

FOURTH QUARTER: October 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

Cumulus Broadcasting Fayetteville, NC - WFNC-AM - Quarterly Issues Report

“Fayetteville Focus” is a 30-minute weekly program that looks at issues and newsmakers from Fayetteville and the surrounding area. It airs at 6:30am 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 *Public Health *Community	10/3	Cumberland County Schools Student Activities Director David Culbreth on the creative scheduling efforts for high school sports in the COVID age. John Biggers, the Director of the Behavioral Health & Sleep Center at Cape Fear Valley Health System, on the psychological and emotional effects of the COVID pandemic. Paddy Gibney, owner of Paddy’s Irish Pub, on his decision to close down for 15 months during the pandemic, what he learned and the renovations he made.
*Politics *Public Safety	10/10	Fayetteville Mayor Mitch Colvin on the city’s overwhelming response to the Rental Assistance Program and the latest on city redistricting. Fayetteville City Council Member Tisha Waddell on the importance of completing redistricting before the delayed election season, how the city’s money is spent and her thoughts on the VoteYes initiative to change the makeup of the Council.
*Public Health *Education *Crime	10/17	Cumberland County Health Director Dr. Jennifer Green on positive news regarding local COVID metrics, booster shots for Moderna and Johnson & Johnson recipients and COVID vaccinations for children. Greg West, Vice-Chairman of the Cumberland County School Board, on mask mandates for students, a shooting at a local high school football game and the purchase of land for a new elementary school.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Public Health *Military 	10/24	<p>Pharmacy and vaccine expert, Chris Tart – who is the President of Highsmith-Rainey Specialty Hospital – provides the latest COVID vaccine and booster information. Ft Bragg's Garrison Commander LTC Scott Pence on soldier vaccinations, the changes coming with Pope Airfield and Fort Bragg and the recent death of General Colin Powell.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Public Health *Crime *Public Safety *Community 	10/31	<p>Cumberland County Health Director, Dr. Jennifer Green, on good news that Covid-19 numbers are steadily declining, including new cases and hospitalizations. Fayetteville Police Capt. Todd Joyce on the department's efforts and incentives in recruiting new officers. Terry Sanford High School alum, Austin Warren, on his baseball career taking him to the Major Leagues and the Los Angeles Angels this summer.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Public Health *Politics *Crime *Community 	11/7	<p>Cumberland County Commission Chairman Charles Evans on the county maintaining a mask mandate, the possibilities for a new performing arts center, and the state of the proposed homeless center. Cumberland County District Attorney Billy West on the amount of gun violence in 2021, repeat offenders and how some make bond so quickly. The Holly Day 2021 chairperson Juelle McDonald talks about this weekend's fair and the COVID precautions taken at the Crown Expo Center.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Education *Politics *Public Health *Community 	11/14	<p>Glenn Adams, the Vice-Chair of the Cumberland County Commission, on school bus driver pay, mask mandates and child vaccination, and some new county projects. Lindsay Whitley, the Cumberland County Schools Associate Superintendent of Communications and Community Engagement, on the system's situation with the bus driver walkout and a possible pay raise. Jacob Pucci, the Food writer for the Fayetteville Observer, on the local restaurant scene</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Military *Public Health 	11/21	<p>Fort Bragg Garrison Commander, LTC Scott Pence, on the post renaming process, President Biden's visit scheduled for Monday and All American Days. Cumberland County Health Director, Dr. Jennifer Green, on the latest local COVID metrics, the confusion over boosters and the new Pfizer treatment pills.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community *Politics *State Government 	11/28	<p>Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks & Recreation Director, Mike Gibson, on some new projects opening soon including two new dog parks, a new splash pad and the Cape Fear River Project. North Carolina State Senator Kirk deViere on the state budget votes. The CEO of Fayetteville's Public Works Commission, Elaina Ball, on the controversial proposed Barnhard Capital deal, and a bond issuance that could result in \$95 million in improvements.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Politics *State Government *Community *Education 	12/5	<p>Members of the Fayetteville delegation in state government – N.C. Representative John Szoka, N.C. Representative Marvin Lucas, N.C. Representative Diane Wheatley and N.C. State Senator Kirk deViere discuss the new North Carolina budget and the \$400 million provided for Fayetteville and Cumberland County.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Crime *Community *Economy *Public Health 	12/12	<p>Cumberland County District Attorney, Billy West, and Cumberland County Commissioner, Charles Evans, on the county's most recent Expungement Clinic. Bianca Shoneman, Executive Director of Cool Spring Downtown District, goes through all the events happening in downtown Fayetteville over the holidays. Sam Fleishman, Chief Medical Officer for Cape Fear Valley Health System, on the recent uptick in COVID cases in North Carolina.</p>

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12/19

Fayetteville Police Chief Gina Hawkins on the rise in gun violence around the country and what her department is doing locally to fight that trend. Fort Bragg Garrison Commander LTC Scott Pence on the renaming of the post, the military's COVID vaccine mandate deadline and the new Liberty Park Trail on post. Lindsey Graham from the Blood Donor Center on the blood shortage in our area.

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*Public Safety

12/26

Fayetteville City Council Member Shakeyla Ingram on being censured by the Council and what she calls the "toxic" environment on the Council. Cumberland County School Board Chair Greg West on mask mandates in schools, the Michigan school shooting and safety precautions put into place locally and changing academic standards for extra-curricular activities.