Carolina Raptor Center, Erin Katzner, to learn more about this nationally recognized facility - -- (Carolina Focus) 7:05a 15:55

1/11/24 - David Chadwick, first City of Hope check presented to Ken Gilliard, who identified the need for a positive, educational, after-school program in West Charlotte.. Thanks to the tireless work of Pastor Ken and his team, the program now serves approximately seventy students five days a week. The kids who stick with A Better World are, at the very least, guaranteed a positive experience and quite possibly one that will change their lives - (BTBT) 9:05a 8:10

1/3/24 - Scott Fowler, Charlotte Observer columnist – the David Tepper incident in Jacksonville. His thoughts and suggestions - (BTBT) 8:05a 8:20

## **Business and Economy – 10 Items**

3/17/24 - Steve Gray, Executive Director for Maker Space Charlotte. They offer many different opportunities for any member to learn how to operate different equipment or use the equipment making wood, metal, pottery or other items. w/ Ed - (Carolina Focus) 7:35a 13:30

3/3/24 - Neal and Pam's Bar and Grill - Surfside Beach, SC. w/owner Zach Baker. The 30-year history, its perfect location, great service and their expectations for customer service. Plus, they will be opening their 2nd location this week in Murrells Inlet South Carolina w/ Ed - (Carolina Focus) 7:05a 14:50

3/3/24 - Lynn Minges, the CEO and President of the North Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association - Discusses how the hospitality industry is booming in NC and a new campaign designed to attract people to careers in the field w/ Sharon - (Carolina Focus) 7:18a 15:20

2/29/24 - Guest: Erik Spanberg, CLT Business Journal - Panthers ticket prices, practice facility plan- (BTBT) 8:05a 8:22

2/25/24 - Charlie Wise, Senior Vice President and Head of Global Research for TransUnion, will be available to discuss how consumers can and why they should improve their credit scores, as well as offering tips to your audience on how to do so. Charlie and his team recently completed an in-depth research study on credit monitoring and why it is important to consumers w/Ed (Carolina Focus) 7:42a 13:20

2/20/24 - Guest: Dan Rajkowski, Charlotte Knights - return of WBT SkyShow 2024 this summer - (BTBT) 9:35a 7:55

2/12/24 - Guest: David Oakley, CEO on Boone Oakley Ad Agency - Super Bowl ads review - (BTBT) 8:05a 8:20

2/11/24 - Rick the bartender at the Fat Pelican, North Carolina's Rated No. 1 "dive bar" located in Carolina Beach w/Ed - (Carolina Focus) 7:28a 1:45

2/11/24 - Sabrina Winters - probate and estate attorney discusses how to prepare for your end of life and more importantly what your family will need to have as you make your preparations w/Ed - (Carolina Focus) 7:35a - 24:00

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1/23/24 - Guest: Tom Blocker, Auto Expert - cold temps pose major problem for EV owners in the Midwest - - (BTBT) 5:20a 8:20

## **Public Safety – 9 Items**

3/26/24 – Guest in Studio for the entire hour, Police Chief Johnny Jennings with Brett – topics: guns in schools, reopening juvenile facility in CLT, murder rate, what to do about the high number of youth offenders and the chief's college story, college football, and his childhood – (BWB) 7:05p – 32:55

3/26/24 - Guest: Ryan Chell, Baltimore area radio producer – (formerly of WBT) live report from Baltimore, the latest on bridge collapse - (BTBT) 8:05a 16:40

2/22/24 - Vince kicks things off by talks about the huge outage for AT&T and other cellular providers across the nation this morning + what makes this situation particularly dangerous for customers and how it is impacting people in our listening area - (V Coakley) 10:05a 7:00

2/4/24 - Luke Secrist, the CEO of BuddoBot, a company that specializes in offensive cybersecurity. Discusses the latest scams and phishing going on, what to look out for, and how to protect yourself online w/Sharon - (Carolina Focus) 7:35 - 23:30

1/31/24 - Guest: Theresa Payton, cyber-expert - Senate Judiciary Committee hearing today with social media CEOs - (Carolina Focus) 7:20a – 8:20

1/22/24 - Supt. of Charlotte Diocese Catholic Schools Dr. Greg Monroe & his team join to talk about safety in schools after release of Uvalde shooting - (B. Winterble) 4:20p 8:00

1/14/24 - Cyber Security Expert Theresa Payton, preparing your devices for bad weather and other cyber tips her in the New Year with Bo and Beth (Carolina Focus) 7:20a – 8:44

1/11/24 – Pete Kaliner reviews: The [Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department](#) presented its 2023 crime stats during a news briefing on Thursday morning. Over the past year, the department said

overall crime across the city increased by 14%. Police said that rise is largely due to a 17% increase in property crime. Violent crime was stagnant, staying flat from year-to-year. CMPD said 95 people lost their lives in homicides in 2023, down roughly 11% from the year before when there were 110 homicides. Of the 95 homicides this past year, eight cases are under review and could be removed from the final count. The department said 80% of homicides it responded to have been solved, far above the national average of 52%. Police said shootings rose by 7% from 2022 to 2023, contributing to a 3% increase in aggravated assaults. Throughout the year, more than 3,400 guns were seized by officers. A trend that saw a major increase in 2023 was the amount of juveniles arrested. Police said more than 3,000 juveniles were arrested throughout the year, with 108 juveniles being suspects in shootings- (P. Kaliner) 12:05p 15:24

1/9/24 - Ken Boone from The Weather Chanel joins the program to talk about the latest severe weather coming through the Carolinas – (V Coakley) 10:05a 9:30