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COMMUNITY NEEDS AND ISSUES – WESH 2– NBC – HEARST ORLANDO

Based upon **WESH 2's** involvement in its community and input from community leaders and various organizations, **WESH 2** has determined that the following issues are the concerns of the community:

1. CRIME

Below the surface of everyday life, mischief and mayhem plague America's urban cities and counties.

2. PERSONAL/PUBLIC SAFETY

Viewers should be reminded how to protect themselves and loved ones against things that are unsafe. They should be mindful of domestic violence, crimes against property, drug and alcohol abuse, bullying, hazing, racial profiling, elder abuse, plus how not to become a victim of crime. Awareness of ones' surroundings, road rage, pedestrian crosswalks, bicycle lanes, cell phone usage and texting, all play a key in personal safety for oneself and to others.

3. ECONOMY

As the economy recovers, communities are growing but are hesitant. Our viewers are interested in how to participate in better economic times while keeping their investments safe. They are also very observant of how our leaders and local companies are being responsible with their spending.

4. GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

Local, State, and Federal Governments struggle to meet the needs of constituents amidst a tough economy and intense parties in political battles.

5. HEALTH

Knowledge is the key to long life and discipline is the way to healthy living. Experts work out the minds and bodies of the American people.

6. SOCIAL/FAMILY

The family dynamic has changed over the years; it consists of youth, millennials, patriarch, matriarch, single parent homes, the elderly, gender and social identifications, ethnicities, religious beliefs, and more. Thus, society is viewed in a variety of different ways on how things are done socially, economically, and on a personal level. Today's generation relies on obtaining information instantly via social media, computers, websites, and more. It also shapes how our community and the agencies that serve them address the growing needs of cultural fulfillment and diversity.

7. EDUCATION

Central Florida's education is a hot topic in Florida government and viewers are concerned about overcrowding, funding, and ways to get parents more involved. Education is the key to preventing crimes and drug and alcohol abuse.

8. WEATHER

Central Florida is known as the "Lightning Capital of the World. The weather continues to be an intense topic and our viewers need to be aware of the dangers tornadoes, hurricanes, wildfires, thunderstorms, lightning and flooding can impose.

**A SYNOPSIS OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND OTHER PROGRAM VEHICLES
THAT REGULARLY DEAL WITH
COMMUNITY ISSUES/PROBLEMS AND NEEDS**

4th QUARTER 2023

BLOOMBERG BUSINESS REPORT: Every Monday through Friday during Sunrise, Noon, and 5p, as well as Saturday morning in WESH 2 NEWS Sunrise these business reports air.

COMMITMENT 2023: Political analysts join our newscasts with their political commentaries; this is in addition to our daily reports on all WESH 2 News programs.

PROJECT ECONOMY: In the daily newscasts, personal financial tips air on WESH 2 News. There are reports on job loss being at an all-time high, several housing foreclosures, the ratio of job applicants to jobs available, and other economic issues affecting people daily.

PROJECT CommUNITY: Focusing on timely issues like bullying, race relations, gun violence, and the environment, this initiative dives deep into the issues that divide communities. It celebrates the residents who are leading the call to unite people. Specials and news stories highlight the differences and bring people together.

WESH.COM: Viewers can access WESH 2 News anytime through www.wesh.com . All reports previously aired are available on the website as video on demand. WESH 2 News at Noon and 4p are streamed LIVE. Online web pages include Health, Money, Politics, Consumer News, Education, and Family. The following are also accessible through the website:

SEVERE WEATHER ALERTS: A local emergency notification service that allows viewers to sign up to receive severe weather alerts via their cell phones and email.

EMAIL NEWSLETTERS: In addition to severe weather alerts, viewers can subscribe to a variety of daily and weekly newsletters including topics such as Breaking News, Employment, Family, the Teacher's Corner, and Rossen Reports.

WEATHER: As part of WESH 2's weather coverage, daily video updates, interactive radar, LIVE radar and streaming video of the Weather Plus digital signal are available on the Weather page.

COMMITMENT 2023: A commitment to viewers to devote a large amount of time to political coverage online with real-time live-streaming webcasts.

PROGRAM VEHICLES

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WESH 2 regularly presents public affairs programming segments in the News that deal with local issues/problems/needs. In addition to the specific reports noted above, additional reports are included in WESH Television Inc.'s news service. This service is as follows:

Monday through Friday

<i>WESH 2 News at 4:30a</i>	4:30AM-5AM
<i>WESH 2 News/Early Sunrise</i>	5AM-6:00AM
<i>WESH 2 News/Sunrise</i>	6AM-7:00AM
<i>WESH 2 News/Noon</i>	12PM-12:30 PM
<i>WESH 2 News at Noon (1-Hour)</i>	12PM-1:00PM
<i>WESH 2 News/4p</i>	4PM-5:00PM
<i>WESH 2 News/5p</i>	5PM-6:00PM
<i>WESH 2 News/6p</i>	6PM-6:30PM
<i>WESH 2 News/7p</i>	7PM-7:30PM
<i>WESH 2 News/11p</i>	11PM-11:35PM

Saturday

<i>WESH 2 News/Early Sunrise Weekend</i>	5AM-6:00AM
<i>WESH 2 News/Sunrise Weekend</i>	6AM-8:00AM
<i>WESH 2 News/6p Weekend</i>	6PM-6:30PM
<i>WESH 2 News/11p Weekend</i>	11PM-11:30PM

Sunday

<i>WESH 2 News Early Sunrise Weekend</i>	5:30AM-6:00AM
<i>WESH 2 News/Sunrise Weekend</i>	6AM-8:00AM
<i>WESH 2 News/6p Weekend</i>	6PM-6:30PM
<i>WESH 2 News/11p Weekend</i>	11PM-11:35PM

In addition to news vehicles, the station carries network and syndicated programs that regularly respond to the national manifestation of local issues/problems/needs. These programs are as follows:

<i>NBC Early Today</i>	4:30AM-5:00AM (Monday-Friday)
<i>The Today Show</i>	7AM-9:00AM 10AM-12:00PM (Monday-Friday)
<i>NBC News Daily</i>	1PM-2PM (Monday-Friday)
<i>Saturday Today</i>	8AM-10:00AM (Saturday)
<i>Sunday Today</i>	8AM-9:00AM (Sunday)
<i>Meet the Press</i>	9AM-10:00AM (Sunday)
<i>Matter of Fact</i>	10AM-10:30AM (Sunday)
<i>Matter of Fact</i>	12AM-12:30AM
<i>Matter of Fact</i>	12:30AM-1AM
<i>Dateline NBC</i>	Various Times

ISSUES PROGRAMMING

WESH 2 Orlando Half Marathon

Air Date: December 2, 2023 at 7-10am

WESH 2 Orlando Half Marathon: For the very first time, WESH 2 broadcasted LIVE the annual OUC Orlando Half Marathon, one of the top road races in the Southeast and an Orlando tradition. Over 4,000 runners ran through scenic Downtown Orlando and finish at beautiful Lake Eola.

Service to America Awards

Air Date: December 10, 2023 at 12-1pm

Service to America Awards: 1-hour special that showcase excellence in public service from local television and radio stations throughout the country, highlighting the impactful stories of community heroes, volunteers and advocates that highlight the important role of local broadcasters.

WESH 2: Year of Champions

Air Date: December 25, 2023 at 12-1pm

WESH 2: Year of Champions: A look at some of 2023's CommUNITY Champions. People and organizations making a difference in the lives of others in Central Florida.

ROSSEN REPORTS

Air Date: October 23, 2023 at 12:30-1am

Rossen Reports: Whether you're fitting in one last vacation for the year or getting ready for the holidays, you want to save some money, and Rossen Reports has you covered! We bring you the newest tips on how to fight hidden travel fees and ways to score cash and discounts for recycling your old stuff. Plus, the best ways to get the best deal on a new vehicle, and hacks to keep your pumpkins lasting weeks longer. Watch Rossen Reports: Saving You Money.

Air Date: November 19, 2023 at 12-12:30pm:

Rossen Reports: It is the season for holiday shopping and holiday travel. In a special program, Rossen Reports: Shopping Guide, Chief National Consumer Correspondent Jeff Rossen shows us the shopping tricks that will save you cash, easy ways to spot counterfeit toys, devices to protect your packages from porch pirates, and he has the list of the hottest gifts this season. Plus, the hacks to make holiday travel easier and safer.

Air Date: December 24, 2023 at 5:30-6pm:

Rossen Reports: The holidays are chaotic, but we've got you covered with the only checklist you'll need this season. In a special program, Rossen Reports: Ultimate Holiday Checklist, Chief National Consumer Correspondent Jeff Rossen shows us the tricks to save major cash while shopping, how to secure that big-ticket gift that's hard to find, how to make money on old toys your kids don't play with anymore, and the easy ways to turn unwanted gift cards into cash. Plus, we have the extended return policies from all of the major retailers so you know how long you have to return that sweater that doesn't fit! And we're testing some of this season's hottest toys, to see if they're a hit with your kids or just a big bust!

WESH 2 – CRIME 4th QUARTER 2023

Date 10/3/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:05

Summary: Breaking news at Noon, an 11 year-old boy has been arrested and is facing charges after police say he shot two other kids at a football practice. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis joins us live from the Apopka Police department.

Date: 10/2/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:40

Summary: Gun violence is rampant in Orlando and there's one street in particular that's been the part of a shooting investigations at least TWICE in recent months. WESH 2's Michelle Meredith has been digging into the violence on Mercy Drive and how it's been on the city's radar for years.

Date: 10/4/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:45

Summary: Moments ago, the 11 year-old boy accused of shooting two 13 year-olds after a football practice appeared in court.

Date: 10/4/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:45

Summary: Orlando Police have arrested a second suspect in connection to a shooting that happened on Mercy Drive. That shooting left a young mother dead and sent three others to the hospital. WESH 2's Bob Hazen has a look at the arrest affidavit that details how it all went down.

Date: 10/9/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:20

Summary: New video shows the moments a Deltona man was taken into custody for a deadly stabbing Sunday morning. WESH 2's Tony Atkins explains what led up to the stabbing and the reaction from the neighbors in that area.

Date: 10/9/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:45

Summary: There was a hearing today for the man accused of killing his wife in DeLand. Investigators say Robert Fleming did this last May in the parking lot of a Walgreen's. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme joins us live and reports that today's hearing focused on IF Fleming is fit for a trial.

Date: 10/13/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:00

Summary: The trial of a man accused of murdering his wife in Orlando's Delaney Park neighborhood is focusing on a reality TV show and the couple's history. WESH 2's Bob Hazen is at the Orange County Courthouse.

Date: 10/16/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:50

Summary: Two parents are facing charges and they're expected in court today after their 3-year-old son died over the weekend. The little boy was pulled from a pond outside his apartment complex in Sanford. WESH 2's Tony Atkins gives us a look at the case and the reactions from people who saw the recovery effort.

Date: 10/17/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:20

Summary: Four people found dead in two days in Marion County. And deputies believe the most recent case was a murder-suicide in Ocala. As WESH 2's Tony Atkins reports... the two crime scenes are NOT connected.

Date: 10/17/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:15

Summary: A man who's been in prison for a Seminole County home invasion almost 20 years ago had a chance to make his case for why he should be set free. But as WESH 2's Bob Hazen tells us Walker's family was left disappointed once again.

Date: 10/23/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:50

Summary: A man convicted of killing a teenager more than a decade ago in Ocoee hopes for a better outcome in court today. But as WESH 2's Bob Hazen explains, Florida's new law that requires a unanimous decision in death penalty cases means Okafor will need to be resentenced.

Date: 10/24/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:00

Summary: The trial of a man found guilty of murdering a witness who was set to testify against him in a home invasion case focused on brain scans today.

Date: 10/25/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:55

Summary: A jury in Orange County will soon be deciding whether to send a killer back to death row. Bessman Okafor is being re-sentenced for murdering a witness in a robbery case against him. WESH 2's Bob Hazen is at the courthouse where the two sides are making their closing arguments.

Date: 10/26/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:55

Summary: The Florida Department of Law Enforcement is investigating another shooting this week involving an officer. WESH 2's Bob Hazen is in Palm Coast where investigators say this began with a traffic stop then led to a chase.

Date: 10/30/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: :55

Summary: Two people have been arrested for a shooting at a hookah lounge that hurt three people in Orange County.

Date: 10/3/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:30

Summary: First at FOUR, an 11-year-old boy has been arrested and charged for allegedly shooting two teammates at a football practice in Apopka. This happened last night on a field at the Northwest Recreation Complex and we have team coverage tonight. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel spoke with former leaders of the Pop Warner program who say it's supposed to be a safe place for kids. We start with WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis who is reporting live outside of the police department with what we're learning. Senait police say this started with an argument over food.

Date: 10/3/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:20

Summary: A former Apopka Pop Warner Chaplain says the program builds character and provides a safe place for kids. He was devastated to hear of such violence involving players of such a young age. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel is live at the recreation complex where people say this should be a wakeup call.

Date: 10/3/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:30

Summary: A second person has been arrested in connection to a shooting that killed two people in Osceola County. WESH 2's Megan Mellado joins us live from the sheriff's office and tells us the men arrested are only 19 years old.

Date: 10/4/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:15

Summary: That breaking news, an Orlando man is behind bars tonight; he is accused of shaking his 3-month old son and seriously hurting him. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme joins us live and tells us this happened back in January.

Date: 10/4/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:50

Summary: An 11-year-old will remain in juvenile detention; he's accused of attempted second degree murder. The juvenile detention hearing turned emotional this morning in no small part because of the ages of everyone involved. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel is live in Apopka where the children involved participated in Pop Warner football.

Date: 10/5/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:25

Summary: Developing now we just learned this crash was connected to a car burglary in Apopka that left a 7-year-old dead. Apopka Police say it all happened off North Maine Avenue and Summit Street around 8 this morning. WESH 2's Anika Hope is live there now to explain what happened. Anika?

Date: 10/5/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:10

Summary: A day meant for shopping turned into fear for a woman in Orange City. Police say a couple pointed a gun at her in a store, forced her out, then made her drive them to a bank. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme joins us live from the shopping center where police say this happened. Pamela?

Date: 10/5/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:10

Summary: An early morning shooting in Sanford led to a man dying after being rushed to the hospital. Police say little is known about why it all happened. It happened on Southwest Road, on the west side of the Historic Goldsboro community. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel is live at the Sanford Police Department with details on where the investigation stands.

Date: 10/5/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:30

Summary: If you're heading to Satellite Beach to enjoy a day at the ocean, you need to be aware of a new paid parking system and the way it has being enforced. WESH 2's Brevard Bureau Chief Scott Heidler spoke to locals and City officials about why they're giving drivers the boot.

Date: 10/16/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:35

Summary: An Uber driver in Seminole County was in the middle of a ride when she says her passenger threatened her then STOLE her car. 19-year-old Kyron Peterson was arrested. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis spoke with the Uber driver about the scare that sent her running for help.

Date: 10/17/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:35

Summary: Developing now in the Marion County. The Sheriff's office just released the names of two people they say were murdered Sunday night. Deputies found two people shot and killed inside their home. WESH 2's Anika Hope is live at the Sheriff's office now with that new information.

Date: 10/17/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:40

Summary: Testimony continued today in the trial of the Orlando man accused of strangling his wife in their home in 2018. Their house was in the middle of a massive renovation project that David Tronnes hoped to have featured on a reality TV show. WESH 2's Michelle Meredith was in court today and tells us the whole day has been spent on one thing, the police interrogation of Tronnes.

Date: 10/17/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:10

Summary: A man who's been in prison for a Seminole County home invasion almost 20 years ago had a chance to make his case today for why he should be set free. Anthony Walker claims he was wrongfully convicted of the crime. He was due in court this morning to explain why new evidence should get him released or grant him a new trial. But as WESH 2's Bob Hazen tells us; Walker's family was left disappointed once again.

Date: 10/18/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:50

Summary: Turning to some other headlines. This man is now in custody for allegedly shooting and killing a truck driver during a road rage incident along I-4. WESH 2's Megan Mellado explains how deputies were able to find the shooter.

Date: 10/18/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:30

Summary: The murder trial of David Tronnes has now gone to the jury. Tronnes is accused of beating and strangling his wife to death in the Orlando home they were in the process of renovating. WESH 2's Michelle Meredith has been in court all morning and tells us how long the jury has been deliberating?

Date: 10/19/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:50

Summary: A Florida Tech professor was fired just days after being arrested for allegedly vandalizing a student's car. WESH 2's Scott Heidler explains what might have prompted the incident.

Date: 10/20/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:50

Summary: A Seminole County neighborhood was rocked by the deaths of two young children at the hands of their mother. The Sheriff says it appears CATORREIA Hutto who goes by Tory, murdered her twin 5-year-olds shown here in this picture from 3 years ago, then jumped to her death in Lake Jessup. WESH 2's Greg Fox has been on this story all day. Greg, the sheriff says there's been no violent history involving this woman before.

Date: 10/20/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:20

Summary: We're learning new details tonight about what led to a woman's murder in Daytona Beach. Investigators say the woman and her husband got into a heated argument. WESH 2's Pamela Comme joins us live from Daytona Beach. Pamela, it appears the wife actually tried to warn her family in the moments leading up to her death.

Date: 10/24/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:00

Summary: A Marion County Sheriff's Deputy was suspended for using government records. They are available to law enforcement to check up on potential criminals. She reviewed them as a way to check up on her ex-boyfriend. As WESH 2's Michelle Meredith reports, the Deputy wanted to get the dirt on his new love interest.

Date: 10/24/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:15

Summary: A shoplifting ring that spanned from Orlando to South Florida was busted after a nine month investigation. More than a dozen people are facing charges in the scheme that led to more than \$20 million dollars in losses this year alone.

Date: 10/25/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:55

Summary: There are new details out of Marion County. The Sheriff's office says the man shot by a deputy Tuesday night has died. They say he was shot because the deputy was protecting himself. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel explains what led to the shooting.

Date: 10/25/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:30

Summary: We want to get back to some breaking news. One person is dead and three were taken to the hospital after a shooting and police chase. The shooting happened on Church Street near Exploria Stadium. The chase ended in a crash on Michigan Avenue near I-4. WESH 2's Hayley Crombleholme just arrived at the scene of the crash and explains what led up to this.

Date: 10/26/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:00

Summary: A killer remains on the loose tonight as the United States is once again dealing with the aftermath of a mass shooting. Investigators now say a U.S. Army reservist killed at least 18 people and injured 13 others in TWO separate shootings in Lewiston, Maine. That's about 40 miles north of Portland. WESH 2's Michelle Imperato joins us in the studio with the latest on the urgent manhunt still happening right now.

Date: 10/26/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:50

Summary: In Volusia County, agencies came together just this week to train for something like what happened in Maine. WESH 2's Pamela Comme spoke with the Sheriff about the importance of always being ready.

Date: 10/26/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:45

Summary: In Seminole County, an 18-year-old accused of gunning down a 16-year-old in an apartment complex this weekend in Sanford is being held on no bond. WESH 2's Michelle Meredith is live at the Seminole County jail and tells us there are two suspects in this case.

Date: 10/26/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:55

Summary: We're working on getting more details on a shooting, police chase, and crash that killed a shooting suspect which ultimately sent 3 other people to the hospital. WESH 2's Megan Mellado joins us live from the Orlando Police department. Megan, what do we know so far?

Date: 10/27/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:40

Summary: The man found guilty of killing Daytona Beach Police Officer Jason Raynor learned his fate today in a Volusia County courtroom.

Date: 10/30/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:20

Summary: Gun fire erupted in an Orlando neighborhood. Two people were shot just before noon. This happened in a subdivision called Lake Mann Estates. It is near the intersection of John Young Parkway and the East-West Expressway, not far from Camping World Stadium.

Date: 10/30/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:40

Summary: Two men are facing charges for a shooting that hurt three people outside a hookah lounge in Orange County. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis is live from the Sheriff's Office with what we know so far.

Date: 10/30/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:05

Summary: A Florida Highway Patrol trooper is recovering after being crashed into by an alleged drunk driver in Polk County. As WESH 2's Megan Mellado reports the 20-year-old driver is now facing several charges including Driving Under the Influence.

Date: 10/31/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:15

Summary: That breaking news where parts of I-95 are shut down in Flagler County following a deadly crash. WESH 2's Megan Mellado is live in Chopper 2 right now on her way to that scene and tells us this all started as the authorities were chasing a carjacking suspect.

Date: 10/31/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Back to that breaking news out of Flagler County. Parts of I-95 are still shut down after troopers say a carjacking suspect died in a crash during a chase. WESH 2's Megan Mellado is live in Chopper 2 over the scene and tells us this has been shut down for hours.

Date: 10/2/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Volusia County deputies are making an arrest after a 17-year-old died from a Fentanyl overdose. Another 17-year-old is the one charged in connection with his death. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme joins us live. Pamela, we just heard from the Sheriff minutes ago and he had a powerful message.

Date: 10/2/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:45

Summary: Former President Donald Trump was back in court today. This time for a trial in a civil fraud lawsuit out of New York. WESH 2's Summer Knowles joins us in the studio with what the former President and his sons are accused of doing.

Date: 10/2/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:10

Summary: Gun violence continues to be a major issue in Orlando and one street in particular has been at the center of several investigations in recent months. That's why tonight we have team coverage on "Saving our Streets." WESH 2's Marlei Martinez is taking a closer look at a new training program to keep people on the right path and out of trouble. But first, WESH 2's Michelle Meredith has been digging into the violence on Mercy Drive and what has been tried in the past.

Date: 10/2/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:25

Summary: Now to a stunning attack in the middle of the day in Miami-Dade. A man was arrested after police say he was caught on camera swinging a machete at another man. As WESH 2's Anika Hope reports, this appears to have been a case of road rage.

Date: 10/3/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:55

Summary: Two 13-year-olds are recovering today after they were shot during a football practice in Apopka. Police say the accused shooter is an 11-year-old boy. The boy has been arrested and charged.

Date: 10/3/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: A second 19-year-old has been arrested for his involvement in a shooting that killed two people in Osceola County. WESH 2's Megan Mellado spoke with the sheriff who says surveillance video and statements from witnesses helped them figure out what led up to the gunfire.

Date: 10/4/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:15

Summary: An 11 year old accused of shooting two fellow Pop Warner football players, will remain in jail tonight.

Date: 10/4/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:55

Summary: A 77 year old man who lives in The Villages was arrested by the Feds; he's accused of having thousands of dollars' worth of illegal pills used to treat erectile dysfunction.

Date: 10/5/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:45

Summary: An early morning shooting ended a man's life and now investigators say they need the public's help to find whoever is responsible.

Date: 10/5/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:15

Summary: A school board member in Osceola County is in some legal trouble tonight. He's facing charges stemming from an alleged interaction with a woman who worked for him.

Date: 10/10/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:40

Summary: An after-school daycare employee in Orange County has been arrested after allegedly traveling to meet a 15-year-old girl for sex.

Date: 10/10/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:35

Summary: Seminole County approved an online Animal Cruelty Registry. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel looks at the effort to keep animals from being subjected to harmful behavior.

Date: 10/11/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:00

Summary: Deputies are investigating a shooting at a Publix along Blake Boulevard in Celebration. The sheriff spoke just moments ago and here's what he had to say.

Date: 10/12/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: A Winter Springs High School teacher was arrested on molestation charges.

Date: 10/13/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:00

Summary: Day two of testimony in the trial of David Tronnes. The Orlando man is accused of killing his wife in the Delany Park home they were in the process of renovating it for a reality TV show.

Date: 10/16/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:50

Summary: An Uber driver in Seminole County says her passenger threatened her, STOLE her car, then led police on a chase.

Date: 10/17/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:20

Summary: Tonight, we know the names of TWO people killed Sunday night in Marion County. WESH 2's Anika Hope is at the Sheriff's Office with the questions still unanswered.

Date: 10/17/2023

Newscast: 6p

Length: 2:05

Summary: Testimony continued today in the trial of the Orlando man accused of strangling his wife in their home in 2018. Their house was in the middle of a massive renovation; a project David Tronnes hoped to have featured on a reality TV show.

Date: 10/18/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:35

Summary: After days of searching for the shooter, the Polk County Sheriff's office has made an arrest in a road rage incident that turned deadly.

Date: 10/18/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:05

Summary: It's been just over a week since the trial of David Tronnes started. Today the case went to the jury. The Orlando man is accused of brutally killing his wife in their Delany Park home they were in the process of renovating.

Date: 10/19/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:50

Summary: Othal Wallace, the man convicted of killing a Daytona Beach Police Officer is set to be sentenced at the end of this month. WESH 2's Volusia County Reporter Pamela Comme caught up with one expert about the upcoming sentencing hearing.

Date: 10/20/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:35

Summary: Now at 5, two young children died at the hands of their own mother. WESH 2 Reporter Greg Fox gives us more details right outside the woman's Sanford home.

Date: 10/23/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:00

Summary: A local man is accused of driving drunk and slamming into the back of a motorcycle that was waiting to make a turn. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel has what happened today in court for the suspect and how the victims are being remembered.

Date: 10/24/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Two Osceola County parents could be facing charges after allegedly hopping on a school bus and fighting each other. As WESH 2's Megan Mellado explains, the fight all started over a children's toy.

Date: 10/25/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:15

Summary: One person is dead and three were taken to the hospital after a shooting and police chase. WESH 2 Reporter Hayley Crombleholme joins us live and tells us what led up to it.

Date: 10/25/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:35

Summary: A Marion County deputy shot a man Tuesday night, saying that man ran away from him, then reached for a gun twice. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel looks at what led up to the incident and what happens next.

Date: 10/26/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: A Florida Highway Patrol trooper shot a woman after a short chase in Flagler County. WESH 2's Pamela Comme was in the area where it all happened and has an update from FHP.

Date: 10/26/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Orlando police are investigating a shooting, police chase, and crash that killed a shooting suspect; ultimately sending 3 other people to the hospital. WESH 2 Reporter Megan Mellado joins us live from the Orlando Police Department.

Date: 10/27/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:00

Summary: Today a judge sentenced Othal Wallace to 30 years for shooting and killing Daytona Beach Police officer Jason Raynor in 2021. A jury found him guilty of manslaughter, not first degree murder, which is what prosecutors pushed for. WESH 2's Pamela Comme was in the courtroom as family and friends waited for the moment.

Date: 10/27/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:00

Summary: Law enforcement officials in Maine continue following hundreds of leads in hopes of finding the suspect who is still on the loose nearly 2 days after police say he committed the latest mass shooting in the United States. WESH 2's Stewart Moore is here in the studio with the search for Robert Card.

Date: 10/31/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:05

Summary: A Casselberry woman is now on trial in Seminole County accused of killing her husband. The defense team for Sherry Fitzpatrick suggests it's a case of self-defense.

Date: 10/4/2023

Newscast: 6p

Length: 1:45

Summary: A 77-year-old man was arrested for allegedly for having a stash of illegal pills in his home.

Date: 10/3/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:15

Summary: More breaking news tonight. We have new surveillance video and chilling 9-1-1 calls made after an 11-year-old allegedly shot two 13-year-olds at a football practice in Apopka Monday night. WESH 2's Hayley Crombleholme is live with what we've learned from the newly released evidence.

Date: 10/5/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:20

Newscast: We begin with breaking news. Apopka Police have just identified the person who was driving a car that crashed into a car with a mom and her two children who were on their way to school. One of the children, a 7-year-old was killed. Investigators say Marcus Antone Williams is charged with felony murder and vehicular homicide among other things. He's now in surgery after that crash. WESH 2's Anika Hope reports that his car was seen fleeing from a car burglary.

Date: 10/5/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:30

Summary: If you're heading to Satellite Beach to enjoy a day at the ocean, you need to be aware of a new paid parking system and the way it's being enforced. WESH 2's Brevard Bureau Chief Scott Heidler spoke to locals and City officials about why they're giving drivers the boot.

Date: 10/9/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:49

Summary: We're getting an up-close look at what's happening in Israel. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez shows us what an American journalist is seeing on the ground.

Date: 10/9/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:49

Summary: New businesses always have to wait in line for permission to start building, but one Central Florida town is using cutting-edge technology to speed up that process. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel brings us to Altamonte Springs, where they're adding AI to the approval system.

Date: 10/10/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:07

Summary: Just today, Florida lawmakers gathered to talk about the state's property insurance problems. The big question remains, will premiums go down? If so, when? WESH 2's Anika Hope asked Democratic and Republican lawmakers about the path to lower premiums.

Date: 10/10/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Several dogs and cats, seized during an animal cruelty investigation in Seminole County, are now healthy enough to be adopted. That, on the same day the county approved an online Animal Cruelty Registry. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel looks at the effort to keep animals safe.

Date: 10/3/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:58

Summary: Police have released surveillance video and 911 calls from an Apopka football field where two thirteen-year-olds were shot Monday night.

Date: 10/4/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:34

Summary: An Orange County school teacher is on administrative leave. He was arrested in Lake County and is accused of inappropriate conduct.

Date: 10/11/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 2:18

Summary: A Lake County mom says her special needs son was found alone. He was trying to cross a busy highway two hours after she dropped him off at school. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez tells us how the school district is responding after he was found a mile away.

Date: 10/23/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:18

Summary: A Brevard County woman is facing charges; she is accused of running over her husband while the two were trying to look for their lost dog!

Date: 10/24/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:46

Summary: Family and friends of an eighteen-year-old shot and killed in Orange County are remembering her. The family of Angie Rodriguez-Torres says she was pregnant with a little girl.

Date: 11/25/2023

Newscast: 5a

Length: 1:19

Summary: A woman was forced out of her home after a car crashed into it. She says the house was badly damaged and is NOW unsafe. WESH 2's Liv Johnson shows us the damage.

Date: 11/25/2023

Newscast: 5a

Length: 1:42

Summary: It's officially the holiday season. Communities across Central Florida are feeling the cheer. In Lake County, thousands came out to celebrate the 36th annual "Light Up Eustis" event. WESH 2's Hayley Crombleholme shows us what the night is all about.

Date: 11/25/2023

Newscast: 5a

Length: 1:23

Summary: Invasive Burmese pythons keep getting spotted further and further north. This has some wildlife experts worried about their impacts on our local ecosystems. WESH 2's Scott Heidler introduces us to a woman who moved to Florida just to catch these animals; she is now calling herself the Python Huntress.

Date: 11/25/2023

Newscast: 5a

Length: 2:50

Summary: Sci-Fi month continues this morning at the Orlando Science Center. We are meeting a creature that looks like something you may see in an alien movie. First Warning Meteorologist Eric Burris helping us learn more about this creature through "The Science of It."

Date: 11/26/2023

Newscast: 5a

Length: 2:47

Summary: This week's CommUNITY Champion is providing everyday items for kids to support them. The Dr. Phillips Rotary Club partnered with a local school to make sure students always have what they need, regardless of the circumstances. WESH 2's Sheldon Dutes takes us inside the Tiger Store at Tangelo Park Elementary School.

Date: 11/1/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:25

Summary: The Marion County woman charged with shooting her neighbor during an argument will go on trial next summer. WESH 2's Tony Atkins has the reaction from the victim's family and from their attorney about what happens next.

Date: 11/2/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:55

Summary: The man accused of killing a couple in Daytona Beach in a random attack last year is back in court this afternoon. WESH 2's Bob Hazen reports from the Volusia County Courthouse where a 2-day hearing could have a major impact on the future of this murder trial.

Date: 11/26/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:32

Summary: We now know the name of the man shot and killed by Citrus County deputies after a chase that ended in Marion County. WESH 2's Liv Johnson tells us a woman and child were caught in the middle of the car chase.

Date: 11/3/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:20

Summary: New at noon, Detectives are trying to figure out if more teenagers were assaulted by serial sexual assault suspect. Flagler County Sheriff's office sent the alert out this afternoon. They say so far, detectives found victims in Flagler, Orange, and Osceola counties. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez joins us now live in studio with more.

Date: 11/3/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:05

Summary: A hearing that could decide when, or if, an accused killer goes on trial, should wrap up in a few hours. WESH 2's Bob Hazen is at the Volusia County Courthouse where Jean Macean is in the second day of a competency hearing.

Date: 11/7/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:50

Summary: A man is now in custody after police say he set a Salvation Army building on fire. WESH 2's Megan Mellado is there live and tells us just about everything inside was destroyed by the fire.

Date: 11/9/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:05

Summary: A woman in Orange County now faces charges for causing a mistrial in the case of a convicted killer. That woman was on the jury deciding whether Bessman Okafor should get the death penalty. But as WESH 2's Bob Hazen reports, she's now accused of contempt of court for violating the judge's orders.

Date: 11/10/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:50

Summary: Breaking news, five years after a teenager was shot and killed on his way to school, a man is now facing charges for the murder. We've been following the case of Boone High School student Alejandro Vargas Martinez since 2018. WESH 2's Bob Hazen is at the Sheriff's office where they have just arrested the man believed to be responsible.

Date: 11/13/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:20

Summary: A 5-year-old is dead, and a woman is hurt after a hit and run crash in Orlando. Now the police need your help to look for the driver who got away. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis is live at the Orlando Police headquarters with what we know so far.

Date: 11/17/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:50

Summary: The work continues to find Shakeira Rucker, a mother of four from Winter Springs. She hasn't been seen in nearly a week. The person of interest in her disappearance is her estranged husband who is in jail on an unrelated charge. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel reports from Lake County, where the search continues today.

Date: 11/20/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:35

Summary: From a missing person's case to murder investigation. Over the weekend, Shakeira Rucker's body was found in an Orange County storage unit that deputies say was registered to her estranged husband. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel is live at the Orange County Sheriff's office and Dave, he's now the suspect in her death.

Date: 11/21/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:20

Summary: Our top story this afternoon, a woman and baby were found dead after a fire at an apartment complex in Daytona Beach. We have LIVE team coverage. Let's begin with WESH 2's Pamela Comme who tells us police believe this is a homicide.

Date: 11/21/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:51

Summary: WESH 2's Bob Hazen has been at that scene all morning and continues our team coverage. Bob, you've spoken with neighbors who were pretty overwhelmed by emotion.

Date: 11/30/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:40

Summary: Today marks 3 years since the murder of a Mount Dora couple. Ken and Tina who were shot and killed during a robbery at their convenience store. WESH 2's Tony Atkins takes a look back at one community's push for justice.

Date: 11/22/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:50

Summary: We now know the name of the man accused of murdering a mother and child in Daytona Beach. Police say Charles Ivy is the prime suspect in the arson murder. WESH 2's Pamela Comme is live this afternoon.

Date: 11/22/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:30

Summary: The estranged husband of the Winter Springs mother of 4, who was found dead, is now accused of killing her. The Orange County Sheriff's office promised the charge was coming. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel is live at the Orange County Sheriff's office with the very latest.

Date: 11/1/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:15

Summary: Now at 4, this Holly Hill Man is accused of abusing a 2-year-old child so badly the boy had to be rushed to the hospital. Police say the man was babysitting for his cousin when he intentionally cut the child's groin area. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis is live outside the police department with the horrible details we're learning Senait.

Date: 11/1/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:25

Summary: The Brevard County woman who was stabbed last night will survive. Sheriff's Deputies say the suspect is her ex-boyfriend. Our Brevard Bureau Chief Scott Heidler spoke with Deputies on how the manhunt for him unfolded.

Date: 11/1/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:20

Summary: The Marion County woman charged with shooting her neighbor during an argument will go on trial next summer. Susan Lorincz spoke in court for the first time in months as prosecutors and the defense met before the judge. WESH 2's Tony Atkins has the reaction from the victim's family and from their attorney about what happens next.

Date: 11/3/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:10

Summary: Sherry Fitzpatrick will spend the next 10 years in prison after a surprise plea deal as her murder trial was winding down. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel has the events in court and why the result fell short of what many in the victim's family had hoped for.

Date: 11/3/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Detectives are trying to figure out if more teenagers were assaulted by this serial sexual assault suspect. The Flagler County Sheriff's office sent the alert out this afternoon. They say so far, detectives found victims in Flagler, Orange, and Osceola counties. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez joins us now live in studio with more.

Date: 11/6/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:55

Summary: First at 4, this man was arrested at a Disney resort after deputies say he recorded video of a 10-year-old boy in the bathroom. It's a disturbing story that reminds us of the importance of talking to our kids and making sure they speak up. AS WESH 2's Marlei Martinez reports, this investigation moved quickly because the boy immediately told his parents what happened.

Date: 11/6/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:10

Summary: It was a plea deal surviving family members didn't see coming; one where they wished they would have played a part in. The murder trial of Sherry Fitzpatrick ended Friday morning with a plea to a lesser charge. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel spoke with loved ones who wanted a different conclusion.

Date: 11/7/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:30

Summary: This Osceola County man is in custody after allegedly breaking into the Salvation Army building in Kissimmee and lighting it on fire. WESH 2's Megan Mellado joins us live from just outside the property. Megan, officials are saying it's a total loss.

Date: 11/7/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:25

Summary: Believe it or not the holiday shopping season has already started and the big push is Black Friday. You know who else is getting ready, scammers! WESH 2's Michelle Meredith tells us the latest scams bad actors have cooked up this holiday season.

Date: 11/9/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:30

Summary: Three people face first degree murder indictments after a man died from Fentanyl poisoning earlier this year. The Seminole County Sheriff says poisoning is a better description than overdose because so many victims think they're taking legitimate pills and losing their lives. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel looks at why the issue continues to impact so many lives.

Date: 11/9/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:00

Summary: A woman in Orange County now faces charges for causing a mistrial in the case of a convicted killer. That woman was on the jury deciding whether Bessman Okafor should get the death penalty. But as WESH 2's Bob Hazen reports, she's now accused of contempt of court for violating the judge's orders.

Date: 11/10/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 3:00

Summary: Another big story we're following right now. The Orange County Sheriff made an arrest in a murder case that took over headlines 5 years ago. Back then, a 15-year-old was shot and killed while walking to school. The suspect has been on the detectives' radar for years. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez explains why deputies were able to arrest him now.

Date: 11/13/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:50

Summary: A 5-year-old is dead and another person is in the hospital after a hit and run crash in Orlando. Police need your help looking for the driver who got away. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis reports outside Police headquarters and tells us she spoke with the child's mother.

Date: 11/13/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:10

Summary: The family of this Winter Springs woman, who hasn't been seen since Saturday, is asking for help. They'd reached out to the police for help, believing she could be in danger. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel explains why they're so concerned for her safety.

Date: 11/13/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:00

Summary: This woman is now behind bars after her one-year-old child was found unresponsive and barely breathing. WESH 2's Pamela Comme joins us live from Daytona Beach with where the baby was found.

Date: 11/14/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:55

Summary: That breaking news, Police have just named a person of interest in the case of a local woman who has been missing since Saturday. Right now it's her estranged husband who is already facing charges in another incident. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel is live at the Winter Springs Police department and tells us he also spoke to that woman's family today.

Date: 11/15/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:25

Summary: A new image released today shows a woman missing since Saturday with the person of interest in her disappearance. That was taken from a video on the night she was last seen with her estranged husband. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel has been working this story for days now. Dave, the family confirmed Shakeira Rucker is in the image they see in the video.

Date: 11/16/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:00

Summary: A man there is now charged with the death of an 18-month-old who was shot in Palm Coast in early September. WESH 2's Pamela Comme joins us live from the Sheriff's office and tells us she learned new details about this tragic day and has information relating to the suspect.

Date: 11/16/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:00

Summary: An Orlando man accused of shooting and killing a Burger King employee three years ago is back on trial today. Law enforcement says the two men were fighting in the fast food establishment's parking lot before the shot was fired. WESH 2's Paola Tristan Arruda was there when the accused took the stand and answered questions as to what he says happened that day.

Date: 11/20/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:30

Summary: The week long search for a Winter Springs mother of four ended in sorrow for her family and disappointment for the investigators hoping to find her alive. Now, with the discovery of her body, the Orange County Sheriff's office is now the lead in the murder case. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel is live at the Sheriff's headquarters with a look at what led to this latest discovery.

Date: 11/20/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:00

Summary: A man is in serious condition after troopers say a street racing incident in Marion County ended with him crashing his car before it broke into pieces. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis reports, FHP needs help finding another driver who's accused of racing with him.

Date: 11/21/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:30

Summary: First at 4 -- a tragic scene is unfolding today as a mother and her nearly 1-year-old child were found dead after a fire inside their home in Daytona Beach. Investigators say it wasn't the fire that killed the mother: someone stabbed her several times. WESH 2's Pamela Comme joins us live with what police are now calling a murder investigation and details on the 911 calls.

Date: 11/22/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:05

Summary: Police have identified the man accused of killing a mom and her ten-month-old baby in Daytona Beach. Charles Ivy was booked into the Volusia County Jail overnight. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme joins us now with an update on the strong comments made by the police chief regarding this case.

Date: 11/22/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:55

Summary: The Orange County Sheriff promised a murder arrest was coming in the shooting death of a Winter Springs mother of 4. That arrest has happened. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel takes us through the evidence which led to the arrest this morning.

Date: 11/27/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:45

Summary: A former pro wrestler is heading to prison for DUI manslaughter, but not for as long as the victim's family had hoped. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel reports live from Daytona Beach where the sentence for Tamara Sunny Sytch was just handed down.

Date: 11/27/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:50

Summary: Several Flagler Beach businesses have been vandalized with antisemitic graffiti and police are now trying to find the person responsible. WESH 2's Pamela Comme caught up with a business owner who says he was a victim of the hate crime.

Date: 11/29/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:15

Summary: Employees at a Dunkin' Donuts in St. Cloud say a man going through the drive-thru spit through the window because he didn't want to wait for his sandwich. WESH 2's Megan Mellado spoke to the assistant manager who says the driver acted out after being asked to pull forward.

Date: 11/30/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:45

Summary: They were beloved in their Mount Dora community and three years ago they were shot and killed during an armed robbery. They were known as Ken and Tina. Now detectives say they have persons of interest in the double murder but they need more help from the community to deliver justice. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel has the latest on the investigation, and how the couple is still being fondly remembered.

Date: 11/1/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:15

Summary: A Brevard County woman who was stabbed on Halloween night is expected to survive. Deputies say the man responsible for the attack is her ex-boyfriend; they caught him after he ran off. Our Brevard County Bureau Chief Scott Heidler spoke with deputies about how it unfolded on Macco Road.

Date: 11/1/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:05

Summary: A Seminole County jury heard details from the lead detective in the murder case where a Casselberry woman is accused of shooting and killing her husband more than two years ago. At issue is her demeanor on the scene that day and what may have led to the incident in the first place. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel is live at the Seminole County Courthouse with what happened in court today.

Date: 11/1/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:00

Summary: About a dozen people have been arrested after a human trafficking sting in Osceola County.

Date: 11/2/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:10

Summary: Jurors in a Seminole County murder trial watched more than two hours of video as the woman on trial, for allegedly killing her husband, walked investigators through what she could recall from that night.

Date: 11/3/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:15

Summary: Detectives are trying to find more potential victims of an Orlando man who they say is a serial sexual predator. The Flagler County Sheriff's office says they found victims in 3 Central Florida counties. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez joins us now live in studio with how they tracked this down.

Date: 11/3/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:50

Summary: A Casselberry woman pleaded guilty to second degree murder today. Sherry Fitzpatrick was facing a possible life sentence but will now serve less time after she struck a deal; this just before her trial ended. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel said it was a deal which left a trail of frustration.

Date: 11/3/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:50

Summary: Orlando police are investigating claims that students as young as nine years old were whipped while in class. The whipping allegations are focused on the campus of a local private school and as WESH 2 News Investigative Reporter Greg Fox explains, parents say they never gave consent for such punishment.

Date: 11/7/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: We begin with breaking news out of Ormond Beach. The City says there's been an officer-involved shooting near Andy Romano Park. Our Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme just arrived at the scene.

Date: 11/7/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:20

Summary: A man was arrested after troopers say he crashed into a turning moped in Orange County and kept on driving. They later found him in a parking lot, where troopers say he tampered with evidence. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel explains what happened.

Date: 11/8/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:10

Summary: New details about a police shooting in Ormond Beach, where an officer shot a woman they say charged at them with a knife. An arrest affidavit released late this afternoon states the suspect managed to 'strike' one officer during the confrontation. WESH 2 Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme lays out what police say happened.

Date: 11/10/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:05

Summary: Today, the Orange County Sheriff announced deputies made an arrest in an unsolved murder case of a teenager killed 5 years ago on his walk to school.

Date: 11/10/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:40

Summary: A 5-year-old is dead, and another person is in the hospital after a hit and run crash in Orlando. Police need your help looking for the driver who got away. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis is live outside the police headquarters and tells us there were other children in the car when the crash happened.

Date: 11/13/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:15

Summary: A Detroit woman is facing charges after her baby was found alone, shivering, and barely breathing in Daytona Beach. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme walks us through what police say happened.

Date: 11/15/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:50

Summary: An Orlando man is on trial today and is accused of shooting and killing a Burger King employee 3 years ago. Law enforcement says the two men were fighting in the parking lot before the shot was fired. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez spoke with the family of the man who was killed.

Date: 11/16/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:05

Summary: She hasn't been seen since Saturday and tonight, there's a coordinated effort to search for Shakeira Rucker. She's the missing mother of 4 from Winter Springs. Investigators were joined by searchers from both Seminole and Lake counties looking near Sorrento. We have team coverage tonight. WESH 2's Greg Fox dug into the background of Rucker's estranged husband who is a person of interest in her disappearance. We start with Dave McDaniel who has been on this story since her disappearance was first reported.

Date: 11/16/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:45

Summary: Right now we continue our live team coverage of this breaking story. WESH 2 News Investigative Reporter Greg Fox is live at the Orange County Sheriff's office and reports that family and friends showed up there a short while ago to ask for more help in this search.

Date: 11/16/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:40

Summary: After a two and half month long investigation, Flagler County Deputies arrested a 21-year-old man who accidentally shot and killed a toddler in September. WESH 2's Pamla Comme learned new details about what happened that night.

Date: 11/16/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:35

Summary: An Orlando man accused of shooting and killing a Burger King employee three years ago was back in court today. Law enforcement says the two men were fighting in the parking lot before the shot was fired. WESH 2's Paola Tristan Arruda was there when Kelvis Rodriguez took the stand and also spoke to the mother of the man who was killed.

Date: 11/17/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:40

Summary: Nearly a week and still no sign of a missing Winter Springs mother of 4. For the past two days, search teams have targeted an area of Lake County, looking for clues that might help find her. We have team coverage tonight. WESH 2's Paola Tristan Arruda spoke to a forensics studies professor about the inner workings of a missing person's investigation. We start with Dave McDaniel who reports from Lake County with the latest on those searches.

Date: 11/17/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:00

Summary: WESH 2's Paola Tristan Arruda continues our team coverage taking a deeper dive into this case. She spoke to a forensics studies professor about the inner workings of a missing person's investigation.

Date: 11/20/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:40

Summary: The search for a missing Winter Springs mother of four ended in tragedy over the weekend. 37 year old Shakeira Rucker was found dead. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel covered her disappearance from the beginning--- and looks at where it stands, and the promise of the criminal charges to come.

Date: 11/20/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: :55

Summary: We're learning new details today about a suspected murder-suicide in Daytona Beach, involving a husband and wife. It happened Friday night on Hancock Boulevard. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme takes us through the report which reveals officers went to the home before the shooting.

Date: 11/20/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:55

Summary: A man in Marion County is in serious condition after he was allegedly street racing in his Corvette. He crashed and flew right out of the car. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis reports, Florida Highway Patrol needs help finding another driver who's accused of racing with him.

Date: 11/21/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:00

Summary: A family is struggling to deal with the death of a mom and her baby after they were killed. This happened at the Countryside Apartments. on Beville Road in Daytona Beach. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau R Reporter Pamela Comme joins us live with the latest on the 911 calls that were released.

Date: 11/22/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:50

Summary: The man, accused of stabbing a woman to death in her Daytona Beach home and later setting it on fire and killing her baby, was booked into the jail overnight. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme learned new details about what happened and the man arrested.

Date: 11/22/2025

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:25

Summary: An arrest tonight in the murder of a mother of four. Her estranged husband, 51 year old Cory Hill was arrested in jail where he already faced charges of attempted murder in a separate case. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel just spoke with the family about the arrest and he joins us live with the latest.

Date: 11/27/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:05

Summary: The daughter of a military veteran is desperately trying to find who shot and killed her father at a gas station in Ocoee. It happened earlier this month at the BP gas station at the corner of Silver Star and Clarke Roads. That's where WESH 2's Marlei Martinez joins us now live.

Date: 11/27/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Police are searching for a man after he spray-painted hateful messages around Flagler Beach. WESH 2's Pamela Comme spoke with one business owner who says he was being targeted.

Date: 11/28/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:15

Summary: The search continues for the man who shoved a woman inside her apartment and tried to rape her at an Orlando complex where a lot of UCF students live. The Orange County Sheriff's office put out surveillance video of the suspect and a composite sketch. Today a news conference was held asking for the public's help.

Date: 11/29/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:15

Summary: Winter Park Police have released new body camera video in the arrest of a man who held a valet attendant at gunpoint and stole a vehicle. WESH 2's Luana Munoz spoke with police about how they were able to find the suspect so quickly.

Date: 11/29/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:35

Summary: Employees at a local Dunkin' say a man who didn't want to wait for his breakfast sandwich, spit at them through the drive-thru window. WESH 2's Megan Mellado shows us surveillance video of when the man slammed the window open.

Date: 11/1/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:11

Summary: Tonight a Brevard County woman and her mother are recovering after being attacked. Investigators say the daughter's ex-boyfriend was the attacker. Our Brevard County Bureau Chief Scott Heidler explains the suspect was caught after an extensive manhunt.

Date: 11/1/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:03

Summary: A human trafficking sting in Osceola County rounded up about a dozen suspected offenders. WESH 2's Megan Mellado spoke to the Sheriff who says detectives targeted traffickers by posing as clients or potential customers.

Date: 11/1/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:34

Summary: We are 31 days away from the OUC Orlando Half Marathon. Runners are well into their training schedules. Our colleague Sheldon Dutes has been logging speed workouts, which can go a long way toward building stamina and endurance.

Date: 11/1/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:37

Summary: Dogs in Volusia County are hitting the sand today. Under a new 18-month pilot program, dogs are now welcome in a half mile stretch of Ormond Beach. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme caught up with people who say they're excited to share the shore with their furry best friends.

Date: 11/1/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:30

Summary: A mother of four is missing and her family is extremely worried. They reported her missing to Winter Springs police over the weekend, telling them she was last seen with her estranged husband.

Date: 11/6/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:00

Summary: Today Brightline officials welcomed leaders from Tampa to experience the new connection between south Florida and Orlando. This comes a little more than a month after Brightline launched its service out of Central Florida. Our Traffic Expert, Meaghan Mackey, joins us from Brightline's Orlando station and explains what needs to happen for construction to start on a Tampa stop.

Date: 11/6/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:38

Summary: Today we heard from the daughter of Mark Mathys, he is the man who died at Daytona International Speedway about a week ago during practice. As WESH 2's Pamela Comme reports he leaves behind his family including a newborn grandson.

Date: 11/6/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:43

Summary: It was a plea deal surviving family members didn't see coming. One where they wished they would have played a part in. The murder trial of Sherry Fitzpatrick ended Friday morning with a plea to a lesser charge. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel spoke with loved ones who wanted a different conclusion.

Date: 11/7/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:30

Summary: In Kissimmee, a man is facing charges after investigators say he broke into the Salvation Army building last night and lit it on fire. Officials say the property is a total loss. Investigators tell WESH 2's Megan Mellado they have a lot of evidence against the suspect.

Date: 11/9/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:30

Summary: Three people face first degree murder indictments after a man died from Fentanyl poisoning earlier this year. The Seminole County Sheriff says poisoning is a better description than overdose because so many victims think they're taking legitimate pills and losing their lives. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel looks at why the issue continues to impact so many lives.

Date: 11/13/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:11

Summary: A 5-year-old is dead, and another person is in the hospital after a hit and run crash in Orlando. Police need your help in looking for the driver who got away. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis spoke to the mother.

Date: 11/14/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:59

Summary: The estranged husband of a missing Winter Springs woman is now named a person of interest in her disappearance. That word from investigators late this afternoon. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel shares the plea for help from the missing woman's family.

Date: 11/14/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:25

Summary: The Downtown Kissimmee community is coming together to help continue serving those in need after police say someone intentionally set fire to the Salvation Army's building. WESH 2's Megan Mellado spoke to volunteers who say offering a helping hand is the least they could do.

Date: 11/14/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:38

Summary: Many condo associations in Florida say their property insurance rates are going up dramatically. Several owners are on fixed incomes so the jump in those monthly payments could eventually force many people out. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme spoke with condo owners as they try to make things work.

Date: 11/15/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:22

Summary: From Paris to Tokyo, Berlin, Chicago, and Detroit, a local mother has literally run all around the world. Right now she is gearing up to run one of her favorite half marathons, the OUC Orlando half on December second. But even with all those miles under her belt, this race could be one of her most challenging yet. That's because this year she now has 3 kids under age 3; she delivered twins recently mere months ago. We met super mom Gabrielle Russon to find out how she is getting Ready for Race Day.

Date: 11/20/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:38

Summary: A man is in serious condition after troopers say a street racing incident in Marion County ended with him crashing his car before it broke into pieces. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis reports, FHP needs help finding another driver who's accused of racing with him.

Date: 11/20/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:36

Summary: The search for a missing Winter Springs mother of four ended in tragedy over the weekend. 37-year-old Shakeira Rucker was found dead. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel covered her disappearance from the beginning. He explains where the case stands, and the promise of the criminal charges to come.

Date: 11/21/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:40

Summary: To improve aging infrastructure when it comes to water and sewer in Winter Springs, the City is proposing a rate increase.

Date: 11/21/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:29

Summary: It was an early Thanksgiving at The Sharing Center in Longwood today. A sit down meal, a to-go bag with additional food, and other much needed supplies for the clients they work to help.

Date: 11/22/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:10

Summary: Police identified the man accused of killing a mom and her 10-month-old baby in Daytona Beach. Charles Ivy was booked into the Volusia County Jail overnight. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme heard from the Police Chief today who had some strong comments about the case.

Date: 11/28/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:25

Summary: A Mount Dora mother of three has not been seen in nearly a month. As you can imagine, her family is worried and investigators were at her home today searching for clues.

WESH 2's Dave McDaniel spoke with the oldest daughter about her concerns for her mom's safety.

Date: 11/28/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:41

Summary: The search continues for the man who shoved a woman inside her apartment and tried to rape her at an Orlando complex where a lot of UCF students live. The Orange County Sheriff's Office put out surveillance video of the suspect, a composite sketch, and today held a news conference asking for the public's help.

Date: 11/28/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:39

Summary: A hard reality is that the face of hunger is often a child's. But with the help of Second Harvest Food Bank, schools are creating ways for students to be fueled for learning. It's part of a special initiative, the "School Market Program." We were invited to see the one at Space Coast Junior Senior High School in Cocoa.

Date: 11/29/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:35

Summary: Employees at a local Dunkin' say a man who didn't want to wait for his breakfast sandwich spit at them through the drive-thru window. WESH 2's Megan Mellado shows us surveillance video of when the man slammed the window open.

Date: 11/29/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:18

Summary: The videos are all over the internet, drivers recklessly mixing speed and abrupt maneuvers in area parking lots and on city streets. The Orange County Sheriff wants the state legislature to give law enforcement the ability to give harsher penalties. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel tells us he hopes to cut down on the risks to all of us when we drive.

Date: 11/29/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:31

Summary: Tourism has been on the decline in Volusia County and hotels and businesses in the area are feeling the impacts. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme looks into the numbers and why the hospitality industry isn't performing like before.

Date: 11/6/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 2:09

Summary: A former teacher at an Orlando Christian school is facing charges including sexual activity with a 16 or 17 year old by a school authority figure. The teacher had been accused of having an inappropriate relationship with a student for years.

Date: 11/7/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:46

Summary: A woman is in critical condition after officers shot her in Ormond Beach. Police say it happened AROUND 3:30 this afternoon at Andy Romano Beachfront Park. WESH 2's Gail Paschall Brown explains the chaos police say led up to it all.

Date: 11/14/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:01

Summary: Tonight we're hearing from a representative for the family of Aiyanna McCoy. The five-year-old and several others were riding in an Uber in Orlando Saturday when another driver crashed into them and took off. WESH 2's Hayley Crombleholme explains how they plan to honor the little girl this week.

Date: 11/20/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:39

Summary: 76-year-old Anthony Guerra is accused of driving into a car show worker on purpose!

Date: 11/21/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:56

Summary: An Orange County woman says her family just can't rest until justice is served. Five years ago her mother was killed and she says no one has been held accountable for taking her life. We have the latest on what law enforcement is saying today.

Date: 12/1/2023

Newscast: 5a/6a

Length: 1:10

Summary: Leesburg Police say they're looking for 19-year-old Kevin Harrison who they believe shot another man. This happened near West Main Street and North Chester Street around 8:45 Wednesday night. WESH 2's Bob Hazen is LIVE this morning with the push to keep Harrison behind bars without bond once police find him.

Date: 12/26/2023

Newscast: 5a/6a

Length: 1:15

Summary: Ocala Police are still looking for the gunman who killed a man and terrified shoppers at the Paddock Mall over the weekend. Police say Albert J. Shell shot and killed 40-year-old David Barron. WESH 2's Bob Hazen is LIVE this morning and tells us the victim's family is demanding justice.

Date: 12/4/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: :45

Summary: A 64-year-old woman is at the hospital this afternoon after police say her boyfriend shot her last night in Seminole County. WESH 2's Bob Hazen reports the man is still on the run following this domestic dispute.

Date: 12/11/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:00

Summary: The Marion County Sheriff's Office is looking for the person responsible for a double shooting early Sunday morning. We're told one of the two victims was a Sheriff's Deputy, who is still recovering. WESH 2's Tony Atkins has the reaction from local businesses who are shaken up by what happened.

Date: 12/12/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:05

Summary: New video shows the moments shots were fired outside a Marion County nightclub. Two people were shot, including a Sheriff's Deputy who was working security. WESH 2's Tony Atkins has the video and heard from the owners of the club about the night the gunfire broke out.

Date: 12/14/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:20

Summary: A police officer and a 12-year-old girl are among the 3 people hurt, after a wrong-way driver smashed into a police cruiser early this morning. As WESH 2's Bob Hazen reports, the officer's car was hit head on.

Date: 12/20/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:00

Summary: Breaking now at Noon, a man is in custody after a gun battle with deputies and a long stand-off in Deltona. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme joins us live and tells us the road is still closed.

Date: 12/21/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:10

Summary: The man accused of shooting at deputies and setting his own house on fire in Deltona yesterday was scheduled to go in front of a judge in Orlando today. But as WESH 2's Bob Hazen reports, the suspect didn't show up in court because he's getting treated for injuries he got during the standoff.

Date: 12/26/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:38

Summary: The man accused of shooting in the Paddock Mall in Ocala is still on the street today. The gunman killed one man and hurt a woman. There's now a 10-thousand dollar reward to help find him. WESH 2's Bob Hazen tells us police know who they're looking for and are on the hunt to find him.

Date: 12/27/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:30

Summary: Shoppers are back at the Paddock Mall in Ocala this afternoon all while police are still looking for the man who shot two people inside the building and killed one of them. WESH 2's Bob Hazen shows us new video of the chaos after the shooting

Date: 12/1/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:55

Summary: First at 4, we're learning new details after an 18 year old was shot and killed overnight in Seminole County.

Date: 12/4/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:45

Summary: First at 4, Detectives in Volusia County continue to search for the person who shot and killed a man in front of a DeLand home. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme spoke with neighbors about what they saw.

Date: 12/6/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:00

Summary: A flight out of Orlando didn't make it to Rhode Island as scheduled on Tuesday. It got diverted to Jacksonville after an argument between two passengers and a reported bomb threat. We're seeing the new video from inside the plane. WESH 2's Sheldon Dutes shows us the tense moments and what happened after the plane landed.

Date: 12/7/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:35

Summary: A 16-year-old boy is dead in Melbourne. Now police there are looking into what led up to the shooting that claimed his life and those responsible. Our Brevard County Bureau Chief Scott Heidler reports from the Melbourne Police Department.

Date: 12/11/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:05

Summary: Marion County deputies are on a manhunt for a shooter who hurt one of their own. Deputy Kenneth Warner and another victim, Ricard Brown were shot near an Ocala nightclub over the weekend. A 5-thousand dollar reward is being offered to help make an arrest. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis spoke with the Sheriff about what they're learning.

Date: 12/12/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:25

Summary: A teenager was found shot to death in an Ocala home over the weekend and now deputies are searching for her boyfriend. They're naming 21-year-old Saul Garcia Macias as a person of interest. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis spoke with the victim's family and a neighbor.

Date: 12/12/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:15

Summary: We're also following breaking news out of Orlando where deputies say they found a body in a field near Colonial Drive and State Road 436. WESH 2's Megan Mellado joins us live from Santa Rosa Drive and tells us the latest.

Date: 12/13/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:25

Summary: A man who was going to land behind bars ended up killed after Sumter County deputies shot him. But deputies say the man fired at them first when they came to arrest him on child sex abuse charges. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis shares what we're finding out.

Date: 12/13/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:10

Summary: The Orange County Sheriff's office says it has put an end to a criminal operation that was in business for nearly 20 years. They say up to 80 people a day were buying drugs and gambling. WESH2's Michelle Meredith reports, sometimes children were there to witness it all.

Date: 12/20/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:05

Summary: A man is in custody after a gun battle with deputies and a long standoff in Deltona this morning. Two deputies got hurt, one after being grazed by a bullet to the face.

Date: 12/22/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:55

Summary: It's an arrest the community of Palm Bay has been waiting for. A suspect in the murder of two teens last Christmas in The Compound has now been charged.

Date: 12/4/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:35

Summary: A local man was arrested and accused of firing a pistol to make a point with some teenagers about being more respectful. He says he didn't mean anybody any harm. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel spoke with police about the options readily available which didn't include a gun.

Date: 12/4/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:20

Summary: Detectives continue to investigate after a man was found dead in front of a DeLand home. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme spoke with neighbors who say they heard the gunshot that night.

Date: 12/4/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:40

Summary: Three people have been arrested after allegedly kidnapping a man then trying to take him to the bank to withdraw money. In this exclusive report, WESH 2's Osceola County Reporter Megan Mellado explains how a text message to 9-1-1 may have saved his life.

Date: 12/6/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:40

Summary: A startling new report accuses Disney of bribing it's former Reedy Creek board members with annual passes. WESH 2's Megan Mellado joins us live from inside the district to talk about the allegations.

Date: 12/7/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:15

Summary: A local teenager was killed in a crash while trying to help a friend. Troopers have now completed their review of the crash and say the other driver was not responsible for what happened. In the meantime, attorneys for that driver say she endured harassment along the way. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel works to sort it out.

Date: 12/7/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:15

Summary: A shooting leaves a 16-year-old boy dead in Melbourne. Police are investigating what led up to last night's deadly shooting, and those responsible. Our Brevard Bureau Chief Scott Heidler reports for us from the Melbourne Police Department and tells us the latest from officers and neighbors.

Date: 12/11/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:35

Summary: A 5-thousand-dollar reward is being offered to help find a shooter who hurt a Marion County Deputy and one other person. Ricard Brown and Deputy Kenneth Warner were shot near an Ocala nightclub over the weekend. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis explains how the Sheriff is now leading the manhunt.

Date: 12/12/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:00

Summary: A suspicious death investigation here in Orange County. Deputies found a man's body badly beaten on Santa Rosa Drive. WESH 2's Megan Mellado joins us LIVE near the scene with what we know so far.

Date: 12/13/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:40

Summary: An attempted arrest turned deadly in Sumter County after deputies say a man shot at them forcing them to fire back. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis reports, the man was wanted on child sex abuse charges.

Date: 12/15/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:40

Summary: In Titusville, Police are trying to figure out why a man allegedly drove to a house, destroyed Christmas decorations, then he along with his 17-year-old friend tried to shoot and stab the owner of the house.

Date: 12/18/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:20

Summary: Two people are hurt after someone opened fire near an Orange County shopping plaza. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis is live from there now with what we're learning.

Date: 12/21/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: A fight between two women has left one dead and the other behind bars. The victim was a convenience store clerk. That store, the site of the murder, is on East Altamonte Drive near the mall and shopping district.

Date: 12/21/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:00

Summary: A shooting outside an Orlando 7-11 has left a man dead and police say the suspect knew him.

Date: 12/21/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:20

Summary: Here's what's left of a Deltona home after an hours long standoff where a man set his own house on fire. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme shows us the new photo just released by the Sheriff's Office showing just how close a deputy came to being killed.

Date: 12/25/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:10

Summary: Tonight, we're hearing from the family of a man shot and killed inside a busy mall over the weekend. It happened at the Paddock Mall in Ocala on Saturday. The victim David Barron was a father, brother, and son. His family and friends are heartbroken. As WESH 2's Michelle Meredith reports, they are also anxious for law enforcement to find the man police say pulled the trigger.

Date: 12/26/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:20

Summary: In Ocala, police have just doubled the reward to find a man wanted for shooting a popular tattoo artist to death in a crowded mall on Christmas weekend. Police just wrapped up a news conference and say they hope the new reward will inspire someone to give them the clues they need to lead them to Albert Shell, Jr.

Date: 12/29/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:10

Summary: Hate crimes went up in Florida last year. That's according to a recent report released by the Florida Attorney General's office. WESH 2's Paola Tristan Arruda spoke to religious and community leaders who say although the rise is concerning, they aren't surprised.

Date: 12/29/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:15

Summary: A local man is accused of animal cruelty after investigators say he called attention to himself on social media. The allegation? That he ran into deer along the side of road, on purpose, recorded it, and posted it. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel has the details.

Date: 12/29/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:35

Summary: Now to details in the murder investigation of 2 teen boys shot and killed in Palm Bay on Christmas last year. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez obtained a copy of the suspect's arrest affidavit and tells us why detectives tracked him down. The report says he allegedly went to Christmas dinner after the shooting.

Date: 12/10/2023

Newscast: 6p

Length: 1:55

Summary: A Marion County deputy and one other person are recovering tonight after being shot in a parking lot on Southeast Maricamp Road in Ocala. Officials say it happened shortly after 2:00 this morning. WESH 2's Liv Johnson is live where that shooting happened and reports on the latest.

Date: 12/4/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:24

Summary: A Seminole County man is accused of shooting his gun to make a point with some teenagers about being more respectful.

Date: 12/4/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:41

Summary: Three people are in custody accused of kidnapping a man then trying to take him to the bank to get some money. WESH 2 Osceola County Reporter Megan Mellado explains how a text message to 9-1-1 may have saved his life.

Date: 12/4/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: :54

Summary: Deputies in Marion County are trying to figure out who was responsible for a deadly shooting. On your screen is the picture of the 19-year-old victim shot outside a Dollar Store over the weekend. WESH 2's Liv Johnson reports from our studio with the details she gathered after speaking with investigators.

Date: 12/5/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:34

Summary: In a rare moment of political unity, leaders of both the republican and democratic parties are calling tonight for the head of the state GOP to step down. The calls for the resignation of Christian Ziegler have been amplified by the release of documents that detail allegations that he sexually assaulted a woman

Date: 12/5/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:46

Summary: Advocates for the Split Oak Forest packed a meeting of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission today in Orlando.

Date: 12/5/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Osceola County is joining the City of Eustis in using a new way to catch drivers speeding through school zones.

Date: 12/7/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:30

Summary: We're hearing from State Attorney Andrew Bain tonight after learning the man arrested for attempted sexual battery in an attack last month faced similar accusations before. But he was never charged. WESH 2's Hayley Crombleholme reports live with what she found out.

Date: 12/11/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:43

Summary: A five-thousand-dollar reward is being offered to help find a shooter who hurt a Marion County Deputy and one other person.

Date: 12/12/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:50

Summary: Marion County deputies are looking for this man, Saul Garcia Macias.

Date: 12/12/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: :55

Summary: Three people are dead after a crash in Lake County this afternoon.

Date: 12/13/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:01

Summary: Businesses in an Apopka strip mall say a customer used counterfeit bills at multiple establishments this week. Two of them say the customer would order a small item but pay with a fifty dollar bill. Making off with legitimate cash when taking their change. WESH 2's Hayley Crombleholme explains why the bills didn't raise any red flags; at least at first.

Date: 12/13/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:38

Summary: What was supposed to be an arrest ended up with dead suspect after a shooting involving Sumter County deputies.

Date: 12/13/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:52

Summary: The Orange County Sheriff's office says it has put an end to a criminal operation that was in business for nearly 20 years.

Date: 12/13/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:34

Summary: Governor Ron DeSantis wants state lawmakers to earmark 10-million dollars for HBCU's in Florida; the focus is safety.

Date: 12/18/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:15

Summary: Now to a shooting that remains an active investigation nearly 12 hours after it happened. Two people are in the hospital after the shots were fired in a hall inside a strip mall on South Orange Blossom trail, just north of Holden Avenue. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis reports, two men were taken into custody.

Date: 12/18/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:26

Summary: We're apparently seeing more wildfires in recent years in the eastern part of the country, and that includes Florida.

Date: 12/20/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Two deputies are recovering after a long standoff in Deltona. One of them was grazed by a bullet to the face. The Sheriff's Office says the suspect, Dempsey Hadley, set his house on fire during the incident but he is now in custody. WESH 2's Hayley Crombleholme joins us live in the neighborhood with the newly released body camera video.

Date: 12/20/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 3:00

Summary: Joining us live tonight is Volusia Sheriff Mike Chitwood. First how are those deputies doing because as you mentioned this could have ended much worse.

Date: 12/25/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:54

Summary: While the holidays are a time of joy and happiness for many for others it's the complete opposite. WESH 2 Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme finds many people in the area struggle with increased stress this time of year.

Date: 12/25/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:10

Summary: We're hearing from the family of the man who was shot and killed inside a very busy mall over the weekend.

Date: 12/26/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:30

Summary: We have new details and video from a story we first told you about yesterday when a car crashed into a ditch in Ormond Beach.

Date: 12/26/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:15

Summary: We're staying on top of the search for the man accused of shooting two people at the Paddock Mall in Ocala.

Date: 12/27/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:38

Summary: A Marion County Firefighter has been in a burn unit for almost two months and is recovering after almost losing his life fighting a fire.

Date: 12/1/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:49

Summary: A Eustis teacher's aid is accused of slapping a student across the face. Ute Galloway faces child abuse charges. The Lake County School District says she was hired as a teacher's assistant and family-school liaison in 2022. WESH 2's Hayley Crombleholme breaks down what led up to the incident.

Date: 12/8/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:55

Summary: A man is dead after being shot by deputies in Sumter County. It all went down at a home in Center Hill this afternoon. The Sheriff's Office says the man, Wayne Raulerson, moved towards the SWAT team and fired a rifle at them.

Date: 12/12/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:55

Summary: An Apopka family is mourning the loss of 18-year-old Jacob Farrell. The Lake Brantley High School graduate was shot and killed over the weekend. WESH 2's Liv Johnson tells us how his family and friends are remembering him, plus how he's saving lives even after death.

Date: 12/14/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:51

Summary: The family of missing Mount Dora mother Nicole Baldwin confirms to WESH 2 News tonight that her husband has been arrested. But it's not in connection with her disappearance. WESH 2's Hayley Cromble home explains why he was arrested and has reaction from the couple's daughter.

DATELINE

October 5, 2023

The Note: When high school student Megan Nichols vanishes from her Illinois home overnight, her mother finds a note from Megan saying she ran away. But a grisly discovery made three years later changes the course of the investigation

From Fairfield, Illinois, NBC *Dateline* Correspondent Andrea Canning interviews Megan's mother, Kathy Jo Hutchcraft, Police Chief Keith Colclasure, FBI Agent Ray Hart, and Megan's friends.

October 6, 2023

The Clearing: When 3 women discover the body of Emily Noble in a wooded area near her home nearly four months after she went missing, investigators must determine if her death was a suicide or homicide. Emily's husband Matt Moore speaks out in an exclusive interview about the case that rocked the small town, Westerville, Ohio.

In addition, NBC *Dateline* Correspondent Dennis Murphy interviews Detective Steve Grubbs, Defense Attorney Diane Menashe, and Emily's friends.

October 13, 2023

The Footprint at the Lake: A small Texas town is shattered when beloved teacher Manuela Allen vanishes from her home in the middle of the night. When a gruesome discovery is made a short time later at a local lake, investigators are left with more questions than answers.

Andrea Canning, NBC *Dateline* Correspondent, interviews Julius Mullins, Texas Ranger Michael Schraub, and Manuela's family members from Onley, Texas.

October 20, 2023

65 Seconds: After an apparent home invasion in Minnesota leaves 25-year-old Heidi Firkus dead and her husband Nick hospitalized, detectives learn the young couple was facing financial troubles. Insiders connected to the case speak out about the decade-long search for justice.

From St. Paul, Minnesota, NBC News's Blayne Alexander interviews Heidi's brother Pete Erickson and sister-in-law Joleene Erickson, Nick's second wife Rachel, and Nick's close friends.

October 27, 2023

On the Hunt for the Zombie Hunter: The murders of two young women near a Phoenix canal in the early 1990s remain unsolved for over 20 years until a team of cold case detectives take on the case.

New *Dateline* examines how investigators used inventive techniques and groundbreaking advancements in forensic genealogy to unmask the killer.

NBC *Dateline* Correspondent, Keith Morrison interviews former Phoenix Police Department Sergeant Troy Hillman, Defense Attorney RJ Parker, Forensic Genealogist Dr. Colleen Fitzpatrick, and co-workers of the victims from Phoenix, Arizona.

November 11, 2023

The Hunt for the Gilgo Beach Killer: It's the investigation into the murders of several women found dead along Gilgo Beach in Long Island, New York, since December 2011.

From Gilgo Beach in Long Island, New York, NBC *Dateline* Correspondent Adrea Canning sits down with key players connected to the investigation including family members of the victims, Suffolk County investigators, and former acquaintances of Rex Heuermann, who is accused of murdering three of the victims.

November 17, 2023

The Murdaugh Murders: Inside the Investigation: Lead detectives speak out to NBC News' Craig Melvin about the investigation into once – prominent South Carolina Attorney Alex Murdaugh, convicted last March of murdering his wife Maggie and son Paul. For the first time, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division Investigators Britt Dove and David Owen speak out about the moment they discovered video evidence proving Alex was at the scene of the murders when they occurred. This episode also features an interview with the former Murdaugh family housekeeper Blanca Turrubiate Simpson, who opens up about her unique history with the Murdaugh's, as well as Judge Clifton Newman, who presided over the murder trial.

December 15, 2023

Down the Basement Stairs: When young mother and paramedic Annamarie Cochrane Rintala is found dead at the bottom of her basement stairs, it takes four trials and 13 years before justice is served. Insiders close to the investigation speak out in new interviews about the final verdict.

NBC *Dateline* Correspondent Dennis Murphy reports from Northampton, Massachusetts with interviews from Prosecutor Steve Gagne, Defense Attorneys Rosemary Scapicchio, and Chauncey Wood.

December 16, 2023

Unspeakable: A couple's anniversary celebration ends in murder during what appears to be a home invasion, but investigators believe the suspect might be connected to the victim.

NBC *Dateline* Correspondent Dennis Murphy reports from Houston Texas with interviews from Prosecutor Colleen Barnett, first responder Stephanie Robertson, and family members.

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Date: 10/2/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:45

Summary: Breaking now at Noon, a local high school senior is dead after a crash with a Lake County school bus this morning. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel is live at the school right now.

Date: 10/9/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:00

Summary: Now at Noon, Israel's military is fighting BACK launching retaliatory attacks on Hamas. Thousands of people are dead and hurt including many Americans who are now stranded in the country. NBC's Kelly Cobiella joins us from Tel Aviv with the families that are desperate and pleading for information to bring their loved ones back home.

Date: 10/18/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:50

Summary: Volusia County leaders are taking a close look at tightening regulations for sex offenders. WESH 2's Tony Atkins explains how the county is trying to be proactive about safety.

Date: 10/18/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:40

Summary: Both the FBI and White House are warning about how tech is being used against us and costing local companies billions.

Date: 10/25/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:00

Summary: Breaking now at noon, crews were called this morning to a Disney World resort after reports of possible chemical exposure. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez joins us now live from Disney with what happened.

Date: 10/30/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:50

Summary: In Flagler County, a theater that has been around for more than 65 years, was destroyed by a fire. WESH 2's Bob Hazen explains the cultural and spiritual role this building played in so many people's lives.

Date: 10/31/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:40

Summary: Before you take the kids out to get candy, Reporter Pei Sze Cheng shares the dangerous trick that could mistakenly get mixed in with real treats.

Date: 10/2/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:45

Summary: Brightline is partnering with a tech company to develop Artificial Intelligence software to keep trespassers off the railways.

Date: 10/2/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:50

Summary: Now, some are making a big investment in the Mercy Drive corridor by bringing opportunity to the neighborhood. In our next Saving Our Streets report, WESH 2's Marlei Martinez tells us about a brand new job training program that Valencia College just created in the heart of Mercy Drive.

Date: 10/2/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:05

Summary: A Lake County high school senior was hit and killed while riding his bike this morning. He was struck by a school bus that was turning into Lake Minneola High School on North Hancock Road.

Date: 10/4/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:30

Summary: New details in the incident involving a construction crane that fell over sending two people to the hospital ultimately taking the life of one. WESH 2's Megan Mellado joins us live near the apartment complex in Hunter's Creek where it all happened. Megan tells us who was operating the crane.

Date: 10/4/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:-05

Summary: October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Today, WESH 2's Marlei Martinez shows us how survivors, advocates, and prosecutors came together to say help is out there.

Date: 10/16/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:35

Summary: A Sanford couple is facing manslaughter charges after their 3-year-old son was found floating in a retention pond near their apartment. Police say the parents KNEW their son could get out on his own but didn't do enough to prevent it. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel is live at the Seminole County jail where court was held this afternoon.

Date: 10/16/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:40

Summary: New at 4, a young mother was killed in a crash this morning in Volusia County leaving behind her infant son. WESH 2's Volusia County Reporter Pamela Comme spoke with the victim's family.

Date: 10/17/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:25

Summary: An hours long search ends in heartbreak for the family of a Volusia County woman who disappeared over the weekend. WESH 2 Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme was out in the area where this woman was last seen and has reaction from her family.

Date: 10/17/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:45

Summary: When evacuating flood victims and getting them much needed supplies, First Responders rely on high water vehicles like these to get the job done. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel looks at how Seminole County just increased its capabilities.

Date: 10/18/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:50

Summary: See something, say something. Law enforcement consistently says without tips from the public, many crimes are never solved. Today in Central Florida, the State Attorney General came to celebrate the partnerships that solve many, many crimes. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel was there as they explained why the public plays a big role.

Date: 10/19/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:00

Summary: The Osceola County Sheriff's Office needs your help to find this man who they say molested a 9-year-old girl. As WESH 2's Megan Mellado reports, the suspect has been on the run ever since he bonded out of jail.

Date: 10/20/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Developing tonight, the post office in Pine Hills is unexpectedly closed due to safety concerns according to USPS. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez tells us how folks can take care of their mail in the meantime.

Date: 10/24/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:45

Summary: Two Osceola County parents could be facing charges after allegedly beating each other up on a school bus full of young students! WESH 2's Megan Mellado joins us live from the sheriff's office with what led up to the fight.

Date: 10/25/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:15

Summary: A divided Brevard County School Board is considering expanding a program that could allow teachers to carry guns. WESH 2's Scott Heidler spoke to board members who told him they wanted to look into it after some of them visited Parkland.

Date: 10/25/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:50

Summary: Today, we've learned that a family has filed a lawsuit against a cheerleading gym in Lake County. One of the owners of the gym already faces multiple molestation charges and last week was sentenced to 29 years in prison for the production of child porn. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez tells us the family is asking a jury to not only hold the cheerleading gym accountable but two national cheerleading governing groups as well.

Date: 10/27/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:50

Summary: A former Deputy with Seminole County Sheriff's Office has filed a lawsuit against Sheriff Dennis Leema. The lawsuit is probably unlike most you've ever heard of. The former deputy says he lost his job because he refused to have sex with one of his superiors. But as WESH 2's Michelle Meredith reports, it's far more complicated than that!

Date: 10/30/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:30

Summary: After neighborhood complaints, the county ordered one Brevard County homeowner to take down stacked shipping containers in his backyard. He says the county initially told him it was OK. WESH 2's Scott Heidler spoke to the owner and neighbors.

Date: 10/31/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:00

Summary: Some families in Lake County say furry intruders are forcing them to install cameras and seek help from the state. They're seeing bears hanging out on their front porch next to their cars and they tell us some of them are killing their livestock. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis shares the neighbors' frustrations and fears.

Date: 10/31/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:55

Summary: 150-percent; that's how many more discipline cases there are in Brevard County Public Schools even after the district implemented stricter policies. But as our Brevard Bureau Chief Scott Heidler tells us, some on the board are concerned about disproportionate discipline.

Date: 10/3/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: A large crane crashed onto a car outside an apartment complex. WESH 2's Gail Paschall Brown just arrived on scene.

Date: 10/3/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:05

Summary: October is Domestic Violence Month. As WESH 2's Michelle Meredith reports, six people took center stage today to make sure those people aren't forgotten.

Date: 10/5/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:05

Summary: Last year, Orlando police arrested a 10-year-old girl after they say she shot and killed a woman who was fighting with her mom. Today, WESH 2's Marlei Martinez spoke with a youth advocate who says the focus should be on WHY this happened and fixing that.

Date: 10/9/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:15

Summary: We have another bear sighting to tell you about. This time over the weekend in the street area of a Seminole County subdivision. This is the season when Black Bears start to bulk up for Winter; even though it is Florida's version of Winter. Trash left in unsecured trash cans are dangerous.

Date: 10/9/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:50

Summary: Investing in safety. Today, Orlando got over a million dollars to keep its new violence prevention program going. In our latest "Saving Our Streets" report, WESH 2's Marlei Martinez tells us what this means for the unique program where they work with the people who are most likely to be shooters or get shot.

Date: 10/11/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:20

Summary: A Lake County mom says her special needs son was found alone trying to cross a busy highway two hours after she dropped him off at school. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez tells us how the school district is responding.

Date: 10/11/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Two shootings on historically black college campuses in less than a week have renewed security concerns for all HBCUs. All of this comes as Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach kicks off their Homecoming celebrations. WESH 2's Anika Hope spoke to the campus' executive director of safety about their plans to keep students safe.

Date: 10/13/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:45

Summary: A Kissimmee police officer is being recognized after saving a woman trapped in a sinking car.

Date: 10/17/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:20

Summary: A Volusia County woman was found dead after an hours long search. Our Volusia County Reporter Pamela Comme spoke with the woman's family in the hours leading up to her recovery.

Date: 10/18/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:35

Summary: A deer was euthanized after allegedly attacking a man in Palm Coast. But the owner of this deer says the way this buck was killed was inhumane. WESH 2's Pamela Comme caught up with neighbors about what happened.

Date: 10/19/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:53

Summary: As SpaceX grows its Starlink constellation of mini satellites, a report from the FAA says falling debris will become a deadly issue in the future. Our Space Coast Bureau Chief Scott Heidler asks experts if the danger is real.

Date: 10/17/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:49

Summary: A pedestrian was killed yesterday when police say she ignored the railroad crossing signals and was hit by a Brightline train in Melbourne. Our Brevard Bureau Chief Scott Heidler spoke with city leadership about safety.

Date: 10/23/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: A popular Space Coast beach is dealing with a rat infestation. WESH 2's Scott Heidler spoke with city leaders on the plan to clear out the rats.

Date: 10/24/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:25

Summary: Police in Longwood say it's time for parents who are dropping off and picking up students at Longwood Elementary School to do a better job. They need to follow the rules of the road. New signs went up to share what the rules are, with a promise of eventual enforcement, if the rules aren't followed.

Date: 10/25/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:05

Summary: Today, we've learned a family is suing a shuttered Lake County cheerleading gym. The place closed after one of its owners was arrested on molestation charges. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez tells us the family is suing the gym and two national cheerleading governing groups.

Date: 10/27/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:20

Summary: A former Deputy with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office is suing Sheriff Dennis Lemma. The former deputy says he lost his job because he refused to have sex with one of his superiors. But as WESH 2's Michelle Meredith reports, it's far more complicated than that!

Date: 10/31/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:15

Summary: A deadly crash could impact your evening commute if you take I-95. The southbound lanes near State Road 100 in Flagler County are closed and it's all because of a police pursuit that ended with a deadly crash.

Date: 10/4/2023

Newscast: 6p

Length: 1:53

Summary: A woman in Orlando was found hanging from a tree. Orlando Police have said they believe she committed suicide. But her family thinks someone else is responsible for her death.

Date: 10/18/2023

Newscast: 6p

Length: 1:45

Summary: Neighbors in a Brevard County beach town are appealing to the county. They are upset after a homeowner began building a structure out of shipping containers in his backyard!

Date: 10/3/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:35

Summary: We're following breaking news out of Orange County. Two people are in the hospital after a large crane fell over outside an apartment complex. This happened on Heather Moss Drive in Hunters Creek near the 417 and John Young Parkway. WESH 2's Gail Paschall Brown is there with the latest.

Date: 10/17/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:07

Summary: We now know the names of TWO people killed Sunday morning in Marion County. Deputies found two people shot and killed inside their home on Southeast 52nd Avenue. WESH 2's Anika Hope is at the Sheriff's Office with the questions still unanswered.

Date: 10/17/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:49

Summary: The chair of the Seminole County Commission is asking Governor Ron DeSantis for an investigation into the Supervisor of Elections Office. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel tells us about the response from the man in charge at the elections office.

Date: 10/17/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:31

Summary: An animal shelter in Brevard County recently got a lot of attention when the Sheriff's office called them for help when a breeder unexpectedly died. Those dogs were adopted, but as our Brevard County Bureau Chief Scott Heidler reports, this is the month to adopt a shelter dog if you're considering it.

Date: 10/18/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:31

Summary: A man is now in custody for allegedly shooting and killing a truck driver during a road rage incident along I-4. WESH 2's Megan Mellado explains how deputies were able to track down the shooter.

Date: 10/18/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:53

Summary: We are getting you Ready for Race Day, as the OUC Orlando Half Marathon training really cranks up for TEAM WESH and all of you! Sheldon, Stewart, and I are all putting in the work to make sure we're ready for December second. As a first time runner, I'm learning all that goes into the sport. That includes some gearing up with the right accessories to be safe while I train.

Date: 10/20/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:07

Summary: A tragic day in Seminole County after a young mother ends her life and then law enforcement finds her twin 5 year olds dead inside their home WESH 2's Dave McDaniel is live at the home on Alexander Avenue near Sanford. Dave, this has been a huge shock to the community.

Date: 10/23/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:07

Summary: Orlando City Commissioners approved the two million dollar purchase of the Pulse Nightclub site where 49 lives were taken seven years ago. The mayor says the purchase will ensure that a permanent memorial to the victims is built at the site of the massacre; the closing on the property is set for Friday. WESH 2's Greg Fox breaks down what happened during the vote.

Date: 10/23/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:07

Summary: A Seminole County student is dead after someone fired several gunshots in a parking lot of a Sanford apartment complex. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis reports, police believe the victim was targeted at the Stratford Pointe Apartments.

Date: 10/23/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:15

Summary: A popular Space Coast beach is dealing with a rat infestation problem. WESH 2's Scott Heidler spoke with city leaders about their plan to clear them out.

Date: 10/24/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:20

Summary: A brawl on a school bus and investigators say two parents are the ones who were swinging! It happened at a bus stop on Parkland Circle and U.S. 192 in Osceola County. The Sheriff's office says the parents could be facing charges because of this. As WESH 2's Megan Mellado explains the fight all started over a children's toy.

Date: 10/24/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:05

Summary: WESH 2 Investigates has learned some of the supplies Governor Ron DeSantis has sent to Israel may include drones once used right here in Central Florida. WESH 2 News Investigative Reporter Greg Fox has this exclusive report.

Date: 10/24/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:22

Summary: Every day many parents drop off their kids at school and pick them up at dismissal. That twice-a-day errand can create a little friction as swarms of parents try to rush the process along. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel looks at what officers are doing to restore order at Longwood Elementary School.

Date: 10/25/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:48

Summary: Today, we've learned that a family has filed a lawsuit against a cheerleading gym in Lake County. One of the owners of the gym already faces multiple molestation charges. Last week, that owner was sentenced to 29 years in prison for the production of child pornography. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez tells us who else the family wants to be held accountable.

Date: 10/25/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:00

Summary: We're learning more about a deadly crash in Orlando that shut down Michigan Street for hours. It all started with a shooting, which turned into a police chase! WESH 2's Hayley Crombleholme walks us through what went down.

Date: 10/25/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:30

Summary: There's a new fried chicken spot popping up across Central Florida and it's making many people from Central America feel nostalgic. WESH 2's Megan Mellado spoke to locals at the grand opening in St. Cloud.

Date: 10/25/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 3:04

Summary: We are getting you Ready for Race Day now that the OUC Orlando Half Marathon is just FIVE weeks away. Sheldon, Stewart, and I are all logging the miles to be ready for December second. Running a half marathon or any distance can be a challenge, and many times it's what you eat and drink before the race that can make all the difference. Our friends at Track Shack showed me how to fuel up to make sure you can go the distance.

Date: 10/27/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:15

Summary: Now to the latest on the mass shooting in Maine. The gunman, who killed 18 people at a bowling alley and a bar has still not been captured. WESH 2's Hayley Crombleholme is live in Lewiston where that shooting happened.

Date: 10/30/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:31

Summary: Now to new details in a shooting that happened over the weekend when three people were shot outside a hookah lounge in Orange County. Two people have been arrested. and as WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis reports, one of the people hurt is the accused shooter.

Date: 10/30/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:05

Summary: A Florida Highway Patrol trooper is recovering after being crashed into by an alleged drunk driver in Polk County. As WESH 2's Megan Mellado tells us the 20-year-old driver is now facing several charges including D-U-I.

Date: 10/30/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:42

Summary: A new ice cream shop is opening at a historic location in Orlando. The beloved Goff's Drive In closed last year after a suspected arson. Now, there are new owners and a new name. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez talks with the new owners about how they hope to keep the old legacy going.

DATE: 10/31/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:35

Summary: Brevard County Public Schools are trying to cut down on behavior problems with stricter discipline policies. But as our Brevard Bureau Chief Scott Heidler tells us, some school board members are concerned about disproportionate discipline.

DATE: 10/31/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:50

Summary: After a fire ripped through a historic Central Florida theater, leaders are now looking at what comes next. Flagler Playhouse has been around for decades. WESH 2's Pamela Comme spoke with the president of the playhouse about the future of this historic spot.

DATE: 10/31/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:05

Summary: Owners at a local condo complex are angry tonight about plans to hike the homeowners association fees, nearly 100%. WESH 2 News Investigative Reporter Greg Fox talked with people who say they're already struggling now, and this latest hike could drive them to sell and move out!

Date: 10/4/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:54

Summary: An incredible scene in Orange County when a big mobile crane tipped over right onto a car. One person died and another person was hurt.

Date: 10/4/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 2:07

Summary: Parents in Apopka are learning what's being done to keep their children safe after two 13-year-olds were shot after a football practice.

Date: 10/19/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:33

Summary: The State Department is warning United States citizens about the potential for terrorist attacks around the world as the Israel-Hamas war intensifies.

Date: 11/22/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:50

Summary: People are flying and driving for Thanksgiving. It's shaping up to be a record-breaking year. WESH 2's Paola Tristan Arruda is live at the Orlando Airport where more than two million people are expected to travel through over the few days.

Date: 11/30/2023

Newscast: Newscast

Length: 2:25

Summary: Fresh off a very busy holiday travel period, there's new data out when it comes to safety on the nation's roadways. NBC Reporter Tom Costello explains why there's still a lot more to be done to make our roads safe.

Date: 11/1/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 4:00

Summary: It seems just about every week we share a story about a bear interacting with humans. As more neighborhoods go up, we're crossing paths with them more often. So how can we ALL live together safely and peacefully? WESH 2's Dave McDaniel got some strategies from the experts.

Date: 11/2/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:15

Summary: A firefighter in Marion County is in the hospital after he was severely burned while fighting a mobile home fire yesterday. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez tells us what firefighters say may have caused the flames to ignite.

Date: 11/2/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:00

Summary: Hunters trapped and killed a big Burmese python in southern Brevard County. They're NOT indigenous species to Florida and its thought to have once been someone's pet! WESH 2's Scott Heidler spoke with the trappers and experts about the impact these massive snakes have on the local wildlife.

Date: 11/2/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:35

Summary: Two police officers in Cape Coral jumped into action to lift a car off a man which saved life. WESH 2's Sheldon Dutes shows us the incredible body camera video.

Date: 11/3/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:20

Summary: Some local parents are outraged and demanding criminal charges against a church employee for allegedly whipping their children at the church's private school. St. Mark is a well-known church and school on Bruton Boulevard in Orlando. WESH 2 investigative Reporter Greg Fox spoke with parents who say they never consented to corporal punishment.

Date: 11/3/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:30

Summary: Passengers on a flight to Fort Lauderdale from New York were forced to evacuate after an explosion on board. Fortunately the plane was still at the gate and just one person had minor burns. JetBlue says the cause of the fire was an electronic device or battery.

Date: 11/7/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:05

Summary: The Volusia County School board asked the County Council today to fund the addition of more school resource deputies on campus. But council members decided not to move forward. WESH 2 Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme explains why the district made this request.

Date: 11/8/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:45

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Date: 11/8/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:05

Summary: After an attempt to get more resource deputies in the school's across Volusia County was denied, the school district is looking at other options. WESH 2 Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme caught up with district leaders who are disappointed about the way things went down.

Date: 11/9/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:00

Summary: A downtown St. Cloud business owner is left picking up the pieces after a vehicle crashed into his gun store early Thursday morning. WESH 2's Megan Mellado spoke to the owner who says the situation is a huge loss.

Date: 11/16/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:00

Summary: Boots are on the ground today in the search for Shakeira Rucker. No one has seen the Winter Springs mother of four since Saturday evening.

Date: 11/16/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:10

Summary: Our breaking news team coverage continues with WESH 2 News Investigative Reporter Greg Fox who is at the Orange County Sheriff's office. That's where Rucker's family members have asked others to show up and pray as the search for Shakeira continues.

Date: 11/17/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:20

Summary: The family of a missing Winter Springs woman joined in today as the law enforcement search was more visible. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel reports from Lake County where a neighborhood was a good part of the search focus.

Date: 11/20/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:40

Summary: Just about half an hour ago, a procession was held for Polk County firefighter, Brian Herr. He died after his car crashed into the median of I-4 in Davenport over the weekend. WESH 2's Megan Mellado heard from the fire chief earlier today who says the entire department is mourning.

Date: 11/20/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:50

Summary: The week long search for a Winter Springs mother of four ended in sorrow for her family and disappointment for the investigators hoping to find her alive. Now, with the discovery of her body, the Orange County Sheriff's office is now the lead in the murder case. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel is live at the Sheriff's office headquarters with a look at what led to this latest discovery.

Date: 11/27/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:55

Summary: A five-year-old girl has died after a car crash in Auburndale which involved a police truck. WESH 2's Megan Mellado spoke to the Polk County Sheriff who says the sergeant involved was on his way to help a deputy.

Date: 11/28/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:50

Summary: A man and his pet are dead after a fire at a Daytona Beach home. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme joins us live from the neighborhood and tells us what she learned.

Date: 11/28/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:00

Summary: A Mount Dora mother of three has not been seen in nearly a month. Her oldest daughter is very worried and today a line of crime scene units as the woman's home was searched for clues to her disappearance. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel reports from the Lancaster neighborhood where he spoke with the missing woman's family.

Date: 11/29/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:45

Summary: The Volusia County Sheriff's office has rolled out a new program that's supposed to drastically cut response times for deputies. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme got a look at how it works.

Date: 11/29/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:45

Summary: During the holiday season there's a lot going on from shopping, hosting parties, and retail parking lots being busier than ever. Also in those lots, people are looking to steal. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel looks at a local effort by police to hopefully protect you from those looking for an easy score.

Date: 11/29/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:00

Summary: The town of Lady Lake is raising the starting wage for police officers. Town officials say this new deal will make their police department the highest paid in Lake County. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Paola Tristan Arruda tells us what that pay raise looks like and how it compares to other departments.

Date: 11/30/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:50

Summary: Today, Florida's Supreme Court ruled that police officers who use deadly force do NOT have the right to remain anonymous. The debate centered on whether cops' names are protected under Marsy's Law. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez spoke with a law expert who says this decision impacts more people than just police officers.

Date: 11/1/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:45

Summary: Most folks assume the fire department in the county they live in is getting the money needed to give everyone piece of mind. If disaster hits, they're covered. But Firefighters in Lake County say that's not the case and they're speaking out.

Date: 11/1/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:30

Summary: The FBI has warned of a spike in reports of antisemitism and anti-Muslim incidents. It's prompted many people in the Jewish community in particular to buy guns. NBC Reporter Sam Brock joins us live with the trend he's seeing here in Florida.

Date: 11/2/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:50

Summary: Florida ranks third for the highest number of human trafficking cases in the country. That's according to local law enforcement agencies that gathered with hotel companies today to talk about ways to spot the crime. It was all part of the "2nd Annual Human Trafficking and Drug Abuse Awareness Conference." WESH 2's Megan Mellado emceed the event and spoke with a survivor.

Date: 11/2/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:00

Summary: A twelve foot Burmese python was trapped and killed by alligator hunters in southern Brevard County. WESH 2's Brevard Bureau Chief Scott Heidler spoke with the trappers and experts about the impact these massive snakes have on the local wildlife.

Date: 11/3/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Flood mitigation projects and road improvement projects are of top of mind for officials in Osceola County, Kissimmee, and St. Cloud leaders. As WESH 2's Megan Mellado explains, they're asking for money from the State to be better prepared for the next storm and the rapid population growth.

Date: 1/7/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:20

Summary: Schools all across the country aren't just dealing with a teacher shortage. They're also facing a school counselor shortage. In our latest Saving Our Streets report, WESH 2's Marlei Martinez tells us how UCF is tackling the shortage by providing free services to a local school.

Date: 11/8/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: :50

Summary: The State Fire Marshal is trying to figure out what exactly started a fire on a boat at the marina in downtown Kissimmee. As WESH 2's Megan Mellado explains four people were on board and two of them were severely burned.

Date: 11/8/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:50

Summary: SWAT teams from around the world are competing in Orange County this week while training to save lives. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis shows us how an international competition is preparing them for what could happen in the future.

Date: 11/9/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: The area near Mullet Lake Park in Seminole County just got a significant stormwater upgrade. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel looks at the role it will play in flood relief.

Date: 11/9/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Frustrated drivers and neighbors in Indialantic are voicing concern about a construction project on State Road 192. WESH 2's Brevard County Bureau Chief Scott Heidler spoke with town leadership on what happens next.

Date: 11/10/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: When a group of wild hogs are hungry, a little sod is not going to slow them down, and boy can they do a lot of damage to yards and landscaping. A small section in a Sanford neighborhood has been dealing with hogs lately, WESH 2's Dave McDaniel dropped by and shows us the impact.

Date: 11/10/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 3:15

Summary: Hurricanes Nicole and Ian caused damage that Volusia County's coastline has never seen before. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez caught up with the county's coastal director about the top fixes they've made since Hurricane Nicole hit one year ago and the next big projects coming up.

Date: 11/13/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:45

Summary: A mother of four is missing and her family is extremely worried about her. They reported her missing to Winter Springs police over the weekend, telling them she was last seen with her estranged husband. As WESH 2's Dave McDaniel explains, her estranged husband is facing criminal charges in a completely separate incident.

Date: 11/14/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:00

Summary: A Winter Springs woman is still missing tonight and her estranged husband is now considered a person of interest in her disappearance. That person of interest, already in jail and accused in a shooting that occurred after Shakeira Rucker was last seen with him. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel is live at the Winter Springs Police department with the latest on the investigation and a family is seeking answers.

Date: 11/15/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:50

Summary: Where is Shakeira Rucker? Her family and investigators in Winter Springs met privately today as the effort intensifies to find the mother who has been missing since Saturday. Police released an image showing her with her estranged husband a good distance from her Winter Springs apartment. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel spoke with her family and the investigators working the case.

Date: 11/21/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: There's a big police and fire department presence in downtown Orlando right now. WESH 2's Gail Paschall Brown just got to the scene and tells us what she has learned about this situation.

Date: 11/27/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:05

Summary: Throughout the nation, Florida is known for its natural beauty, beaches, and lakes. Sadly, nationwide, Florida is also known for having the highest number of drowning deaths for young children. The State of Florida is now considering a bill that would provide free swimming lessons to many families. As WESH 2's Michelle Meredith reports, it has the full support of a Longwood couple who continue to use the pain of losing their child to help save the lives of others.

Date: 11/27/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:35

Summary: A five-year-old girl has died after a crash involving a police sergeant who was heading to an emergency. WESH 2's Megan Mellado spoke to the Polk County Sheriff who says the sergeant was on his way to help a deputy who called for backup.

Date: 11/28/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:50

Summary: One person is dead after a fire in Daytona Beach. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme joins us live from the neighborhood.

Date: 11/28/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:50

Summary: A quickly growing city comes with a quickly growing need for more police services. The City of St. Cloud was just awarded a grant to hire more officers. WESH 2's Megan Mellado spoke with the chief about how the new hires will help them keep up with the rapid population growth and increase in crime.

Date: 11/29/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:35

Summary: The videos are all over the internet, drivers recklessly mixing speed and abrupt maneuvers in area parking lots and on city streets. Orange County's Sheriff wants the state legislature to give law enforcement the ability to give harsher penalties to hopefully cut down on the risks to all of us when we drive.

Date: 11/30/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:00

Summary: Today, the Florida's Supreme Court ruled police officers who use deadly force do not have the right to remain anonymous. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez spoke with a law expert who says this decision could set the stage for a new law to be written.

Date: 11/8/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:21

Summary: You often hear about close encounters with bears, coyotes, and alligators, but a four-foot-long diamondback rattlesnake? That's what a nine-year-old boy found in his grandmother's backyard. As WESH 2's Michelle Meredith reports, this story has a happy ending even for the snake.

Date: 11/7/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 2:00

Summary: Some Mount Dora residents say they've been dealing with an awful smell for years and tonight they're hoping the City may have taken a step to help them breathe a little easier. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection says there are several facilities that could be contributing to the smell including a wastewater treatment facility.

Date: 11/12/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:21

Summary: Sanford Police say a medical episode sent a driver to their death and the vehicle they were driving went straight into a home. That car went right into a child's playroom. WESH 2's Hayley Crombleholme spoke with the family that lives there about the frightening moment.

Date: 11/13/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:07

Summary: People are getting back in their homes after a gas leak. This all happened near East Jefferson Street and Bumby Avenue in Orlando.

Date: 11/13/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 2:03

Summary: Florida Fish & Wildlife said Seminole County is bear country. So they held a talk to help people learn how to understand bear behavior and safely coexist with them. WESH 2's Hayley Crombleholme was at that meeting and learned some of the best ways to stay safe around bears.

Date: 11/23/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:51

Summary: Each year one organization releases their list of the ten worst toys of the holiday season. From choking hazards to eye injuries WESH 2's Hayley Crombleholme breaks down things you should be aware of when you go shopping.

Date: 11/28/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:30

Summary: A man and a dog are dead after a fire in Daytona Beach today. Daytona Beach Fire Rescue indicated that the cause could all be connected to holiday decorations.

Date: 12/5/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:30

Summary: Nicole Baldwin, the mother of three from Mount Dora is still missing today. She was last seen more than a month ago on November 2nd. WESH 2's Bob Hazen reports police and deputies are back in the neighborhood where she lives again looking at her home.

Date: 12/6/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:00

Summary: A family who just moved to Central Florida is looking for a place to stay after the house they recently bought got destroyed in a fire. It happened around 3:30 this morning at a home on Ridgemont Loop in Polk County. WESH 2's Tony Atkins spoke with the home's owner as crews worked to get the fire out.

Date: 12/14/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:45

Summary: WESH 2's Megan Mellado joins us live with an update from the State Attorney General who is urging drivers to follow the rules of the road.

Date: 12/19/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:40

Summary: We're seeing golf carts all around Central Florida nowadays. Some people use them everywhere, except on a golf course. With that comes safety concerns, especially for children. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel joins us live now and tells us he heard the concerns from medical professionals.

Date: 12/19/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:45

Summary: Traffic is now moving along I-4 in Maitland after this deadly crash shut down all lanes heading east for several hours. This time of year we typically see more deadly crashes. Our Traffic Expert Meaghan Mackey joins us live from Chopper 2 this afternoon. Meaghan, we know a woman died in this morning's crash.

Date: 12/1/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:50

Summary: Fentanyl in schools is a growing issue in Volusia County, now all schools in the district will have Narcan on hand to combat any potential overdoses. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme tells us about the most recent efforts to keep students safe.

Date: 12/1/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:05

Summary: A new bill proposed in the Florida Legislature could allow homeowners to kill bears without permits if they feel threatened. It's being cited as the Self Defense Act. WESH 2's Paola Tristan Arruda breaks the bill down for us.

Date: 12/4/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:20

Summary: That breaking news is out of Mount Dora where there is a large law enforcement presence outside the home of a woman who hasn't been seen in over a month. We've been covering the disappearance of Nicole Baldwin for weeks. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez is on the scene and tells us this isn't the first time investigators have been at the home.

Date: 12/5/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:35

Summary: Today marks 33 days since loved ones have seen and heard from a Mount Dora mother. Police officers and the family of Nicole Baldwin are searching for the mother of 3 who was last seen on November 2nd. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis is in Mount Dora now and tells us a reward is now being offered to help find the mom.

Date: 12/6/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:00

Summary: There was a collision at the downtown Sanford Marina. A popular paddle wheeler that offers lunch and dinner cruises was blown off course while docking. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel spoke with a witness who captured what happened on video.

Date: 12/7/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:05

Summary: Today marks the beginning of Hanukkah! Longwood is hosting a special celebration for the occasion. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez shows us what the community can look forward to tonight as police work to keep visitors safe.

Date: 12/11/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:20

Summary: He was a popular local figure in the region's motorcross community. Tonight, that community is mourning his loss. Chris Bragg was hit by another dirt bike Sunday and did not survive. WESH 2's Greg Fox spoke with some of the people who will miss him the most.

Date: 12/13/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:50

Summary: Come January, every middle school in Volusia County will have a law enforcement officer on campus. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme explains this comes after increased concerns for student safety.

Date: 12/14/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:00

Summary: The month of December breaks records for lives lost due to impaired driving. It's a statistic, local law enforcement agencies are hoping to change. WESH 2's Megan Mellado heard from a mother who lost her son-in-law to a drunk driver, just before his 22nd birthday.

Date: 12/18/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:50

Summary: We're apparently seeing more wildfires in recent years in the eastern part of the country, and that includes Florida. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel looks at the findings, and the best steps to take moving forward.

Date: 12/22/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:20

Summary: Work is now underway near the University of Central Florida, and many would call it "LIFE SAVING" work for students and other pedestrians. WESH 2 Investigates has been bringing you heart-wrenching stories of families who have lost loved ones who studied or worked in the UCF area, due to traffic crashes. WESH 2 News investigative reporter Greg Fox shows us how pedestrian safety is getting a major upgrade.

Date: 12/22/2023

Newscast: 4p

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Date: 12/27/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:40

Summary: Melbourne Police are looking for the driver who hit and killed a man who was out walking early Christmas. Police say 23-year-old Andrew Sofranko from Pennsylvania died. WESH 2's Paola Tristan Arruda spoke to his family and found out he was in Florida celebrating his father's wedding.

Date: 12/4/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:00

Summary: Mount Dora police have returned to the home of a missing woman. Nicole Baldwin lives on Strathmore Circle, near County Road 44. It's been weeks since anyone has seen her. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez joins us live with what the police are saying about this case.

Date: 12/5/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:40

Summary: Over a dozen Volusia County schools are over capacity. But the district is currently working on relieving overcrowded classrooms. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme asked district leaders about long-term plans for future growth.

Date: 12/5/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:35

Summary: Osceola County is joining the City of Eustis in implementing new technology that catches drivers speeding through school zones. As WESH 2's Megan Mellado explains, this comes after a new state law authorized the use of cameras to ticket speeders.

Date: 12/6/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: A proposed Interchange on Pioneer Trail at I-95 has some neighbors worried about the impact it could have on Spruce Creek. WESH 2 Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme spoke with residents about their concerns and the most recent efforts to stop this project.

Date: 12/7/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:30

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Date: 12/7/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:50

Summary: Crews are hard at work installing new pedestrian traffic signals on US 192 in St. Cloud. This comes after three pedestrians were killed in car accidents this year. WESH 2's Megan Mellado explains you could see lane closures for the project, starting tonight.

Date: 12/12/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Three people are dead after a crash. WESH 2's Hayley Crombleholme just arrived at the scene on County Road 33 near Bridges Road.

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Date: 12/13/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Governor Ron DeSantis wants state lawmakers to earmark 10-million dollars for HBCU's in Florida. The focus is safety. WESH 2's Pamela Comme spoke with officials at Bethune-Cookman University about what it could mean for the campus.

Date: 12/26/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Firefighters responded to a crash in Ormond Beach where they pulled a woman and 3 kids out of a submerged car. Despite being in a crash, WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme reports how first responders helped make the victims Christmas just a little better.

Date: 12/26/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:20

Summary: The Osceola County Sheriff's office is working with the Medical Examiner to figure out what led to the death of a man who was found outside a café Christmas morning. WESH 2's Megan Mellado spoke to businesses nearby about what happened.

Date: 12/28/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:10

Summary: A Florida law that requires drivers to move over a lane for stopped emergency vehicles, is getting an update next week, it's called the "Move Over Law."

Date: 12/29/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Come the new year, New Smyrna Beach police will begin booting and towing cars to help control the city's growing parking issues. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme caught up with the chief about increased enforcement going into the New Year.

Date: 12/4/2023

Newscast: 6p

Length: 2:05

Summary: Some people in Brevard County say Brightline trains are disturbing their peace. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis explains what neighbors plans to do next to stop the trains from blowing the horns.

Date: 12/5/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:49

Summary: The ousted Ocoee Police Chief appeared before city commissioners tonight asking that her termination be re-considered. WESH 2's Gail Paschall-Brown says the former chief told them her reputation was attacked and she was not afforded due process.

Date: 12/11/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 2:06

Summary: A local group in support of the Palestinian people is disappointed tonight. The End the Genocide Coalition packed today's Orlando City Council meeting to call on city leaders to pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire in the Middle East. WESH 2's Hayley Crombleholme was there for their push and the decision by city leaders.

WESH 2 – 4th QUARTER 2023 – ECONOMY

Date: 10/3/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:45

Summary: Right now, Orange County Commissioners are debating how to spend potentially billions of dollars over the next decade and beyond. WESH 2 News Political Reporter Greg Fox is live at the county administration building, and Greg will there be a vote of some kind this afternoon.

Date: 10/13/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:30

Summary: Whether you set sail from Port Canaveral in Brevard County or elsewhere, cruise lines are considering raising their prices.

Date: 10/18/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:15

Summary: Auto parts are getting harder to find as the UAW strike enters its second month. Workers walked off the job at several plants across the U.S. including one in St. Louis where the strike is forcing repair shops to call around for the parts they need to help customers.

Date: 10/26/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:15

Summary: Starting today, United Airlines will let window seat passengers board first followed by people who have aisle seats.

Date: 10/31/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:45

Summary: More employers are being upfront about what they're willing to pay for an opening since Pay Transparency Laws went into effect a few years ago.

Date: 10/3/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:35

Summary: After hours of debate, Orange County is moving forward with spending tourist tax money on some major projects. But others were put on hold while the county re-evaluates. WESH 2's Political Reporter Greg Fox is live outside the County Administration building with details.

Date: 10/3/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:40

Summary: Heads up Florida homeowners. Another insurance agency is acting because of the high risks in the state. Progressive Insurance announced they will not renew around 115-thousand policies. WESH 2's Anika Hope went to the experts to find out what you need to know now.

Date: 10/3/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:35

Summary: Mayor Jerry Demings and commissioners ensured a big boost for arts funding.

Date: 10/19/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:55

Summary: Bikers from all around the world are roaring into Volusia County as "Biketoberfest" is officially underway! Thousands are expected in the area over the next few days giving the local economy a boost. WESH 2's Pamela Comme caught up with bikers about the big week ahead.

Date: 10/27/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:00

Summary: The OnePulse Foundation is calling it quits when it comes to building a permanent museum, telling the history of the victims of the Pulse Nightclub shooting.

Date: 10/31/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:10

Summary: Construction is underway for a new hotel in Flagler Beach. While many are excited for Margaritaville to open, there are some concerns about the lengthy construction. WESH 2's Pamela Comme caught up with the city manager as city leaders tried to work through road closures and limited parking in the area.

Date: 10/3/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:00

Summary: Orange County has excess tourist tax dollars to spend, and today they voted to spend a big chunk of it on major projects. The votes came after a five and a half hour debate over which ones to fund. WESH 2 News Political Reporter Greg Fox explains, the work isn't over.

Date: 10/4/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:35

Summary: Nearly 50 million dollars of federal funding will go into replacing sand on the beaches of Brevard County, this after being hit by Hurricane Ian then Hurricane Nicole.

Date: 10/10/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:15

Summary: After TWO special sessions last year aimed at lowering rates, home insurance costs just keep skyrocketing. WESH 2's Anika Hope found out what's holding up any kind of relief.

Date: 10/12/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:40

Summary: Tourist tax revenue out on our Space Coast has been breaking record after record. WESH 2's Scott Heidler is in Brevard for us on how the hotel industry is working to keep pace with the expanding market.

Date: 10/18/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:00

Summary: After years of drama and heartbreak, tonight a new chapter is unfolding for the victims' families and survivors of the Pulse Nightclub attack. It's the breaking news WESH 2 brought you first this afternoon when the City of Orlando struck a deal to buy the Pulse site.

Date: 10/19/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 3:00

Summary: WESH 2 is digging into the new plans for a permanent Pulse Memorial after the City of Orlando agreed to purchase the land. WESH 2's Greg Fox spoke with a survivor of the Pulse Massacre about the city's purchase.

Date: 10/23/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:05

Summary: Before Council approved the purchase there was an emotional public comment section where more than 50 survivors, family members, and community members signed up to speak. You'll hear from some of those people in a minute but there was also an emotional debate among Commissioners. WESH 2's Greg Fox was in the chambers and at one point it looked like it would NOT be unanimous.

Date: 10/24/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:40

Summary: Florida has some of the hottest real estate markets in the country. Here in Central Florida, Deltona has become a popular spot. WESH 2's Pamela Comme caught up with the mayor about his struggle to find housing in the city he leads.

Date: 10/24/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:45

Summary: The historic Town of Eatonville will soon be welcoming a new business neighbor. One that brings new jobs and potentially free internet for every household. WESH 2's Greg Fox explains, it could also be the anchor for more development, including new housing.

Date: 10/25/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: There's a new fried chicken spot popping up across Central Florida and it's making many people from Central America feel nostalgic. WESH 2's Megan Mellado spoke to locals at the grand opening of Pollo Campero in St. Cloud.

Date: 10/31/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:00

Summary: Owners at a local Condo complex are angry tonight about plans to hike the homeowners association fees, nearly 100%. WESH 2 News Investigative Reporter Greg Fox talked with people who say they're already struggling, and now this latest hike could drive them to sell and move out!

Date: 10/3/2023

Newscast: 6p

Length: 1:43

Summary: Progressive Insurance says around one hundred and fifteen thousand policyholders will get non-renewal notices. WESH 2's Anika Hope found out what's next for those affected.

Date: 10/24/2023

Newscast: 6p

Length: 1:42

Summary: WESH 2's Pamela Comme caught up with the mayor of Deltona about his struggle to find housing in the city he leads.

Date: 10/3/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:00

Summary: The eighth-largest property insurer in the state according to last year's data says it's not renewing thousands of policies. Progressive Insurance says around 115-thousand policy holders will get non-renewal notices. WESH 2's Anika Hope found out what's next for those affected.

Date: 10/27/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 2:00

Summary: The OnePulse Foundation is no longer building a permanent museum, to tell the history of the victims of the Pulse nightclub shooting.

Date: 11/1/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:30

Summary: Universal and Orange County just broke ground on a major affordable housing project. Catchlight Crossings has been in the works for years. WESH 2's Christina Watkins joins us with details on how this will soon be the resident for hundreds of families.

Date: 11/2/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:20

Summary: Skimping out on the tip may leave you waiting longer for your Door Dash order. That's what the company is warning customers and it's raising a lot of questions. Reporter Stephanie Megallon explains why your order may be left on the counter.

Date: 11/3/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:05

Summary: A new class of weight loss drugs work to suppress appetite, which means users are reaching for sugary and salty foods less often. NBC Reporter Vicky Nguyen explains that change is causing surprising ripple effects on how we eat, shop, and even travel.

Date: 11/6/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:00

Summary: Shoppers could be entering a new era with no more free returns. You can expect more limitations on what and when purchased items can be brought back to the store.

Date: 11/10/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 3:00

Summary: Drive-thru service really picked up during the pandemic, and it looks like that trend is here to stay. NBC Reporter Sam Brock explains why more people are refusing to get out of their car to grab a quick meal.

Date: 11/10/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:00

Summary: As we pay homage to our Veterans this Veterans Day, there are thousands of vets who are still without the VA benefits they deserve.

Date: 11/14/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:10

Summary: The group in charge of marketing Orlando to tourists is fighting to keep some of their funding. Some Orange County Commissioners want to look at cutting how much tourist tax revenue goes to Visit Orlando.

Date: 11/21/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:55

Summary: Black Friday is just days away, and it will look different this year at some major retailers. This year, several stores are finding a way to cut back on the madness of the day and spread out their savings.

Date: 11/22/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:30

Summary: There's a growing movement toward buying gifts with a smaller carbon footprint and rebranding Black Friday as "Green Friday." NBC Reporter Chase Cain shares ways to consider the planet in your holiday gifts.

Date: 11/22/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:25

Summary: Not even a week after Sam Altman was ousted by the start-up that he co-founded, he's back on top at Open AI.

Date: 11/27/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:10

Summary: Cyber Monday is expected to be the biggest online shopping day of the year and some even say of the season more spending than Black Friday. NBC Reporter Brian Cheung shows us the deals bargain hunters can take advantage of today.

Date: 11/27/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:30

Summary: Tomorrow marks the end of the 12-day Thanksgiving travel period. Orlando International Airport officials say by then, more than 2-million passengers will have come through the terminals. NBC Reporter Tom Costello shows us how a record-breaking travel weekend is ending.

Date: 11/30/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:55

Summary: If you travel between Volusia and Lake Counties, you'll soon be able to drive across a new bridge over the St. John's River that was built to help with traffic flow. Meaghan, this is the third bridge along SR-44 that's been built in this area over the last 100 years.

Date: 11/1/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:15

Summary: The ground is set for the site of a new community coming to Central Florida. Universal Orlando donated 20 acres of land that will soon transform into Catchlight Crossings. It's off of Destination Parkway, which is east of the Orange County Convention Center in the tourist district. WESH 2's Christina Watkins tells us how this project will address the affordable housing crisis.

Date: 11/6/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:35

Summary: Today Brightline officials welcomed leaders from Tampa to experience the new connection between South Florida and Orlando. This comes a little more than a month after Brightline launched its service out of Central Florida. First Warning Traffic Expert Meaghan Mackey is joining us live from Brightline's Orlando station and tells us that the high-speed rail company is eyeing Tampa as their next potential station.

Date: 11/14/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:05

Summary: Many condo associations in Florida say their property insurance rates are going up dramatically. Several owners are on fixed incomes so the jump in those monthly payments could eventually force many people out. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme spoke with condo owners as they try to make things work.

Date: 11/28/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:40

Summary: Downtown Eau Gallie in Melbourne will be getting some new luxury apartments that are just within walking distance from the Art District. WESH 2's Brevard Bureau Chief Scott Heidler spoke with nearby business owners about the impact this will have in the area.

Date: 11/1/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Universal Orlando opened Islands of Adventures in 1999. Now crews are working on the park's newest attraction, Epic Universe. WESH 2's Christina Watkins joins us in the studio with a look at the progress.

Date: 11/6/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Today Brightline officials welcomed leaders from Tampa to experience the new connection between South Florida and Orlando. This comes a little more than a month after Brightline launched its service out of Central Florida. First Warning Traffic Expert Meaghan Mackey is joining us live from Brightline's Orlando station. Meaghan, you've been told by officials that the high-speed rail company is eyeing Tampa as their next potential station.

Date: 11/9/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:25

Summary: A St. Cloud business owner is picking up the pieces of his gun store after a car intentionally slammed into it at a high speed overnight. WESH 2's Megan Mellado was there as he and his team were cleaning up debris, trying to figure out how to move forward.

Date: 11/10/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:35

Summary: In many ways the impact of Hurricane Nicole lingers for our east coast businesses both physically and financially. Some were forced to close; others were forced to make some significant adjustments. WESH 2's Tony Atkins spoke to business owners in Volusia and Flagler Counties who say it'll be impossible to forget Nicole.

Date: 11/14/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:20

Summary: If you love theme parks and attractions this might be your dream playground. The International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions is holding its annual convention here in Orlando. By the time it's all over 40-thousand people will have wandered up and down the aisles mesmerized. As WESH 2's Michelle Meredith tells us, SeaWorld was there to showcase its new roller coaster.

Date: 11/14/23

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:25

Summary: Soaring home insurance rates are putting homeowners in a tight spot. Condo owners are no exception, some have seen their rates triple, and there seems to be no relief in sight. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme caught up with condo owners who were on the beach about how they are trying to deal with this price hike.

Date: 11/14/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:05

Summary: Disney had a major economic impact in Florida last year. More than 40-billion-dollars; that's according to a new study. WESH 2's Megan Mellado has a breakdown of the study that was released during the ongoing legal battle with the governor.

Date: 11/15/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Congressman Maxwell Frost is inviting the governor to meet with him so they can help Florida homeowners who are crying for help. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis shows us the efforts to solve the property insurance crisis.

Date: 11/21/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:40

Summary: To improve the aging infrastructure when it comes to water and sewer in Winter Springs, the City is proposing a rate increase. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel looks at the proposal.

Date: 11/22/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:20

Summary: WESH 2 Investigates continues to follow the fallout surrounding the end of the OnePulse Foundation. This morning the Foundation announced it will fold and abandon all work it had undertaken connected to the Pulse Nightclub attack in 2016. WESH 2's Michelle Imperato has been reporting on OnePulse's problems for months. Michelle, as you discovered today, one high-profile donor could get their money back.

Date: 11/28/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:35

Summary: The demolition of an old mall in Titusville will make way for a new development project.

Date: 11/29/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Tourism has been on the decline in Volusia County and hotels and businesses in the area are feeling the impacts. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme looks into the numbers and why the hospitality industry isn't performing like before.

Date: 11/7/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:34

Summary: In a new Rossen Reports, you can get ready for the holidays, killing two birds with one stone, declutter your house and make a little spending cash.

Date: 11/23/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:32

Summary: As we head into the holiday shopping season consumers have more options. As WESH 2's Luana Munoz explains that means no more big lines wrapped around stores the night before Black Friday.

Date: 12/5/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:20

Summary: Orange County Tourist tax collections have fallen again, even as county leaders are reviewing plans to expand and improve some of the area's biggest sports and entertainment venues. That money would come from excess tax collections. WESH 2's Greg Fox explains that a steady decline in those collections could delay these big ticket projects.

Date: 12/5/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:45

Summary: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is meeting right now and one of the main items on the agenda is the plan to develop a toll road through part of a protected forest. WESH 2's Tony Atkins spoke with people about the proposal and what they hope happens next.

Date: 12/6/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:30

Summary: The people in charge of the district that controls the land where Disney is located are hearing a report today that criticizes Disney and the people who used to run the district. The Central Florida Tourism Oversight District is meeting right now and WESH 2's Bob Hazen tells us the report accuses Disney of using annual passes as bribes.

Date: 12/11/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:15

Summary: Triple-A is expecting a record number of travelers flying this holiday season. A staggering 115 million people will be on the move between Christmas and New Years. NBC Reporter Sam Brock shares how you can navigate the crowds this holiday.

Date: 12/19/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:50

Summary: New details from Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer about efforts to build a memorial for victims of the 2016 Pulse Nightclub shooting. WESH 2's Greg Fox is live at the interim Pulse memorial here in Orlando and reports that the Mayor gave a timeline on when they hope to finish the memorial.

Date: 12/20/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:5

Summary: It's a new era in Orlando. The Amway Center is now the Kia Center. WESH 2's Paola Tristan Arruda is live at the Kia Center now and reports this change is just one part of the partnership between the Orlando Magic and Kia America.

Date: 12/27/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 3:10

Summary: 2023 was dominated by strikes and inflation that hurt families all over. Then, there's student loan payments which put a bigger strain on people's bank accounts. NBC Reporter Brian Cheung shows us the year in the economy.

Date: 12/27/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:50

Summary: A backlog of flights is leading to chaos at airports across the country. WESH 2's Megan Mellado joins us live from the airport, where flight delays are building up from Southwest.

Date: 12/11/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:50

Summary: Business owners in downtown St. Cloud are still waiting for a permanent solution to the road issues they're having after the city's revitalization project didn't go as planned. As WESH 2's Megan Mellado explains, city officials are still figuring out how to best move forward.

Date: 12/11/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:35

Summary: Florida Power and Light is just weeks away from bringing another solar energy center online in Brevard County. WESH 2's Scott Heidler takes a look at the new technology and the cost for the greener energy passed onto customers.

Date: 12/12/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:15

Summary: No one likes the sound of a new tax, but the City of Sanford says one might be needed to deal with a big problem downtown, parking. A potential target for the parking assessment are businesses in Sanford. As WESH 2's Michelle Meredith reports, even the mention of it is making beleaguered business owners cringe.

Date: 12/20/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:00

Summary: As the City of Orlando moves forward with plans to build a Pulse memorial, we've learned that the land next to the nightclub has been sold to a private buyer. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez reached out to the buyer to find out what he plans to do with the property.

Date: 12/20/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:50

Summary: The Amway Center is home of the Orlando Magic, concerts from every type of musical artist, comedy shows and more. You name it, they've hosted it. But now the Amway is no more and the arena has a new name - the Kia Center. WESH 2's Paola Tristan Aruda tells us about the name and other changes coming to the downtown arena.

Date: 12/22/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:40

Summary: After a hard fought battle, Daytona Beach commissioners gave developers the green light to build a luxury high rise condo styled hotel in Daytona Beach. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme spoke with residents who are upset about the building's height.

Date: 12/11/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: It's their last chance to cash in, 44-million-dollars is on the line for whoever bought a winning lottery ticket from an Osceola County gas station back in June. As WESH 2's Megan Mellado explains, the winner hasn't claimed their prize and tonight is their deadline.

Date: 12/12/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:35

Summary: For people who follow what images and books will go into the public domain in 2024, there are shockwaves throughout the copyright community. It's bringing a smile to anyone who wants a crack at creating something with the most iconic image Disney has ever created! But as WESH 2's Michelle Meredith reports, there is a one hitch.

Date: 12/12/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:45

Summary: No one likes the sound of a new tax, but the City of Sanford says one might be needed to deal with a big problem downtown, parking. A potential target for the parking assessment are businesses in Sanford. As WESH 2's Michelle Meredith reports, even the mention of it is making beleaguered business owners cringe.

Date: 12/14/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:30

Summary: Big news for people who drive between Lake and Orange counties. Construction to build a new expressway linking the two areas got the green light. The Central Florida Expressway Authority plans to build a toll road connecting Highway 27 to State Road 429. As WESH 2's Marlei Martinez tells us, part of the road will be electrified to charge electric vehicles while they're driving.

Date: 12/15/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:25

Summary: Brightline has officially been moving passengers in and out of Orlando for nearly three months. In November, the rail company had a surge in travelers, making it their highest month for Central Florida service. Our WESH 2 Traffic Expert Meaghan Mackey broke down the numbers and talked to students who rode the train to visit family in South Florida.

Date: 12/18/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:20

Summary: Southwest Airlines is being hit with a hefty fine over last year's travel meltdown. Holiday travel plans were disrupted for millions of people leading to chaos nationwide. Reporter Kalyn Norwood breaks down the massive penalty.

Date: 12/18/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:00

Summary: Good news for conservationists, millions more in state funding are heading to protect and preserve the Indian River Lagoon. But as our Brevard County Bureau Chief Scott Heidler found out from the Marine Resources Council, there's still plenty that needs to be done.

Date: 12/14/2023

Newscast: 6p

Length: 2:28

Summary: One of the key players who made the reconstruction of I-4 possible, says the State is driving people away from the toll lanes and hampering the collection of revenue that could be used to pay for the project. WESH 2 News Investigative Reporter Greg Fox has this exclusive follow-up to his report on the I-4 Express.

Date: 12/26/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:15

Summary: Some flights into Florida are facing delays as long as 2 hours. The FAA says this is because there's not enough air space available right now.

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Date: 10/4/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:33

Summary: For the first time in a century, the Speaker of the House seat is empty. An unprecedented vote in the House forced Kevin McCarthy out as a Speaker in a revolt led by a handful of far-right Republican critics.

Date: 10/5/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: :26

Summary: Robert F Kennedy Jr. is expected to drop his Democratic bid for President and instead launched an independent or third-party run.

Date: 10/13/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:15

Summary: House Republicans STILL can't agree on a new House Speaker. Their nominee is now out of the running because he couldn't get enough votes.

Date: 10/26/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:25

Summary: After weeks of trying and failing to select a new Speaker of the House, Republicans elected Congressman Mike Johnson of Louisiana.

Date: 10/17/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:15

Summary: Today Israel bombed parts of Southern Gaza killing dozens of Palestinians. These are the areas where civilians were told to evacuate ahead of an expected ground invasion. The new video shows the aftermath of those deadly strikes. We want to warn you some of this may be difficult to watch and hear. According to the Health Ministry, Israeli strikes killed at least 3 thousand people and left about 12-hundred others hurt. Most of the victims are children. But this has not stopped Hamas militants from continuing to attack Israel. This comes as a Middle East leader has canceled plans to meet with President Joe Biden tomorrow. WESH 2's Michelle Imperato joins us in the studio to explain the change in plans.

Date: 10/31/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:20

Summary: Arguments today in the battle of congressional district maps, and their impact on minority voters. WESH 2's Greg Fox brings us both sides and explains why the courts are under a tight time frame to wrap up this case for next year's elections.

Date: 10/16/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 3:00

Summary: Bringing more context to the situation in Israel and Gaza right now is award winning journalist Martin Fletcher. He has DECADES of experience reporting from the Israeli border and Gaza.

Date: 10/19/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:54

Summary: A special election is being held to fill the Florida House District 35 Seat after Republican Fred Hawkins left to serve as President of South Florida State College. WESH 2's Megan Mellado sat down with the democratic candidates to get each of their priorities for the district, that covers parts of Orange and Osceola counties.

Date: 10/20/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:45

Summary: All across Central Florida, people have been rallying for Israel. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez joins us from downtown Orlando where many are gathering in support of Palestine who've been caught up in Israel's attack on the Hamas militant group.

Date: 10/23/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:55

Summary: A special election is being held to fill the Florida House District 35 Seat after Republican Fred Hawkins left the spot to serve as President of South Florida State College. This week WESH 2's Megan Mellado sat down with the Republican candidates to get each of their priorities for the district, that covers parts of Orange and Osceola counties.

Date: 10/24/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:35

Summary: Turning to the war in the Middle East. Governor Ron DeSantis' office now says 4 flights have transported 700 people back to Florida. Two cargo planes with 85 pallets of supplies have arrived in Tel-Aviv. WESH 2 Investigates has learned SOME of those supplies may include drones once used right here in Central Florida. WESH 2 News Investigative Reporter Greg Fox has this exclusive report.

Date: 10/25/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:45

Summary: Indian Harbor Beach, like many communities along our Space Coast, is seeing big increases in the number of short-term rentals. Our Brevard Bureau Chief Scott Heidler spoke with two candidates for City Council on how they plan to deal with it.

Date: 10/26/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:45

Summary: It's called the Florida "Free Kill Law" and a local lawmaker is again fighting to get it thrown out. It's more than three decades old and has been protecting the medical community from negligence lawsuits. WESH 2's Greg Fox explains what it is, how it could change, and shares the story of one woman grieving the loss of her father.

Date: 10/26/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:45

Summary: The latest round in the battle over sports betting in Florida goes to the state. The NATION'S highest court has issued a ruling in favor of online betting, but as WESH 2's Greg Fox explains, that DOESN'T mean the Sunshine State is closer to placing bets.

Date: 10/27/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 3:00

Summary: That breaking news. The OnePulse Foundation will not be building a museum to honor the lives of those murdered during the 2016 nightclub massacre. Foundation leaders today informed the county the property purchased with tourist tax dollars will be given to the county or sold to repay the money. WESH 2's Greg Fox is LIVE at the site of the planned museum. Greg, this project just never got off the ground.

Date: 10/30/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:00

Summary: Gun fire erupted in an Orlando neighborhood; when it was over two people, a man and a woman were shot.

Date: 10/30/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: A Casselberry woman is on trial for murder.

Date: 10/3/2023

Newscast: 6p

Length: :52

Summary: Central Florida Democrats react to House vote to remove Representative Kevin McCarthy as House Speaker.

Date: 10/27/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 4:35

Summary: Crosstalk with NBC *Meet the Press*' Kristen Welker about politics, the Israel Hamas war, mass shootings in America and DeSantis in the polls.

Date: 11/6/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:50

Summary: State lawmakers are back in Tallahassee for a wide-ranging Special Session focused on Israel and Hurricane relief. WESH 2's Bob Hazen reports, the day began with the words of a Holocaust survivor.

Date: 11/8/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:55

Summary: The freedom to smoke weed is in the hands of the State Supreme Court. The justices heard arguments this morning on whether voters should allow recreational marijuana in Florida. WESH 2's Bob Hazen tells us the State Attorney General is trying to keep it off the ballot.

Date: 11/8/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: :50

Summary: Several key races have been decided in Central Florida, including the mayoral races for Orlando and Oviedo and the District 35 seat.

Date: 11/9/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:03

Summary: Five candidates were on stage last night for a fiery faceoff at the third Republican Presidential Primary Debate. NBC's Brie Jackson shows us how the candidates looked to stand out as the biggest challenger to former President Donald Trump.

Date: 11/13/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:30

Summary: This week will mark 100 days since Governor Ron DeSantis removed the State Attorney of Orange and Osceola Counties and put his own pick in that position. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez joins us with the latest on State Attorney Andrew Bain's speech about his first 3 months on the job.

Date: 11/14/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:25

Summary: A historic move by the Supreme Court, for the first time, the nine judges have adopted a formal code of conduct.

Date: 11/29/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:37

Summary: Some State lawmakers say it's time to get rid of the people who the governor appointed to oversee the land where Disney World sits. WESH 2's Bob Hazen reports the fate of the Central Florida Tourism Oversight District is being debated.

Date: 11/6/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:50

Summary: Florida lawmakers are meeting in a special session at the State Capital. They are tackling a range of problems midway through the budget year. WESH 2 Political Reporter Greg Fox is here with us now and tells us there's a lot on the plate to digest over the next few days.

Date: 11/7/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:00

Summary: In the second day of a special session on the Florida House floor, three resolutions were presented. They all focused on the continuing war in the Middle East sparked by the Hamas attacks inside Israel one month ago. WESH 2's Scott Heidler spoke with both sides on one call for de-escalation.

Date: 11/8/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:30

Summary: The Florida Supreme Court heard arguments today on a ballot initiative aimed at allowing adult use of recreational marijuana. WESH 2's Hayley Crombleholme is here in the studio to break down the holdup to having it on the ballot.

Date: 11/8/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:25

Summary: Tonight, the third debate among the Republican contenders for President will air right here on WESH 2 and is hosted by NBC News. Five candidates qualified and the only person not attending is the leading candidate, former President Donald Trump. WESH 2 News Political Reporter Greg Fox is LIVE in Miami, and Greg, fewer people on the stage will give them a better chance to get their message across to GOP voters.

Date: 11/9/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:40

Summary: Is Ron DeSantis anti-energy? Do three quarters of Americans oppose abortion after 15 weeks? Those were just some of the claims last night when 5 contenders took the stage for the third GOP debate. Ron DeSantis, Nikki Haley, Tim Scott, Chris Christie, and Vivek Ramaswamy showed up but not former President Trump. Right now we "Get the Facts" on some of the claims from WESH 2 News Political Reporter Greg Fox.

Date: 11/13/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:20

Summary: Tonight WESH 2 Investigates has learned new details on today's resignation of OnePulse Foundation Executive Director Deborah Bowie. WESH 2's Michelle Imperato joins us in the studio with the latest blow to the foundation.

Date: 11/13/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:35

Summary: This week will mark 100 days since Governor Ron DeSantis removed the State Attorney of Orange and Osceola Counties and put his own pick in that position. Today, Andrew Bain spoke about his first three months on the job. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez tells us about the first three accomplishments he highlighted.

Date: 11/14/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 3:00

Summary: Medical marijuana is legal in Florida and next year, recreational marijuana could follow, if voters say YES! Right now, WESH 2 Investigates gives you an exclusive look inside the largest cannabis processing center in America. Investigative Reporter Greg Fox also talks exclusively with the CEO of Trulieve which is bankrolling efforts to legalize pot in Florida.

Date: 11/15/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:10

Summary: A Brevard County Public School Board member moved to remove 298 books from the county's schools. The motion failed but brought the discussion about what should be allowed in the classroom back to the surface. WESH 2's Scott Heidler spoke to those on both sides of the issue.

Date: 11/21/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 3:20

Summary: WESH 2 Investigates broke the news Monday that OnePULSE is accused of breaking a contract with Orange County. At issue, a warehouse the foundation bought with tourist tax money, then allowed a local business to move-in. Today, there was NO indication the warehouse will be vacated anytime soon. WESH 2 News Investigative Reporter Greg Fox explains what county leaders are taking issue with.

Date: 11/22/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 3:15

Summary: After months of upheaval and uncertainty, tonight the OnePULSE Foundation says it will not go on. Today the Board of Trustees announced the decision to dissolve the non-profit. The news ends another chapter in the aftermath of the 2016 Pulse Nightclub shooting that killed 49 in downtown Orlando. WESH 2 Investigates has been reporting on the Foundation's struggles all year, our Michelle Imperato has led that coverage and joins us with reaction to this latest development.

Date: 11/28/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 3:35

Summary: Today some Orange County leaders are calling for an audit into the OnePULSE Foundation. This after the nonprofit announced last week it's dissolving. Last month, the group also announced the museum they got taxpayer money to build isn't going to happen. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez spoke with the county comptroller today about what happens now.

Date: 11/6/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:45

Summary: The City of Ormond Beach has stood firm against a proposed fuel terminal. Now, a motion by Volusia County council hoping to transfer the property from county control to city control has resulted in some pushback.

Date: 11/6/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:30

Summary: Developing in Tallahassee tonight: Florida lawmakers are most of the way through the first day of the special session. They're going through bills that would extend support for Israel in its war with Hamas, sanction Iran for its support of the terrorist group, provide more money for people recovering from natural disasters, and monetarily assist homeowners with ways to strengthen their homes. WESH 2 News Political Reporter Greg Fox is in the studio and tells us they're also tackling a problem in the school voucher program.

Date: 11/7/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:45

Summary: Day two of a special session on the Florida House floor came with three resolutions presented. All of them focused on the continuing war in the Middle East which were sparked by Hamas attacks inside Israel one month ago today.

Date: 11/8/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:05

Summary: Final preparations are underway ahead of the Republican primary debate tonight. WESH 2 News Political Reporter Greg Fox is LIVE in Miami, and Greg, we're less than three hours away from the debate and Governor Ron DeSantis needs a strong showing.

Date: 11/8/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:40

Summary: A bond referendum which would have built a new police station in Oviedo, failed and failed badly. More than six in ten voters said nope, not that much debt. Now, as WESH 2's Dave McDaniel explains, the city's back to the drawing board.

Date: 11/13/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:45

Summary: This week will mark 100 days since Governor Ron DeSantis removed the State Attorney of Orange and Osceola Counties and put his own pick in that position. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez shows us how the Orange County Sheriff is supporting the NEW State Attorney after public disagreement with his predecessor.

Date: 11/15/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:50

Summary: A motion FAILED to remove nearly 300 books from Brevard County's schools. But the move brought the discussion about what should be allowed in the classroom back to the surface. WESH 2's Scott Heidler spoke to those on both sides of the issue.

Date: 11/29/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:00

Summary: Some State lawmakers say they've had enough of what is the new Reedy Creek board appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis. Today, they met and discussed getting rid of the Central Florida Tourism Oversight District. WESH 2's Michelle Meredith joins us live and tells us this is turning into a nasty game of politics.

Date: 11/1/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:53

Summary: Florida Governor Ron DeSantis is making his pitch to voters in New Hampshire. They got the chance to hear directly from him over breakfast. Adam Sexton with our sister station in New Hampshire was there for the Candidate Cafe event.

Date: 11/9/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:40

Summary: Is Ron DeSantis anti-energy? Do three quarters of Americans oppose abortion after 15 weeks? Those were just some of the claims last night when 5 contenders took the stage for the third GOP debate. Ron DeSantis, Nikki Haley, Tim Scott, Chris Christie, and Vivek Ramaswamy showed up, however, former President Trump did NOT. Right now we "Get the Facts" on some of the claims from WESH 2 News Political Reporter Greg Fox.

Date: 11/15/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:31

Summary: Congressman Maxwell Frost is inviting the governor to meet with him so they can help the Florida homeowners who need it most. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis shows us the efforts to solve the property insurance crisis.

Date: 11/17/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 4:55

Summary: *Crosstalk* with Kristen Welker from *Meet the Press* on Joe Manchin, government shutdown, and the GOP primary race.

Date: 11/7/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:29

Summary: In Commitment 2023, Buddy Dyer will serve as Orlando's Mayor for four more years. Dyer won his race tonight by a landslide 72-percent of the votes. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis was there as Mayor Dyer made his acceptance speech.

Date: 12/6/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:12

Summary: A Texas mom has to leave her home state for an emergency procedure her doctors say she needs, but lawmakers say she shouldn't get it.

Date: 12/6/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:30

Summary: The feud between Governor DeSantis and the Orange Osceola State Attorney he suspended is playing out in the State Supreme Court today. The justices heard arguments from both sides after Monique Worrell sued the governor in an effort to take back her seat. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez is following the opening statements and joins us now with what happened.

Date: 12/14/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:30

Summary: For a second time in less than five years, the House has voted to launch an official impeachment inquiry into a President. NBC's Garrett Haake explains how this will allow them to enforce subpoenas against the Biden family.

Date: 12/14/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 3:00

Summary: Dueling campaign events with dueling messages just one month before the 2024 Presidential election kicks off in Iowa.

Date: 12/20/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:10

Summary: Major developing news looking ahead to the 2024 Presidential election. Former President Donald Trump is no longer on the ballot in Colorado.

Date: 12/20/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:30

Summary: In the wake of the new Texas law that allows authorities to arrest anyone who is undocumented, a record number of people have been arrested in a single day. As NBC Reporter Guad Venegas reports, some ports of entry have been shut down.

Date: 12/26/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:25

Summary: The Iowa Caucuses start in less than three weeks; it kicks off the Presidential primary season. NBC Reporter Aaron Gilchrist shows us how 2024 is shaping up to be a big year in politics.

Date: 12/21/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:15

Summary: Shifting our focus to the 2024 Presidential election, which is picking up steam ahead of the Iowa caucuses next month. GOP candidates continue to campaign in the Hawkeye State. NBC Reporter Garrett Haake reports that the latest Supreme Court ruling in Colorado is a hot topic of discussion.

Date: 12/6/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:40

Summary: Fighting to get her job back. Today, the former State Attorney for Orange and Osceola Counties took her case to the Florida Supreme Court. This, after Governor Ron DeSantis suspended her this summer. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez monitored today's arguments and brings us an update on whether or not Monique Worrell will get the seat back?

Date: 12/6/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:45

Summary: The State of Florida has put the OnePulse Foundation on notice; it wants its money back. We're talking about the \$500,000 dollars the State gave the foundation to build a museum to honor the victims of the 2016 Pulse Nightclub shooting. OnePulse is dissolving and will not be building a museum. The money needs to be re-directed to the organization that will build it. WESH 2's Michelle Meredith reports live from the Pulse Nightclub and we ask her if this was this a surprise to anyone.

Date: 12/6/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:45

Summary: That's the challenge to former President Donald Trump from Ron DeSantis as the 4th GOP Presidential Primary Debate is set for tonight. Four candidates will be on the stage. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis will be joined by former Ambassador Nikki Haley, Biotech businessman Vivek Ramaswamy, and former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie. The venue is the Moody Music Hall on the University of Alabama campus in Tuscaloosa. WESH 2 News Political Reporter Greg Fox is here in the studio with a look ahead. Greg, once again, the former President will be skipping the debate.

Date: 12/7/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:40

Summary: A lot of claims were thrown back and forth last night during the 4th debate between the candidates seeking the Republican Party nomination for President. Time to Get The Facts on some of those claims. Here's WESH 2 News Political Reporter Greg Fox.

Date: 12/12/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:05

Summary: It's one of the most popular sports and entertainment venues in the state. But does that mean Camping World Stadium in Orlando deserves an upgrade of nearly half a billion dollars? WESH 2's Greg Fox was there today as county commissioners debated this big ticket project.

Date: 12/11/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:50

Summary: According to a newly proposed State Bill, it's way too much. If passed, the bill would ban people in some workplaces to use or to be called by their preferred pronoun. Today the Chamber of Commerce representing Orlando's LGBTQ Plus community spoke out saying it's yet another bill chipping away at their rights. As WESH 2's Michelle Meredith reports, the bill's author says he's trying to give rights back to employers.

Date: 12/18/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:30

Summary: A radical change in policy out of the Vatican today. Pope Francis is formally allowing Catholic priests to bless same-sex couples. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez spoke with an LGBTQ leader in Orlando about why the announcement leaves her with mixed emotions.

Date: 12/29/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:40

Summary: A new law that takes effect next year has resulted in the resignation of several city officials across the state. Two Daytona Beach Shores Commissioners are among the many. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme looks into the impact of the new financial disclosure law on local governments.

Date: 12/6/2023

Newscast: 6p

Length: 1:35

Summary: Governor DeSantis added his name to the list of people upset with the Florida State snub from the college football playoffs. He even suggested using State cash to take the battle to court. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel spoke with a local attorney about the practicality of a lawsuit to settle the issue.

Date: 12/6/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:45

Summary: The Republican race for the White House runs through Alabama tonight, in the fourth Presidential debate. It'll be broadcast for two hours, live on our sister station, CW18, at 8 o'clock tonight. Four candidates have qualified to face-off on stage.

Date: 12/5/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:35

Summary: In a rare moment of political unity, leaders of both the Republican and Democratic parties are calling tonight for the head of the State GOP to step down. The calls for the resignation of Christian Ziegler have been amplified by the release of documents that detail allegations that he sexually assaulted a woman. WESH 2 News Political Reporter Greg Fox explains why Ziegler's future could be decided right here in Central Florida.

Date: 12/5/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:45

Summary: Advocates for the Split Oak Forest packed a meeting of the Florida Wildlife Commission today in Orlando. The commission has a proposal on the table to lift a portion of a conservation easement so the Osceola Parkway can be extended. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel shows us the significant pushback from those who feel it's an all-around bad deal.

Date: 12/6/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:25

Summary: Fighting to get her job back. Today, the former State Attorney for Orange and Osceola counties took her case to the Florida Supreme Court. This, after Governor Ron DeSantis suspended her this summer. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez breaks down the arguments made in court today.

Date: 12/6/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:05

Summary: The State of Florida has put the OnePulse Foundation on notice; It wants its money back. We're talking about the \$500,000 dollars the State gave the foundation to build a museum to honor the victims of the 2016 Pulse Nightclub shooting. As WESH 2's Michelle Meredith reports, now that OnePulse is dissolving, the stakes have changed.

Date: 12/6/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:15

Summary: The Republican race for the White House runs through Alabama tonight, in the 4th Presidential Debate. 4 candidates have qualified to face-off on stage; they are Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, South Carolina Governor and former United Nations Ambassador Nikki Haley, entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy, and former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie. The venue is the Moody Music Hall on the University of Alabama campus in Tuscaloosa. WESH 2 News Political Reporter Greg Fox is here with us now, and Greg, we're just a month out from the Iowa Caucuses and New Hampshire primary, so it's crunch time for these contenders.

2023 4th QUARTER MEET THE PRESS TOPICS

Chuck Todd, NBC News Political Director, ends his role as the moderator of "*Meet the Press*," the flagship Sunday Morning public affairs program and longest-running broadcast in television history, on Sunday, September 10, 2023. Kristen Welker, NBC News Correspondent begins her role as the moderator on Sunday, September 18, 2023.

"Meet the Press" is seen on the NBC Television Network from 9a-10a ET in most markets.

October 10, 2023

Guests: Secretary of State Anthony Blinken, Nikki Haley, GOP Presidential Candidate, and Matt Gaetz (R-Florida)

Correspondents: Andrea Mitchell, NBC News Chief White House Correspondent, Garrett Haakee, NBC News Senior Capitol Hill Correspondent, Peggy Noonan, *Wall Street Journal* Columnist, and Kimberly Atkins Stohr, Senior Opinion Writer for *The Boston Globe*

October 15, 2023

Guests: Jake Sullivan, National Security Advisor, Senator Lindsey Graham, (R-South Carolina), and Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, (D-New York)

Correspondents: Andrea Mitchell, NBC News Chief Washington Correspondent, Ambassador Dennis Ross, Counselor, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Hallie Jackson, NBC News Senior Washington Correspondent, and Toluse Olorunnipa, Bureau Chief for *The Washington Post*

October 22, 2023

Guests: Anthony Blinken, Secretary of State, Mike Pence, Presidential Candidate, and Kevin McCarthy, former House Speaker

Correspondents: Peter Baker, *New York Times* Chief White House Correspondent, Anna Nawaz, Co-Anchor *PBS News Hour*, David Ignatius, *The Washington Post* Columnist, and Danielle Pletka, American Enterprise Institute

October 29, 2023

Guests: Governor Ron DeSantis (R-Florida), Representative Pramila Jayapal (D-Washington), and former California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (R)

Correspondents: Kelly O'Donnell, NBC News Senior White House Correspondent, Toluse Olorunnipa, Bureau Chief of *The Washington Post*, Jen Psaki, former White House Press Secretary, and Stephen Hayes, Editor of *The Dispatch*

November 5, 2023

Guests: Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Ukrainian President

Correspondents: Amy Walter, Editor in Chief *The Cook Political Report*, Julio Vaqueiro, Anchor *Telemundo*, Sara Fagen, Republican Strategist, and Cornell Belcher, Democratic Pollster

November 12, 2023

Guests: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Senator Chris Murphy, (D-Connecticut), and Ronna McDaniel, RNC Chair

Correspondents: Carol Lee, former Homeland Security Secretary, Jeh Johnson, former Homeland Security Secretary, and Marc Short, former Chief of Staff to Vice President Mike Pence

November 19, 2023

Guests: John Finer, Deputy National Security Advisor, Senator Joe Manchin (R-West Virginia), Presidential Candidate Chris Christie (R), and Richard Blumenthal (D-Connecticut)

Correspondents: Ryan Nobles, NBC News Capitol Hill Correspondent, Helene Cooper, *New York Times* Pentagon Correspondent, Carlos Curbelo, former Republican Congressman, and Stephanie Murphie, former Democratic Congresswoman

November 26, 2023

Guests: Jake Sullivan, National Security Advisor, Chair of the House Intelligence Committee Representative Mike Turner (R-Ohio), and Actress Selma Blair

Correspondents: Brendan Buck, Republican Strategist, Leigh Ann Cadwell, *The Washington Post*, and Symone Sanders-Townsend, former Chief Spokesperson for Vice President Kamala Harris

December 3, 2023

Guests: John Kirby, NSC Coordinator for Strategic Communications, Governor Ron DeSantis, (R-Florida), Allyson Felix, Olympic Gold Medalist – Track & Field

Correspondents: Tim Alberta, Correspondent for *The Atlantic*, Kimberly Atkins-Stohr, Senior Opinion Writer *The Boston Globe*, and Stephen Hayes, Editor for *The Dispatch*

December 10, 2023

Guests: Senator Mitt Romney (R-Utah) and Senator Chris Murphy (D-Connecticut)

Correspondents: Kelly O'Donnell, NBC News Senior White House Correspondent, Cornell Belcher, Democratic Pollster, Jonathan Martin, Politico, and Lanhee Chen, a fellow at the Hoover Institute

December 17, 2023

Guests: Lindsey Graham (R-South Carolina) and Representative Debbie Dingell (D-Michigan)

Correspondents: Courtney Kube, NBC News National Security and Pentagon Correspondent, Geoff Bennett, Co-Anchor *PBS NewsHour*, Jen Psaki, former Press Secretary, and Matt Gorman, Republican Strategist

December, 24, 2023 – Meet the Press – “Meet the Moment”

Guests: Actress and Advocate Selma Blair, Journalist and Author Tim Alberta, Olympic Gold Medalist Allyson Felix, and Iranian Journalist Masih Alinejad

December 31, 2023

Guests: Senator John Fetterman, Governor Spencer Cox (R-Utah), and Governor Jared Polis (D-Colorado)

Correspondents: Former Representative Patrick J. Kennedy (D-Rhode Island), Dr. Shairi Turner, Crisis Text Line Chief Medical Officer, and Victoria Garrick Brown, Mental Health Advocate

WESH 2 – 4th QUARTER 2023 – SOCIAL FAMILY

Date: 10/13/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 3:00

Summary: We are committed to finding forever homes for every shelter pet in Central Florida. This week in our "WESH to the Rescue" initiative, we welcome back Bree Burkett from Seminole County Animal Services.

Date: 10/23/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:15

Summary: Social media users in Utah may have a different experience logging into their accounts in the coming months. State leaders proposed a new rule they say will protect kids online.

Date: 10/31/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:10

Summary: WESH 2's Bob Hazen shows us the couples who are thrilled to celebrate Halloween with a 'Hallo-Wedding.'

Date: 10/4/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:40

Summary: All new tonight! It's been nearly a year since an Orlando native made it to the finals on NBC's *The Voice*. Omar Jose Cardona finished in fourth place. Since then, he became a father and just released his very first single! WESH 2's Christina Watkins tells us how his son inspires his music.

Date: 10/4/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:05

Summary: Artificial Intelligence seems to be the next big step in education and now Volusia County Schools is giving some students a chance to learn about AI. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme caught up with school district leaders as they leap into this new era that carries many risks and challenges.

Date: 10/4/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:35

Summary: It's October, which means a lot of scary stories circulating around this time. But there's one that's cropped up this year that's going to blow your mind. Are you ready? Legend has it I-4 is haunted. As WESH 2's Michelle Meredith reports the Central Florida area in question won't surprise you.

Date: 10/4/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:00

Summary: The Crown Motel in Osceola County is one step closer to being turned into affordable housing. As WESH 2's Megan Mellado explains, more than 30 studio apartments will soon be available.

Date: 10/17/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:00

Summary: It's been smooth sailing for the NASA SpaceX crewed flights up to the International Space Station, but in that NASA commercial partnership one member that has yet to fly humans to the I-S-S Boeing. As WESH 2's Scott Heidler tells us, there's yet another delay with Starliner.

Date: 10/18/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 3:00

Summary: We begin with breaking news. The City of Orlando has struck a deal to buy the Pulse Nightclub site. WESH 2 was the first to break this news this afternoon and since then we've learned much more information about the deal families and survivors of the mass shooting have been hoping for. WESH 2's Michelle Imperato is in the studio with the sale details and how we got here.

Date: 10/18/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:00

Summary: Neighbors in a Brevard County beach town are appealing to the county; they are upset after a homeowner began building a structure out of shipping containers in his backyard! WESH 2's Scott Heidler talked to those concerned and to county leaders about what happens next.

Date: 10/19/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 4:00

Summary: Now at 4. WESH 2 Investigates is digging into the next steps after the City of Orlando agreed to purchase the land where the Pulse Nightclub massacre claimed 49 lives. WESH 2 was the first to break the news about the deal yesterday. It's a story we've been working on for months. City officials now say it's likely some or all of the building will be demolished to make way for a permanent memorial. WESH 2's Greg Fox reports live outside the Pulse Nightclub with the current time table.

Date: 10/19/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:15

Summary: We know there are so many unanswered questions about the future of the Pulse Nightclub. WESH 2's Michelle Imperato joins me now with what we've been looking into.

Date: 10/20/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:15

Summary: Spirit Airlines canceled dozens of flights this morning. It appears to be connected to inspections they needed to do on a small number of their airplanes. The ticket gate at Orlando International Airport was jammed with passengers trying to figure out what's next. As WESH 2's Michelle Meredith reports, there were a lot of questions and confusion.

Date: 10/24/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:00

Summary: The City of New Smyrna Beach's parking situation has been a problem for several years. Now, the city's parking task force has come up with a list of recommendations to help. WESH 2's Pamela Comme caught up with one board member as they are preparing to meet with the city council tonight.

Date: 10/24/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:50

Summary: Day in and day out, many parents drop off their kids at school and pick them up at dismissal. That twice a day errand can create a little friction if courtesy takes a backseat to determination to make the trip a quick one. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel looks at what Longwood police officers are doing to restore order at Longwood Elementary School.

Date: 10/26/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:20

Summary: This shooting brings up a question for many parents. How do I talk to my children about mass shootings? WESH 2's Summer Knowles joins us now and Summer, child psychology and parenting experts say it varies by age.

Date: 10/27/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:50

Summary: Today, Florida Head Start is awarding its "Father of the Year." This year, that dad is from Orange County! In our latest "Saving Our Streets" report, WESH 2's Marlei Martinez tells us about Darnellion Brown and his mission to help dads and kids in our community.

Date: 10/31/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:10

Summary: WESH 2's Bob Hazen shows us the couples who are thrilled to celebrate Halloween with a 'Hallo-Wedding.'

Date: 10/2/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:55

Summary: Now, some are making a big investment in the Mercy Drive corridor by bringing opportunity to the neighborhood. In our next Saving Our Streets report, WESH 2's Marlei Martinez tells us about a brand new job training program that Valencia College just created in the heart of Mercy Drive.

Date: 10/2/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:20

Summary: Today was a special day for the Orlando Magic; sort of the unofficial kickoff to the season ahead. The team came together at the AdventHealth Training Center for "Media Day" today. WESH 2 Sports Reporter Kristen Lago was there and looks ahead to what the team hopes will be an exciting year.

Date: 10/5/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:40

Summary: A proposed fuel terminal coming to Ormond Beach has sparked much controversy among residents. Today, for the first time we spoke with one of the founders of Belvedere Terminals, the company hoping to build this farm. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme asked one of the founders about all the pushback they received.

Date: 10/9/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Supporters of Israel are demonstrating today in Ormond Beach. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme joins us live from Ormond Beach where a few supporters for Palestinians showed up.

Date: 10/10/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:35

Summary: The Volusia County School Board is considering closing decades-old Read-Pattillo Elementary School.

Date: 10/13/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:00

Summary: A grandmother in Brevard County suddenly found herself raising her grandson. Facing many issues and struggles, she started an organization to help other grandparents like herself. Our Brevard County Bureau Chief Scott Heidler shares her story in this Saving Our Streets report.

Date: 10/13/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:10

Summary: It's a word so long, you have to read it slowly: Bio-mechatronics. It's a science field that tries to combine biology, mechanical engineering, and electronics with robotics tossed in. Some brainy kids here in Central Florida are taking it on. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel spoke to 8th graders who are more than dreaming, they're designing what that dream might look like.

Date: 10/16/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:35

Summary: Central Florida welcomes First Lady Dr. Jill Biden as she made several stops in Brevard County.

Date: 10/16/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:40

Summary: An Orlando doctor is collecting thousands of pounds of medical supplies for Israel. But now she's looking to do even more. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez spoke with Dr. Tovah Ellman who says she's ready to head to Israel herself if she's called.

Date: 10/17/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: An animal shelter in Brevard County recently got a lot of attention when the Sheriff's office called them for help when a breeder unexpectedly died. Those dogs were adopted, but as our Brevard Bureau Chief Scott Heidler reports, this is the month to adopt a shelter dog if you're considering it.

Date: 10/18/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:40

Summary: Blocks of empty space in downtown Orlando. It's the area directly under I-4 between Church Street on the South and Washington Street on the North. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel looks at how locals were able to weigh in on the future of that land.

Date: 10/19/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:14

Summary: WESH 2's Michelle Meredith is live at the Pulse Nightclub where she spoke with some families who share concerns.

Date: 10/20/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:14

Summary: WESH 2's Michelle Meredith talked to a mental health expert to try to bring, as best we can, some perspective.

Date: 10/25/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Magic fans, get ready! Tonight is the team's home opener at the Amway Center! There's a lot of excitement right now as the team gets ready to take the court against the Houston Rockets. WESH 2 Sports Anchor Daren Stoltzfus is in downtown Orlando.

Date: 10/27/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: It's Friday, it's starting to feel like fall, and it's a beautiful night for football! WESH 2 Sports Director Daren Stoltzfus joins us live from Seminole High School for our game of the week. Daren, there are a few games left in the regular season.

Date: 10/27/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:40

Summary: Halloween events will be well underway this weekend but for one performer who plays different spooky characters at local festivals, the holiday will never be the same. WESH 2's Megan Mellado explains he was in a serious car accident and thought that would prevent him from performing again.

Date: 10/27/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:45

Summary: It was the ride of a lifetime for a local firefighter hailed as a hero. The Orlando Fire Lieutenant jumped into action when a Seminole County deputy had a crash which led to a fire. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel was on hand when the hometown hero took off with the Air Force Thunderbirds.

Date: 10/31/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:35

Summary: After a fire ripped through a historic Central Florida theater, leaders are now looking at what comes next. Flagler Playhouse has been around for decades. WESH 2's Pamela Comme spoke with the president of the playhouse about the future of this historic spot.

Date: 10/24/2023

Newscast: 6p

Length: 2:11

Summary: Discipline and teamwork. These are just two of the skills kids at Edgewood Children's Ranch in Orange County are learning about. One way they're doing it is through gardening. In this "Saving Our Streets" report, WESH 2's Michelle Meredith learned a partnership between the ranch and a nonprofit is doing much more than keeping kids out of trouble.

Date: 10/30/2023

Newscast: 6p

Length: 1:42

Summary: A new ice cream shop is opening at a historic location in Orlando. The beloved Goff's Drive In closed last year after a suspected arson.

Date: 10/2/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:45

Summary: A 17-year-old high school senior is being remembered by his peers after he died while riding his bike to school in Lake County. People attending a football game, that's starting NOW between Lake Minneola and East Ridge, have been asked to wear orange in honor of Sherman Vannoy.

Date: 10/5/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:15

Summary: A proposed fuel terminal, that is proposed to come to Ormond Beach, has sparked much controversy among residents. Today, for the first time we spoke with one of the founders of Belvedere Terminals, the company hoping to build this farm. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme asked one of the founders about all the push back they have received.

Date: 10/5/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:45

Summary: Some young students are giving back to the community and boosting the self-esteem of others for FREE. They're offering free haircuts to men staying at the Coalition for the Homeless in Orlando.

Date: 10/11/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 3:40

Summary: Training for the OUC Orlando Half Marathon continues for those of us getting Ready for Race Day in December. Here at WESH 2, Michelle Imperato, along with Sheldon Dutes and Stewart Moore, are taking part! This week, the team at Track Shack is helping them stay limber with foam rolling techniques for stretching.

Date: 10/19/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:56

Summary: After waiting months to receive FEMA money to get their home fixed after Hurricane Ian, a Port Orange family has nothing to show for it. That's after they hired Steven Parker- a well-known member of the community who everyone believed was a general contractor. After doing some digging, police confirmed Parker wasn't a licensed contractor at all. WESH 2's Luana Munoz spoke with the family who were devastated to hear the news.

Date: 11/2/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:50

Summary: Homework can take a toll on everyone in the house, but there are ways to get those after-school assignments done with your sanity intact. Reporter Mandy Gaither has some ways parents can help kids with their homework.

Date: 11/3/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 3:00

Summary: Today's WESH 2 the Rescue featured pet is Jag from the SPCA of Brevard.

Date: 11/10/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 3:00

Summary: Today's WESH 2 the Rescue featured pet is Strawberry Shortcake from Halifax Humane Society

Date: 11/17/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:20

Summary: 3 million Floridians are set to take a road trip. First Warning Traffic Expert, Meaghan Mackey has a look at how you can prepare if you're driving out of town.

Date: 11/17/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 3:00

Summary: Today's WESH 2 the Rescue featured pet is Ernie from Lake County Animal Shelter.

Date: 11/20/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:55

Summary: A lot of our local students are off this week for the Thanksgiving break and many families are heading out of town. WESH 2's Tony Atkins is there live and talking with travelers about the busy week.

Date: 11/21/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:40

Summary: For the past 15 years, the Pendas Law Firm has given hundreds of families a little relief during the holidays. They held their annual Turkey Drive this morning and WESH 2's Tony Atkins caught up with some people who waited HOURS for the drive to begin.

Date: 11/21/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:00

Summary: This week, we celebrate everything we are thankful for, but health experts say we should be practicing gratitude all year long. Reporter Mandy Gaither shows us how to practice gratitude and why it's so important for both kids and adults.

Date: 11/1/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:05

Summary: For the first time in over 30 years, paws hit the sand in Ormond Beach. Under a new 18-month long pilot program dogs are now welcome in a half mile stretch of the beach. WESH 2's Volusia County Reporter Pamela Comme caught up with residents very excited about its start.

Date: 11/2/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:45

Summary: Growing calls tonight for an independent audit of the OnePulse Foundation on the heels of executives scrapping plans to build a museum. Right now, WESH 2 Investigative Reporter Greg Fox is talking with donors about the money they've given to the project as others seek to expose the Foundation's finances.

Date: 11/2/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:30

Summary: If you're running around Orlando this weekend and you see a lot of people who look like they might be body builders, there's a good chance they are. When I think of body building, I think of WESH 2's Michelle Meredith. She joins us in the studio to give us a hint of what's really going on!

Date: 11/2/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:20

Summary: Two Daytona Beach food pantries that have been around for more than a decade must close. Church leaders say this comes after the City issued them a violation for an ordinance. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme found these closures will impact many.

Date: 11/3/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:40

Summary: NASA Astronaut Ken Mattingly, who spanned Apollo to Shuttle eras, died this week at 87. He flew to the moon on Apollo 16 but is well-known for his role in a mission without even blasting off. Here is WESH 2's Space Coast Bureau Chief Scott Heidler on his legacy.

Date: 11/3/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:50

Summary: Do you remember your graduation day? Your child's graduation day? It was a day full of hope and anticipation for the future. Well today there was a graduation with the same feeling of hope and anticipation. But as WESH 2's Michelle Meredith reports there's a twist. The adorable graduates have four legs.

Date: 11/6/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:20

Summary: So we got to wonder why have an art contest highlighting space. Well, space is projected to be a Multi-TRILLION dollar industry in the coming years. Just like everywhere else, there are not enough people to fill the jobs needed. We asked the CEO of Space Florida what our state is working on to keep the gateway to the stars planted right here in Central Florida.

Date: 11/8/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:35

Summary: SWAT teams from around the globe are in Orange County this week to learn how to better prevent deadly situations. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis shows us how an international competition is training them to save lives.

Date: 11/9/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:30

Summary: You have seen stories about World War II Veterans before, but you have never seen a Veteran like Sallie Amato. You don't meet many women who served in the MARINES in the 40's. As WESH 2's Michelle Meredith reports, that's not the only thing impressive about her.

Date: 11/10/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:50

Summary: Getting a cancer diagnosis is terrifying and for some it's easy to feel defeated. But thinking positive really is POWERFUL medicine. Nine year old Zachary Summerow has taken it to another level. You know that saying "a picture is worth a thousand words," WESH 2's Michelle Meredith show us how it's done.

Date: 11/10/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:25

Summary: The NASA Apollo Astronaut community lost another member this week. Apollo 8's Commander Frank Borman was 95 years old when he died on Tuesday. Our Space Coast Bureau Chief Scott Heidler takes a look at his trailblazing career.

Date: 11/13/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:05

Summary: SpaceX's massive Starship could have its second test flight later this week. While the testing is in Texas, it's operational future will be on the Cape. WESH 2's Space Coast Bureau Chief Scott Heidler spoke to experts on what to expect and what needs to happen before liftoff.

Date: 11/14/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:55

Summary: The Downtown Kissimmee community is coming together to help continue serving those in need after police say someone intentionally set fire to the Salvation Army's building. WESH 2's Megan Mellado spoke to volunteers who say offering a helping hand is the least they could do.

Date: 11/14/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 3:10

Summary: Orange County was the first in Florida to launch a unique and innovative program to combat gun violence and violent crime. It's called the Credible Messenger program. It started with one man a couple years ago. In our latest "Saving Our Streets" report, WESH 2's Marlei Martinez tells us how the county is now ramping up and investing hundreds of thousands more dollars by hiring five new Credible Messengers.

Date: 11/15/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:45

Summary: We're just days away from the showdown in O-town! Central Florida is getting ready to host thousands at the nation's largest football game between two HBCU's. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis shows us how the stadium and business owners are preparing for the Florida Classic.

Date: 11/15/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 3:00

Summary: When you step into the Orange County Convention Center it's a maze of booths filled with wonder. Flashing lights, bells, and flying cars. WESH 2's Michelle Meredith couldn't resist stepping on the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions Convention floor a second time to look for more fun and a little trouble.

Date: 11/15/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 4:00

Summary: For the first time, parents are hearing Volusia County School's stance on the proposed fuel terminal in Ormond Beach. The superintendent listed all the reasons why they believe this terminal could negatively impact students. WESH 2's Pamela Comme got ahold of the letter the district sent to the county.

Date: 11/17/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:05

Summary: This time of the year it's a classic. Kids posing for pictures with Santa Claus. Some kids are excited others are petrified. Now substitute the children for shelter animals and you have a feel for the hysterical scene that played out at Seminole County Animal Services today. As WESH 2's Michelle Meredith reports, there was a method to the madness.

Date: 11/17/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 3:10

Summary: We see them at brunches, on stages, and more recently, rallying at the steps of the State Capital. Drag Queens say state laws attack their long-standing culture and community. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis spent a day with a local drag performer, who says the curtains will never close.

Date: 11/20/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 3:00

Summary: There's something new to see almost every week at the site of Universal's newest theme park. Epic Universe is not expected to open for quite some time, but as WESH 2's Christina Watkins shows us, there's been EPIC progress over the last few months.

Date: 11/21/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:45

Summary: It was an early Thanksgiving at the Sharing Center in Longwood today. A sit down meal, a to-go bag with additional food, and other much needed supplies for the clients they work to help. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel dropped by for the annual celebration of kindness.

Date: 11/21/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:35

Summary: For the past 15 years the Pendas Law Firm has given hundreds of families a little relief during the holidays. They held their annual turkey drive this morning and WESH 2's Tony Atkins caught up with some people who waited HOURS for the drive to begin.

Date: 11/21/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:45

Summary: More than two-million passengers are expected to make their way through the Orlando International Airport this Thanksgiving travel period. With nearly 171-thousands of them traveling today. WESH 2's Megan Mellado joins us live from terminal A. Megan, how are things looking?

Date: 11/22/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:10

Summary: It's shaping up to be a record-breaking year for Thanksgiving travel. Just look at this timelapse of the long lines at Orlando International Airport this morning. WESH 2's Paola Tristan Arruda has been talking to travelers at the airport all day long and joins us live.

Date: 11/22/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:10

Summary: It's a busy day on the roads as millions of people are making the trek to join their families and friends for Thanksgiving. WESH 2's Megan Mellado joins us live from Chopper 2 near I-4. Megan, what're you hearing from people hitting the road?

Date: 11/22/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:50

Summary: The bustle for Thanksgiving is a fever pitch. Packed roads and airports, plus meal prep. But one group of volunteers in Brevard County is out on the roads for a different reason today; he's delivering meals to hospice patients. WESH 2's Scott Heidler traveled with one volunteer who has a special connection.

Date: 11/27/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:55

Summary: Orange County is investing hundreds of thousands of dollars in its innovative violence prevention program called Credible Messengers. This month, the county hired 5 more of these unique mentors. In our latest "Saving Our Streets" report, WESH 2's Marlei Martinez introduces us to She-Lion.

Date: 11/28/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 3:00

Summary: After a weekend full of holiday shopping, now it's time for giving back. We're kicking off our "38th Annual Share Your Christmas" with our Giving Tuesday Telethon! Share Your Christmas is our annual food and fund drive benefiting Second Harvest Food Bank. We started today's telethon, LIVE from the food bank at 6 am. Now, WESH 2's Michelle Imperato has taken over the hosting duties and is LIVE with a room full of people who are hoping you are feeling generous!

Date: 11/28/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 3:45

Summary: Today has been a fantastic kick-off of our “38th Annual Share Your Christmas” aimed at tackling hunger in Central Florida. On this Giving Tuesday, it's so important that those of us who can help step up and do so. WESH 2's Michelle Imperato is live at Second Harvest Food Bank with more on our Giving Tuesday Telethon and how YOU can help right now.

Date: 11/28/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 3:40

Summary: Schools are now regularly on the front lines of combating childhood hunger. From teachers having extra snacks in the classroom to unused space becoming a food pantry. At Sterling Park Elementary School in Seminole County, both are happening. Supported by Second Harvest Food Bank and the PTA., once a month, there's something extra thanks to Second Harvest's Fresh Market program.

Date: 11/30/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:40

Summary: Volusia County is growing, and some schools are over capacity. District leaders are now looking to rezone hundreds of students. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme spoke to parents bracing for changes.

Date: 11/30/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:45

Summary: Mentorship is one of the best ways to set up young people for success. It's why a Seminole County man is working to expand his program so that more at-risk children and teens could get help. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis shows us how the group is already leaving its mark in this “Saving Our Streets” report.

Date: 11/2/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:40

Summary: Two decades old food pantries in Daytona Beach are being forced to close their doors after the churches behind them say the City ordered them to close because of an ordinance. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme caught up with church leaders who are fighting this any way they can.

Dat: 11/3/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: After 11 long weeks, the high school football regular season here in Central Florida is ending. Tonight marks the last week of games before the postseason kicks off and our Game of the Week brings us to Oviedo High School, where the Lions are welcoming a rival in the Hagerty Huskies. WESH 2 Sports Reporter Kristen Lago is live in Oviedo with more on the finale!

Date: 11/6/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: The Orlando Magic are off to a hot start this season, back at home tonight after taking down the Lakers on Saturday. That's right, the Magic are looking to make it three wins in a row tonight. WESH 2 Sports Anchor Kristen Lago is live at the Amway Center where the Dallas Mavericks are in town.

Date: 11/6/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:40

Summary: Today were hearing from the daughter of Mark Mathys; he died at Daytona International Speedway about a week ago during practice. As WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme tells us, he leaves behind his family including a newborn grandson.

Date: 11/7/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:05

Summary: People living in an Orlando Mobile Home Park have been evicted. They told us the eviction notice came this weekend and then the scramble to get out started. With nowhere to go, some are now living out of their cars. WESH 2's Michelle Meredith talked to one family today that is doing just that and trying to cope with their new reality.

Date: 11/9/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:25

Summary: A Volusia County teacher has quite the story to tell after she inherited a cemetery in Ormond Beach. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme caught up with Brenda Fecher. She's reconnecting family members with their deceased loved ones.

Date: 11/10/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: It is the first week of the playoffs here in Florida, as the high school football season takes things up a notch tonight. Sports Director Daren Stoltzfus joins us live from our game of the week and for the second straight week, we are at Oviedo High School.

Date: 11/13/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:20

Summary: Construction on St. Cloud's brand new skatepark is almost done! WESH 2's Megan Mellado spoke with city officials and has a sneak peek of the new course.

Date: 11/15/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:10

Summary: When you step into the Orange County Convention Center, it's a maze of booths filled with wonder, flashing lights, bells, and flying cars. WESH 2's Michelle Meredith couldn't resist stepping on the floor of International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions Expo for a second time to look for more fun and a little trouble with a dinosaur.

Date: 11/16/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:35

Summary: It's looking like it's going to be another record-breaking travel season at Orlando International Airport. WESH 2's Megan Mellado joins us live from Terminal C. Megan, you heard from officials earlier today; they're saying it's going to be busy this Thanksgiving.

Date: 11/16/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:50

Summary: The largest and most powerful rocket ever produced is due to take its second test flight from Texas. It was set to fly Friday, but SpaceX just pushed it to Saturday a few hours ago. Our Space Coast Bureau Chief Scott Heidler spoke to experts on what to expect when the Starship blasts off.

Date: 11/16/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 3:00

Summary: A Central Florida organization has been guiding young men to the right path for years. That's why Man Up Mentoring is a CommUNITY Champion. As WESH 2's Christina Watkins shows us, the non-profit helps children and their families learn about ways to live a better life and excel in everything they do.

Date: 11/17/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:40

Summary: We're officially less than a week away from Thanksgiving and we know the roads can be especially busy during this time of year. Today kicks off the Thanksgiving travel period. More than 3-million Floridians are expected to hit the roads over the next 10 days. Our Traffic Expert, Meaghan Mackey, is joining us live from Chopper 2. Meaghan, we're already seeing lots of traffic heading into the weekend.

Date: 11/17/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:35

Summary: Tonight marks the second round of the high school football postseason. Plenty of big time matchups and programs are going at it tonight. Our Game of the Week is taking us to New Smyrna Beach. Sports Reporter Kristen Lago joins us live where a little rivalry is brewing, Kristen?

Date: 11/20/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:05

Summary: The story of one family's eviction tugged many of our viewers' hearts. It was hard not to react to images of the family in a parking lot about to spend the night in a van with four children including a two year old and a baby. Now, their luck has changed, not only does the family have a new apartment, but they were also showered with generosity! WESH 2's Michelle Meredith caught up with the Colon family.

Date: 11/21/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:55

Summary: For decades, the Salvation Army in Orlando has been serving up plates of turkey with all the dressings on Thanksgiving Day. It's done with a lot of love but it's a massive job. But now, the Salvation Army has some help from their new friends, the Culinary School at Valencia College. As WESH 2's Michelle Meredith reports, it's a partnership that's as satisfying as the dinners being served.

Date: 11/21/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:45

Summary: The Thanksgiving travel period is well underway and it's set to be a record breaking year. But with more people can come more stress. WESH 2's Megan Mellado joins us live from Orlando International Airport. Megan, you asked passengers for their best etiquette tips for a smoother trip. What did they say?

Date: 11/22/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:05

Summary: This year is shaping up to be a record-breaking one for Thanksgiving travel. Orlando International Airport predicts more than 2 million people will pass through the airport over the holiday season. We have WESH 2's Paola Tristan Arruda LIVE at the airport tonight.

Date: 11/22/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:00

Summary: It's not unusual for big organizations like the Salvation Army to serve free turkey dinners to hundreds of people. For a small restaurant owner that's a tall order! But nothing's too hard or cost too much money when Eatonville's Miss Kim puts her heart and soul into it. As WESH 2's Michelle Meredith reports, she was serving up plates of her trademark soul food Thanksgiving style.

Date: 11/22/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:45

Summary: Megan, millions of people are hitting the road, hoping to reach their destinations just in time for Thanksgiving. You spoke to a family who drove from Minnesota.

Date: 11/22/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:05

Summary: Our team coverage on Thanksgiving travel continues now with WESH 2's Brevard County Bureau Chief Scott Heidler. He joins us live at the airport in Melbourne. Scott, what's the situation there?

Date: 11/28/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 6:00

Summary: We are kicking off our "38th Annual Share Your Christmas" with our Giving Tuesday Telethon! Now, Michelle Imperato has taken over the hosting duties and is LIVE with a room full of people who are hoping you are feeling generous!

Date: 11/29/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 3:00

Summary: The OUC Half Marathon is this Saturday! So we want to make sure runners and spectators have all the information needed ahead to be Ready for Race Day. Wayne Talbot is a coach for Track Shack's Training Program. He's been coaching Sheldon. Wayne, what are the most critical things runners need to know 3 days out?

Date: 11/30/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:00

Summary: Over a dozen Volusia County schools are overcrowded and the district is looking for ways to manage the rapid growth. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme found some parents are unhappy their child might be forced out of the school they've been at for years.

Date: 11/30/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:45

Summary: Saturday at 7:15, the horn will blare, then 4-thousand people will start their trek through downtown Orlando for the OUC Half Marathon. The race is a fixture in the City Beautiful that is over 4 decades old. As WESH 2's Michelle Meredith reports, for some the OUC Half Marathon is more than a race, it's a life changer.

Date: 11/30/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 3:50

Summary: A local woman has made a huge impact on the lives of our men and women serving overseas. She started a nonprofit in 2010 with the hopes of sending something special to American troops. Meet COMMUNITY Champion, Kathy Hewitt.

Date: 11/7/2023

Newscast: 6p

Length: 2:56

Summary: It's a high school concept that is new to Orlando. Students go to their classes four days a week and the fifth day is dedicated to setting up success for their future. WESH 2's Meredith McDonough reveals why this network of schools is unlike any other.

Date: 11/10/2023

Newscast: 6p

Length: 1:14

Summary: Plans for a seaplane base along East Lake Toho in St. Cloud are taking off. The City approved a master plan for the base at last night's council meeting. WESH 2's Megan Mellado asked locals their opinion.

Date: 11/20/2023

Newscast: 6p

Length: 1:54

Summary: For decades, the Salvation Army in Orlando has been serving up plates of turkey with all the dressings on Thanksgiving Day. Now they are getting a little help from their new friends, the Culinary School at Valencia College. As WESH 2's Michelle Meredith reports, it's a partnership that's as satisfying as the dinners being served.

Date: 11/8/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:22

Summary: It's a bit scary to say out loud, but we are now less than a month away from the OUC Orlando Half marathon. The race has been happening in downtown Orlando since 1977. I spoke with two guys who have been there since the beginning and they're getting ready for their 47th consecutive Race Day!

Date: 11/9/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:45

Summary: A Volusia County teacher has quite the story to tell after she inherited a cemetery in Ormond Beach. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme caught up with Brenda Fecher who's reconnecting family members with their deceased loved ones.

Date: 11/20/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:04

Summary: The story of one family's eviction tugged at many of our viewers' hearts. Now, their luck has changed. Not only does the family have a new apartment, but they were also showered with generosity!

Date: 11/22/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:25

Summary: First at 7, millions are flying, driving, or maybe taking a train as they travel ahead of the long holiday weekend. It's been a busy day in the air and on the roads. We have live team coverage tonight. Chief Meteorologist Tony Mainolfi has your Thanksgiving forecast. But we start with WESH 2's Hayley Crombleholme live at Orlando International Airport. Hayley, it was really busy earlier today. How are things right now?

Date: 11/10/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:22

Summary: It's an event that draws hundreds of thousands of people to Central Florida each year. The Electric Daisy Carnival better known as EDC kicked off tonight at Tinker Field. WESH 2's Luana Munoz was there talking with event goers.

Date: 11/10/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:42

Summary: A woman in Daytona Beach is mourning the loss of her home and four dogs after her house caught fire this week. Three of her pups were service dogs and helped the veteran with her PTSD. WESH 2's Liv Johnson tells us how she is trying to rebuild after one of the most devastating days of her life.

Date: 11/14/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 2:04

Summary: Tonight a local church that's given back to its community for three decades now continues to give this holiday season. WESH 2's Gail Paschall Brown tells us about the "hope" in Hope Church in tonight's Project CommUNITY.

Date: 12/19/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:50

Summary: Hundreds of Osceola County families are getting a little relief ahead of the holidays. The Salvation Army held it's angel tree giveaway. WESH 2's Tony Atkins shows us how this year meant so much MORE to an organization dealing with the loss of its own.

Date: 12/19/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:40

Summary: Some Orange County families also got some special gifts. WESH 2's Bob Hazen is in Taft where some leaders helped hand out dozens of gifts.

Date: 12/1/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:10

Summary: At 7:15 tomorrow morning about four-thousand runners will start their trek through downtown Orlando for the OUC Half Marathon. Several roads will be closed throughout the morning for the race. First Warning Traffic Expert Meaghan Mackey has a look at the closures.

Date: 12/1/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:35

Summary: The Salvation Army in Osceola County needs your help. They're working on rebuilding after a fire burned their building two weeks before Thanksgiving. As WESH 2's Megan Mellado explains, they're also looking for volunteers to help with their red kettle campaign.

Date: 12/1/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Port Canaveral has been upgrading and expanding facilities to keep pace with the record breaking flow of cruisers. Very soon it'll be home to the world's largest cruise ship. WESH 2's Scott Heidler spoke with an industry expert on what this all means.

Date: 12/4/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:05

Summary: Not knowing when your next meal will be or where you will get it. More and more of our neighbors are going through food insecurity. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel spoke with the leader of the largest food pantry in Seminole County about the need and the effort to meet that need.

Date: 12/4/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:34

Summary: When you think of the Orlando Science Center you think about things that are beyond the world as we know it. Well there's a new exhibit in the works that will bring you firmly back to Earth in ways you might not expect. WESH 2's Michelle Meredith got a sneak peek.

Date: 12/4/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:40

Summary: Some people in Brevard County say the Brightline trains are too noisy. Melbourne residents are trying to stop the 30 daily trains from blowing their horns when they come through the neighborhood. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis spoke with some of them, including the Mayor and Brightline leaders.

Date: 12/4/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:50

Summary: During the pandemic, they were a common site: food distributions. Cars lined up for hours to receive food and help stave off expenses. Second Harvest led the way with mobile distributions. But three and half years later, the need and these giveaways have become the new normal for thousands of Central Florida families. I got the chance to check out one in Osceola County, serving families who have to call motels home.

Date: 12/5/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:05

Summary: Thousands of people are continuing to move to Volusia County and the schools in the area are feeling the impacts. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme looks into the district's future plans to manage the growth.

Date: 12/5/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 3:00

Summary: A hard reality in the fight against hunger is that the face of hunger is often a child's. But with the help of Second Harvest Food Bank, schools are creating ways for students to be fueled for learning. It's part of a special initiative, the School Market Program. We were invited to see the one at Space Coast Junior Senior High School in Cocoa.

Date: 12/6/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:50

Summary: It's being called a first of its kind class in Florida. An Orange County high school is offering a new sports officiating class. WESH 2's Paola Tristan Arruda stepped into the classroom at Olympia High School to learn about how this course is offering students a different career path.

Date: 12/6/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:50

Summary: It's a secretive project and will soon blast off from the Kennedy Space Center. The United States Air Force space plane will take a ride up this time on a SpaceX Falcon Heavy. WESH 2's Space Coast Bureau Chief Scott Heidler looks at the mission which will keep the space plane in orbit for years.

Date: 12/6/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 3:15

Summary: As we do each year for Share Your Christmas, we're bringing you the stories of need and support for those in our community who struggle with hunger. Second Harvest Food Bank is the resource in Central Florida when it comes to fighting hunger. Last year they expanded their work to Marion County and WESH 2's Meredith McDonough shows us what a difference a year makes.

Date: 12/7/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:15

Summary: Today, the City of Ormond Beach honored a fallen officer with a funeral procession. 54-year-old Michael Bakaysa was an officer with the Ormond Beach Police Department for more than 27 years. WESH 2's Paola Tristan Arruda was at the procession where his fellow officers paid their respects.

Date: 12/12/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:35

Summary: The Brevard County School Board is looking into the idea of year-round classes. Our Brevard Bureau Chief Scott Heidler joins us live where a meeting is taking place today and gives us an update.

Date: 12/13/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:00

Summary: We only have a few weeks left in the 2023 Cape launch schedule. Now, the first crewed mission for 2024 has been announced and it's only a few weeks away. Our Space Coast Bureau Chief Scott Heidler listened in on the Ax-Three mission update today.

Date: 12/14/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:00

Summary: He was one of the movers and shakers who brought Disney World to Central Florida and helped build the company into the world's largest entertainment empire. Dick Nunis, the former Chair of Walt Disney Attractions and Inaugural Chair of the UCF Board of Trustees, died Wednesday. WESH 2's Greg Fox looks back on his career, and commitment to this community.

Date: 12/16/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:55

Summary: Perfection is so hard. Occasionally a team will have a perfect record or the weather may seem perfect. But a perfect A-C-T score for a high school senior is very rare. But a young lady from Oviedo High School pulled it off, so she has quite a story to tell.

Date: 12/16/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:10

Summary: In these last few days before Christmas, a sharing center in Brevard County is handing out donated toys to hundreds. The center is seeing steep increases in both donations and need. Our Brevard Bureau Chief Scott Heidler spoke to the organizers on why numbers are so high.

Date: 12/22/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 3:10

Summary: Holiday travel is now in full swing! We have team coverage tonight. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez is at Orlando International Airport. But first, we check in with WESH 2's Paola Tristan Arruda who is live in Chopper 2 with a look at the roads.

Date: 12/22/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Today in Sanford, a coordinated effort took place to battle food insecurity. Families lined up for much needed food and WESH 2's Dave McDaniel tells us how all of that was happily received.

Date: 12/27/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:45

Summary: Travelers at the Orlando International Airport are seeing hundreds of flight delays on one of the busiest travel days of the year. WESH 2's Megan Mellado joins us live from Terminal A.

Date: 12/27/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:00

Summary: A number of cities host college football bowl games, but Orlando consistently hosts a bowl week. The first is Thursday night at Camping World Stadium and by Monday afternoon, it'll be ready to host the fans of two different teams. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel is live at the stadium where there's a lot going on.

Date: 12/4/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:35

Summary: How much fun is Orlando? According to WalletHub, it's the second most fun city in the whole nation. WalletHub, a finance company, was mainly looking at two things, the cost to visit and what kind of entertainment value was available when you got there.

Date: 12/7/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 3:05

Summary: Now to this week's CommUNITY Champion. A Central Florida teen is tackling hunger one donated can at a time. As WESH 2's Jason Guy shows us, he's helping provide hundreds of meals to those in need by supporting Second Harvest Food Bank.

Date: 12/14/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Twenty families are going home with brand new bikes this Christmas! For many of them it's a wish come true. WESH 2's Osceola County Reporter Megan Mellado spoke with children who say those two wheels were at the top of their Christmas lists.

Date: 12/14/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 3:45

Summary: A young teen from Central Florida knows he's lucky to be alive after a freak accident when he was just 7 years old. Parker Giuliani is this week's WESH 2 CommUNITY Champion. He turned his trauma into purpose by giving SPECIAL gifts to other children fighting for their lives.

Date: 12/21/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:15

Summary: New today, Florida State University could move towards an exit from the ACC. After being snubbed by the college football playoff committee, the school's board of trustees is calling an emergency meeting tomorrow where they are expected to discuss conference realignment. WESH 2's Kristen Lago joins us with more.

Date: 12/21/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:05

Summary: Six Americans who were wrongfully detained in Venezuela, are now back on United States soil. One American is a Central Florida man who is still waiting to be reunited with his family. WESH 2's Paola Tristan Arruda joins us live in the studio with an update.

Date: 12/25/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:50

Summary: Jump on the Bus lets young adults who have aged out of foster care enjoy their holiday with family and share their foster care experiences. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel tagged along for year 10.

Date: 12/25/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:00

Summary: As families exchange Christmas gifts today, some are choosing to give something extra special: Donor human milk. This month, Mothers' Milk Bank of Florida is seeing a spike in demand. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez tells us why donor milk is so vital for pre-term babies, especially with it being cold and flu season.

Date: 12/26/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:15

Summary: There may be major delays for those traveling out of Orlando. The FAA says flights headed to Florida may be delayed up to two hours because of busy air traffic. WESH 2's Senait Gebregiorgis joins us live from the airport tonight and informs us that it's also a BUSY travel day for people trying to get home after Christmas.

Date: 12/26/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:55

Summary: Today marks the first day of Kwanzaa. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez tells us why a spokesperson says tonight's theme is the one she will focus on the most this year.

Date: 12/26/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:50

Summary: The 2024 Rose Bowl Parade will have some Central Florida flavor. Sixteen horses and riders from Osceola County will be on the streets of Pasadena come Monday, thrilled to be carrying the Central Florida banner.

Date: 12/26/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 3:40

Summary: Second Harvest is marking a major milestone. The food bank has been helping people here in Central Florida struggling with food insecurity for forty years. I looked back at how the food bank got its start and how its mission has evolved with the changing times.

Date: 12/28/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: In just about 30 minutes, NC State will take on Kansas State in the first-ever Pop-Tarts Bowl here in Orlando. WESH 2's Kristen Lago is live at Camping World Stadium tonight with what we can expect in this match-up.

Date: 12/29/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Usually it's an honor to play in the Orange Bowl; it's one of the most storied bowls in college football. However, this year both teams in South Florida are bummed to be there. Think about that. Sports Director Daren Stoltzfus joins us live from outside Hard Rock Stadium with the details.

Date: 12/12/2023

Newscast: 6p

Length: 2:53

Summary: WESH 2 Investigates has learned that at least ONE of the cases of alleged insurance fraud following recent hurricanes, has been closed with no action. WESH 2 News Investigative Reporter Greg Fox talks with some of the people making the allegations, who believe the state is dragging its feet while homeowners wait for justice.

Date: 12/14/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:15

Summary: Many holiday festivities in Central Florida are being cancelled this weekend because of the weather. One of the events that got the axe was Jingle Jam in Sanford. WESH 2's Liv Johnson joins us live tonight with the message from disappointed organizers.

Date: 12/22/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 3:00

Summary: It is going to be busy at airports all weekend and through the end of the year. TSA agents are ready to handle the holiday traffic. Joining us live tonight is Sari Koshetz, she is a spokesperson with the TSA. Sari, what's your advice for passengers heading to airports and what do they need to do ahead of time?

Date: 12/26/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 3:40

Summary: Second Harvest Food Bank has been supporting Central Florida families for decades. Now they're hitting a major milestone.

Date: 12/1/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:33

Summary: The holiday spirit is alive and well across Central Florida tonight. WESH 2's Liv Johnson is in Seminole County where she watched tree lighting ceremonies in Lake Mary and Sanford.

Date: 12/5/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:12

Summary: Transportation officials are unveiling a grand proposal to expand passenger rail service in Central Florida. They're looking at extending Sunrail's route and connecting it to Brightline! They're getting people's feedback on the plans.

Date: 12/5/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 3:32

Summary: An Orange County father is sharing the tough story of finding out his loved one was on the brink of ending their life. WESH 2's Christina Watkins shares the important lesson he hopes all families will learn.

Date: 12/11/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:40

Summary: With everything so expensive these days, who can afford a significant increase for things like water or sewer. That's a major issue Winter Springs residents are facing. As WESH 2's Gail Paschall-Brown reports, City leaders say they can't afford not to increase utilities considering the aging utility systems they have in place now.

Date: 12/11/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:15

Summary: A Bill is being considered by the State legislature that would make windstorm insurance coverage more affordable for condominium owners in Florida. WESH 2's Liv Johnson spoke with an insurance expert.

Date: 12/13/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:45

Summary: A local sorority adopts an entire community this holiday season. The Orlando Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated, gave away more than 100 toys to children in Rosemont in Orange County. But as Gail Paschall-Brown shows us, not all the families received.

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MATTER of FACT with Soledad O'Brien

October 1, 2023

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Despite some positive economic indicators, many Americans are pessimistic about the current state of the economy and where it's headed. Former Federal Reserve Economist Claudia Sahm says some of that pessimism could be a lingering effect of the pandemic. She explains to Soledad why the country is at an economic crossroad and how our feelings about the economy play out at the ballot box.

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October 8, 2023

This week on *Matter of Fact* with Soledad O'Brien: Nearly a quarter-million people are living in the United States in a most unusual state of legal limbo. They're called the "stateless." For various reasons they are unable to claim citizenship to any nation on earth. That makes daily life challenging from being able to legally work to having the right identification to collect a package from the post office. Special Correspondent Joie Chen met with two people living stateless in the U.S. to learn how they landed in this position and what Congress could do to help them and the thousands of others get out of immigration limbo.

A new Supreme Court term is underway, and the justices' decisions could have major implications from what's posted on social media to consumer protections. *"These cases are not just about the specific issue, they will have very broad doctrinal ramifications for the entire field of law that's at issue,"* Professor Rick Pildes of New York University Law tells Soledad. He digs into the potential outcomes of three key cases before the court and how they could shape our laws going forward.

A Michigan dad is turning tragedy into a way to help others. Jeff Olson's son, Danial, committed suicide when he was 19 years old. Now Jeff travels the nation visiting schools, trying to show teens how they can ask for help. Correspondent Jessica Gomez goes along with Jeff for a school visit and sees how he's raising awareness and giving voice to young people struggling with mental health issues.

Would you like to pay with cash or credit? Some states and cities are trying to make sure you still have that option. During the pandemic, many people started swiping their cards and tapping their phones to pay instead of handling money. Businesses began embracing the convenience of being cashless but critics say it creates a barrier for those who rely on cash. Now some local and state governments are stepping in.

Finally, you can't save the bees if you don't know where they are. Conservation organizations are turning to volunteers to help track these important pollinators in an effort to protect them.

October 15, 2023

This week on *Matter of Fact* with Soledad O'Brien: Homelessness is on the rise in the United States, increasing 6% since 2017. That's according to the National Alliance to End Homelessness. But during that same period, Texas saw a decrease in its homeless population. Correspondent Dan Lieberman travels to San Antonio where a sprawling facility is taking a different approach to providing shelter and addressing the root causes of homelessness.

The Speaker of the House is arguably one of the most powerful positions in Washington, often setting and steering the legislative agenda. But that wasn't always the case. Established in the Constitution, the founders didn't provide many details about the Speakership. Charles Stewart, III is a Political Science Professor at MIT who studies Congress and how it has evolved over time. He tells Soledad it's not surprising that the role has garnered so much power but that he also thinks there's a way for the House to continue its work even when there isn't a permanent speaker in place.

Dee Strange-Gordon is a professional baseball player on a mission to create real and lasting change for his community. He's long been recognized for his charitable works off the field. But Strange-Gordon tells correspondent Jessica Gomez that doing things like handing out toys at Christmas, didn't feel like enough. Jessica visited Strange-Gordon at his farm in Florida to see how he's hoping to help his community in the long term through access to fresh food and new jobs.

During an election year, billions of dollars go to turning out the vote. The last three national general elections saw some of the highest voter turnout in decades but still, less than 40% of Americans voted in all three. That's according to new numbers from the Pew Research Center. The data also shows that older and White Americans vote most

consistently and that while Hispanic voters continued to support Democrats in 2022, it was by a much smaller margin than in 2018.

Finally, the MacArthur Foundation's "Genius Grant" is awarded to those who have shown extraordinary originality in their field. This year, a hula instructor is among the recipients. Meet Patrick Makuakane, a native Hawaiian who is preserving and modernizing Hawaii's culture through dance.

October 22, 2023

This week on *Matter of Fact* with Soledad O'Brien: Female athletes are breaking records, and the fans are tuning in to see it! Women's sports viewership is reaching new highs. This year about a million more people watched the finals of the Women's U.S. Open than the Men's. But women's sports continue to fall far short when it comes to funding, pay, and sponsorship. Soledad speaks with women's sports journalist Ari Chambers about why she thinks investing in female athletes is the smart business decision.

Americans are buying more clothes and it's coming at an unexpected cost. While the fast fashion industry means people can buy more for less, it's the environment that's really paying the price. The fashion industry is resource intensive and literal tons of clothes are ending up in landfills and incinerators each year. Correspondent Laura Chavez travels to Washington, DC where several women are turning to consignment and thrifting as a more sustainable way to shop and they're encouraging others to join.

The results of a new study surprised even the researchers working on it. The Eviction Lab teamed up with the U.S. Census Bureau to try and build a better picture of housing in America. They took eviction filings, which usually only feature the tenant's name, and linked it to census data. The results show that the Americans, most at threat of eviction, are children. It also shows that Black Americans face a higher threat of eviction even when they make above the minimum household income.

How does climate change threaten your neighborhood? There's a new map that can help you figure that out. The detailed, interactive map was put together by the Environmental Defense Fund and Texas A&M University. It finds that all 10 of the country's most at-risk counties are in the South.

Finally, the Natural History Museum in London has crowned a new Wildlife Photographer of the Year. This year's winner is Marine Biologist Laurent Ballesta. He managed to snap a picture of an endangered tri-spine horseshoe crab that the judges describe as "astonishing." We'll let you judge for yourself.

October 29, 2023

This week on *Matter of Fact* with Soledad O'Brien: The cleanup effort in East Palestine, Ohio continues after a 50 car-train derailment earlier this year. That derailment spurred national concerns about the safety of our rail system. One hundred and forty thousand miles of track are used to carry freight across the United States. The trains are tracks are largely operated by private companies and safety inspection reports are not widely shared. Correspondent Dan Lieberman reflects on his reporting in Pittsburgh where trains run along major waterways and he provides an update on efforts to improve rail infrastructure and gain greater access to safety reports.

When Correspondent Dina Demetrius visited the Caywood family of Arizona in 2021, they considered the unthinkable. There was a very real possibility they'd be forced to sell their farm due to the lack of water. The farm has been in the family for generations but the megadrought was making it virtually impossible for them to make a living. *Matter of Fact* pays a visit to the farm and talks with owner Nancy Caywood about the changes they've made to how they farm and what's allowing them to rebound.

Could employers start playing a bigger role in helping people treat substance abuse disorders? According to the CDC, 70% of all adults with alcohol or drug disorders are employed. One company in Indiana decided in 2018 that it

would put resources towards helping employees who fail drug tests. They cover their treatment and help them return to work. We connect with them to see if the program has been successful.

The so-called 8th continent has officially been mapped. Zealandia, discovered 6 years ago, is primarily sunken underwater. But researchers were able to compile detailed maps of the 2 million-square mile landmass. We'll give you a look at what they found.

Finally, an immersive display by renowned Mexican artist Diego Rivera, draws visitors from around the world to the Detroit Institute of Arts. Now the museum is hoping his work can help bring attention to that of lesser-known Mexican American artists in an annual Day of the Dead exhibit.

November 5, 2023

This week on *Matter of Fact* with Soledad O'Brien: Drug overdoses took more than 100,000 lives in the United States in 2021 and the Centers for Disease Control says that's a fivefold increase over the past two decades. In Kentucky, more than 2,000 people died in 2021 from drug overdoses. Now Opioid manufacturers, distributors, and retailers are paying more than \$50 billion in restitution to thousands of state and local governments for their role in the overdose epidemic. We explore a proposal in Kentucky to use some of those dollars to study a little known psychedelic drug called Ibogaine to treat addiction. Correspondent Jessica Gomez crisscrosses the state to examine the risks and benefits of treatment with a drug that is still legal in the United States.

Tuesday, November 7th is Election Day, with voters casting ballots in gubernatorial and state legislative contests. Despite it being an off-year election, the approximately 10,000 districts still need between 600,000 and 700,000 poll workers. Many election officials have received death threats, online abuse, and harassment. Eleven percent say they are very, or somewhat, likely to resign before November 2024. In Colorado more than one third of the administrators have either quit or left their jobs because of the term limits. We introduce you to Jefferson County's new county clerk, Amanda Gonzalez, as she takes on the job others are walking away from.

Federal and state governments are piloting wind power projects along the east coast, including in Maine, which also supplies 90% of the country's lobster. Current plans have received opposition from fishermen concerned about lobster habitat loss. Now the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management released a wind energy map, proposing that turbines be built at least 23 miles off the coast, avoiding areas that would most affect the lobster fishing industry. Correspondent Dan Lieberman visited Maine to talk to locals concerned about the future of their livelihoods.

Jasmine Cho says, "I love cookies!" Soledad has more about this baker's cookie creations that are history lessons on a plate. Cho tells *Matter of Fact* how she never read about her Asian American ancestry in school and when a customer asked her for a personalized cookie, she started creating biscuits featuring the faces of AAPI (Asian American Pacific Islander) trailblazers to teach history in a sweet bite.

Finally, Soledad reports on the world's largest annual humanitarian award, the Hilton Humanitarian Prize, worth \$2,500,000. Soledad hosted the award ceremony two years in a row. Find out how this year's recipient, a Kenya-based nonprofit, is helping farmers become the solution to local hunger and food insecurity.

November 12, 2023

This week on *Matter of Fact* with Soledad O'Brien: this Veteran's Day weekend, we explore a truly inspirational but largely untold story of heroism in World War II. D-Day preparations had the Allied Forces on edge, trying to prevent battle plans from leaking. The United States military largely stopped the distribution of mail to and from its forces. But that meant letters were piling up and morale was low as soldiers were unable to communicate with loved ones back home. That's where the 688th Central Postal Directory Battalion came in. The all-Black, all-female battalion was dispatched overseas to clear the massive backlog of mail under the cloud of war. Correspondent Alexis Clark meets with the women working today to make sure their story is told.

Research shows the mental health of teens has taken a massive hit over the last decade. Psychology professor Jean Twenge says that's in large part due to the introduction and prevalence of social media. In fact, Twenge tells Soledad that there's a direct correlation between how much time a young person spends on social media and their chances of developing depression. Now she's working with more than 30 states as they bring a lawsuit against Meta claiming the social media giant is fueling a youth mental health crisis.

Teachers are in demand! Across the nation, schools are short at least 55,000 educators. So how can we fill that gap? Correspondent Jessica Gomez visited a school district in West Virginia as it launched a program aimed at encouraging and helping current students seek careers in the classroom. We check in to see if the teacher apprentice program is spelling success.

In November 1945, the Johnson Publishing Company released the first edition of *Ebony* magazine. A few years later, the Black-owned company published the first edition of *Jet* magazine. Together, *Ebony* and *Jet* chronicled the Black American experience for decades. All these years later, the millions of photos taken for the magazines are sitting in a warehouse in Chicago. We introduce you to the team shifting through this treasure trove, preserving, and sharing it for current and future generations.

Finally, a Veterans Day visit to the National Mall would likely include a stop by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The wall of black stone bearing the carved names of those lost in the conflict, is a well-known site. But a short walk away is a different memorial, one to the women lost in Vietnam.

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November 26, 2023



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Chef Sean Sherman didn't go to culinary school. In fact, he says he couldn't afford cookbooks. As a child growing up on an Indian reservation, the food options were limited to government staples. Then inspiration hit. What if he started making foods based on what was growing and living on the land before it was colonized? That launched a career sharing indigenous culture through food, winning both Julia Childs and James Beard awards as well as a place on *TIME*'s list of 100 most influential people.

14-year-old Herman Bekele had an idea. As a child growing up in Ethiopia, he was familiar with the unrelenting sun and the dangers of skin cancer. But then he learned the treatment could cost thousands of dollars. So, he developed a soap that could serve as a more affordable treatment for skin cancer. That caught the attention of one of the largest companies in America, #M. It's named Bekele "America's Top Young Scientist" of 2023 and is lending a hand as he moves ahead with his medical innovation.

In October alone, Customs and Border Protection reports more than 32,000 migrants crossed into the United States through the Rio Grande Valley. Many of these people are seeking asylum and are in immediate need of basics like food and shelter. That's where Sister Norma Pimentel and the Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley come in. We meet the nun and her team, driven by faith to meet a need that takes no holiday.

Finally, the humble cranberry. It's a staple of many holiday dinners but as correspondent Joie Chen tells us, it has an interesting backstory. For example, the cranberry originated with the Pilgrims who called it a 'crane berry' because its blossoms resemble the head of a Sandhill Crane.

December 3, 2023

This week on *Matter of Fact* with Soledad O'Brien: It's been a challenging few years for women in the workforce. Women experienced the majority of pandemic-related job losses. That's according to a report by the National Women's Law Center in 2021. But recent data shows women are bouncing back, and fast. That's in part due to more flexible work arrangements according to the Betsey Stevenson. A former chief economist at the Department of Labor. Stevenson gives Soledad her shortlist of policies to build and strengthen women's participation in the workforce.

The Colorado River provides water to some 40 million people. But due to historic drought, it's drying up at an alarming rate. That's triggered negotiations over water allotments and now indigenous communities living near the river are trying to assist. Correspondent Dina Demetrius visits the Colorado River Indian Tribe's reservation where they are hoping to help meet the water needs of others in return for funding that the tribe can use to improve conditions for its people.

Gabriella Garbero is a lawyer based in St. Louis. She is also happily engaged and eager to get married. But Garbero says disability laws are preventing her from making that trip down the aisle. She explains how marrying a non-disabled person could mean losing her Social Security benefits and Medicaid, which she relies on to survive. Now Garbero is advocating to change the law in hopes future generations won't end up in the same limbo.

Northwestern University is a top 10 ranked school by *U.S. News and World Report* and it's just done something no other school on that list has done. It graduated its first class of inmates. We get a look inside the ceremony and explore the impact of colleges launching degree programs for people behind bars.

Finally, books unbanned. Book bans have been sweeping the nation at a historic rate. Nearly 2,000 unique titles were challenged between January and August alone. Now, one library is pushing back. The Brooklyn Public Library is making digital copies of banned books available to anyone 13 to 21 years of age, anywhere in the United States.

December 10, 2023

This week on *Matter of Fact* with Soledad O'Brien: Senior year of high school is a pivotal crossroads in life. While many graduates still decide to continue on to college for a four-year degree, some students are questioning the value of it and are deciding to opt out. Correspondent Laura Chavez travels to Kokomo, Indiana and introduces us to two seniors choosing a different path. That includes Owen Moore, the youngest of five and the first in his family not to continue on to college.

More hospitals across the U.S. are closing their maternity wards. That includes Monroe Country Hospital, the third Alabama hospital to recently shutter its labor and delivery unit. That is putting expectant parents in a pinch, facing long drives to get urgent care. Pregnant women in Texas are facing a similar problem. Correspondent Leone Lakhani travels there to meet with the women stuck in maternity deserts and those trying to provide them with care.

A lot of work went into those dinosaur skeletons you see at the museum. Just ask Robert Gaston. Gaston studied fine art in college but when he discovered the bones of a new dinosaur, it launched a career he could not imagine. Now he partners with paleontologists to build and sculpt replica dinosaur skeletons, working to depict these long-extinct creatures as accurately as possible.

Young people are increasingly turning to TikTok for their news. That's according to a new poll by the Pew Research Center. It finds that 32% of adults under 30 say they regularly get their news from TikTok. That's up 23% from 2020. Marc Berkman of the Organization for Social Media Safety says that's a concerning development. TikTok is owned by a Chinese parent company and Berkman warns of foreign actors manipulating our democracy through social media.

Finally, at first glance the art on display at the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh, PA looks like a vibrant coral reef. But closer examination reveals that the massive, flowing structure is actually made of yarn. Two sisters are the artists behind the crocheted creation. Their goal is to bring attention to the harmful impact global warming is having on coral reefs. Now, the art project has taken off globally.

December 17, 2023

This week on *Matter of Fact* with Soledad O'Brien: The 2024 presidential election is right around the corner but with high turnover in election offices, are states ready for voting day? According to a new survey by the Brennan Center for Justice, this will be the first presidential election for one in five local election officials. Correspondent Dan Lieberman travels to Pennsylvania, one of the states looking to recruit and retain its election staff. Officials there tell him more security and support are needed to improve conditions for the people at the backbone of our democratic process.

Jack Johnson was the first Black heavyweight boxing champion of the world. He was a flamboyant character, known for his gold teeth, fast cars, and tailored suits. But the year was 1908 and a segregated America was challenged by his celebrity. One of his biggest boxing ring victories resulted in riots in cities across America. Now, a poet in Chicago is releasing a new graphic novel, preserving the good and bad of Johnson's legacy and illuminating the role he played in America's battle with racism.

Local newspapers are often the life blood of their communities. But a new report from Northwestern University finds they're closing at an increasingly rapid rate. At its current pace, the country will soon hit 3,000 newspapers closed in two decades. That will leave less than 6,000 remaining newspapers. In the village of Homer, Michigan, the weekly *Homer Index* has been around for 150 years. But it too is in danger of closing. Its owners are desperate to sell the paper so that they can retire. Dina Demetrius travels to south central Michigan to find out more about the efforts to save a village institution.

More than 9 million U.S. households still rely on lead pipes and water service lines. That's according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Lead is a serious health hazard so now the EPA is putting forth a proposal that would require all lead pipes be removed in 10 years. It would be a massive, labor intense and costly project but one advocates say is necessary.

Finally, the Motor City is giving a new kind of road a test drive. At first glance, the quarter-mile section of 14th Street in Detroit looks unremarkable. But buried beneath the pavement are copper coils that interact with receivers attached to the undercarriage of electric vehicles. This allows the EVs to charge even as they drive down the street.

December 24, 2023

This week on *Matter of Fact* with Soledad O'Brien: The holidays are a time when many families come together. With the help of at-home genetic testing, some people are learning more about their ancestry and family tree. The most recent numbers show at least 26 million Americans have taken an at-home test. Soledad O'Brien introduces us to one family whose research revealed a surprise their family tree has both Black and White roots. She shows us how they are embracing their past and their plans to build a more united future.

Chef Sean Sherman didn't go to culinary school. In fact, he says he couldn't afford cookbooks. As a child growing up on an Indian reservation, the food options were limited to government staples. Then inspiration hit. What if he started making foods based on what was growing and living on the land before it was colonized? That launched a career sharing indigenous culture through food, winning him the Julia Childs and James Beard awards as well as a place on *TIME*'s list of 100 most influential people.

14-year-old Heman Bekele had an idea. As a child growing up in Ethiopia, he was familiar with the unrelenting sun and the dangers of skin cancer. But then he learned that treatment could cost thousands of dollars. So, he developed a soap that could serve as a more affordable treatment for skin cancer. That caught the attention of one of the largest companies in America, 3M. It's named Bekele "America's Top Young Scientist" of 2023 and is lending a hand as he moves ahead with his medical innovation.

In October alone, Customs and Border Protection reports more than 32,000 migrants crossed into the U.S. through the Rio Grande Valley. Many of these people are seeking asylum and are in immediate need of basics like food and shelter. That's where Sister Norma Pimentel and the Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley come in. We meet the nun and her team, driven by faith to meet a need that takes no holiday.

Finally, the humble cranberry. It's a staple of many holiday dinners but as correspondent Joie Chen tells us, it has an interesting backstory. For example, the name cranberry originated with the Pilgrims who called it a "craneberry" because its blossoms resemble the head of a Sandhill Crane.

December 31, 2023

This week on *Matter of Fact* with Soledad O'Brien: Every vote counts but where you live can impact how your vote counts. In Ohio, advocates are concerned that current voting maps are gerrymandered to weaken the political power of minorities. Redistricting has been a long-running issue in the state, and a commission was founded to help solve disagreements over new maps. Critics say, though, that since the commission is comprised of politicians, it's actually making the situation worse. Correspondent Diane Roberts travels to Ohio and meets the people divided over the state's dividing lines.

There's a new AP class available to high schoolers in 2024. It's the African American Studies course, which is both highly anticipated and highly debated. Dr. Brandi Waters is Senior Program Director at the College Board and one of the people who helped shape the program. She tells Soledad that this was one of the most-requested courses by

both teachers and students and that it helps students build critical thinking skills so they can develop options of their own.

Home care workers are in high demand but short supply. As Americans live longer than previous generations, the number of people looking to age at home with the support of in-home caregivers is growing. But low wages and a lack of benefits make it hard to recruit new workers. Industry experts say nearly one million additional caregivers are needed to meet the current demand. Correspondent Dan Lieberman travels to North Carolina, a state that ranks near the bottom when it comes to support for home care workers, to see how the shortage is affecting clients and those trying to help them.

It's the Giving Season. The Salvation Army's traditional red kettles and bell ringers are out collecting donations. But as Americans increasingly stop carrying cash, it's harder to get those spur-of-the-moment donations. That has some charities turning to technology. The Salvation Army now has an app that allows donors to contribute by tapping their phone to a kettle. And the Samaritan app allows people to give directly to a person in need by scanning a QR code.

Finally, the Associated Press is out with its most memorable photos of 2023. These images capture moments of joy and sorrow including the aftermath of natural disasters, the impacts of war and the beauty of space. We look at these moments forever in our collective memory.

WESH 2 – 4th QUARTER 2023 – HEALTH

Date: 10/13/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:00

Summary: About 1 in 13 children are allergic to certain foods like peanuts. A new study is looking to help them avoid serious reactions. Reporter Mandy Gaither walks us through how oral immunotherapy would work.

Date: 10/16/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:48

Summary: Every year, RSV leads to more than 2-million visits to the emergency room and most of those patients are under the age of 5. But this year, there's a new way to help prevent severe illnesses from happening. Reporter Mandy Gaither explains what parents need to know about the new RSV treatment for babies.

Date: 10/17/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:50

Summary: Researchers are looking into how artificial intelligence could help with early detection of pancreatic cancer.

Date: 10/24/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:45

Summary: A breast cancer survivor faced with a tough decision after her doctors presented her with two options for surgery to save her life. Reporter Hanna Yechivi explains why the woman opted to go flat.

Date: 10/24/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:15

Summary: We have new details about Olympic gymnast Mary Lou Retton; she's out of the hospital this afternoon after a weeks-long serious health scare.

Date: 10/25/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:00

Summary: There are new weapons this year in the fight against RSV, but healthy babies, over six months, may miss out on the new protection. The warning about limited supplies of some doses of the new shot & what parents need to know.

Date: 10/26/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:13

Summary: Once a stroke happens, the clock immediately starts ticking to get to the hospital. Reporter Mandy Gaither has some simple steps to help prevent a stroke from even happening.

Date: 10/16/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:10

Summary: As the Israel-Hamas war rages on, the need for medical supplies grows. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez tells us about an Orlando doctor who is now gathering life-saving equipment to send to Israel.

Date: 10/26/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 4:00

Summary: October is breast cancer awareness month and it's a time we hear a lot about the disease and the importance of screenings. But patient advocates say we should also use this month to shine a light on what many women face after they're diagnosed. One local non-profit in particular works on saving lives when a patient's insurance falls short.

Date: 10/23/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:50

Summary: As everyone knows, October is "Breast Cancer Awareness" month. Today, we're looking at symptoms of the disease that are not a lump. WESH 2's Christina Watkins reveals 5 signs you may not know about.

Date: 11/1/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:00

Summary: Lung cancer remains the leading cause of cancer deaths in the country and new guidelines have just been released for who and when should be screened.

Date: 11/6/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:10

Summary: While most of us recognize convulsions as a sign of a seizure, many people don't know all the symptoms. Reporter Mandy Gaither shares the subtle signs that someone's having a seizure and what to do if it happens.

Date: 11/7/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:05

Summary: Identifying ADHD in adults and how to prevent it from impacting your work or relationship.

Date: 11/8/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:55



Summary: Public health officials are warning about an alarming rise in a potentially life-threatening infection in babies.

Date: 11/13/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 3:05

Summary: A CDC report shows more adults are dying from alcohol-related deaths since 2011. Reporter Steven Romo visited one rehabilitation center focused on helping baby-boomers and they explain why working with this age group can pose a unique challenge.

Date: 11/17/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:05

Summary: Loneliness is something people all over struggle with. It's why the World Health Organization launched a new commission on social connection this week. Reporter Mandy Gaither has more on the risks of social isolation and simple steps to help you connect with others.

Date: 11/20/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:55

Summary: It's that time of year. Holiday gatherings with food as the focal point. But if you're one of the millions of Americans with diabetes, these get-togethers can be challenging. Reporter Mandy Gaither has tips to help manage the holidays and your health.

Date: 11/29/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:00

Summary: Another mysterious respiratory virus is putting health officials on high alert. It's surging right now in China where hospitals are once again full.

Date: 11/3/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:50

Summary: It's been several years in the making, but central water and sewer is finally becoming available in DeLeon Springs, and today Volusia County leaders celebrated this milestone. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme found this project will help this town flourish once again.

Date: 11/17/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:35

Summary: Schools all across the country aren't just dealing with a teacher shortage. They're also facing a school counselor shortage. In our latest "Saving Our Streets" report, WESH 2's Marlei Martinez tells us how UCF is bringing FREE counseling services to a local school.

Date: 11/21/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:00

Summary: It's crunch time ahead of Thanksgiving. Jammed airports and highways, big family meals, and even bigger expectations can leave a lot of us stressed out. WESH 2's Scott Heidler spoke with a mental health professional on reducing the stress of the holidays.

Date: 11/30/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Cold and flu season is in full swing and cases are rising across the country. More people are getting the flu here in Florida as well, according to data from the State Department of Health. WESH 2's Paola Tristan Arruda spoke with a doctor about the best ways to prevent getting sick.

Date: 11/21/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 3:37

Summary: Medical experts have been sounding the alarm about a growing shortage of doctors nationwide. WESH 2's Summer Knowles spoke with two doctors who say burnout in their field is very real. They have decided to try something new that they believe actually benefits them and their patients

Date: 12/11/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:55

Summary: It's a season of joy and junk food! If you're worried about putting on holiday weight, you're not alone! Reporter Mandy Gaither shows us ways to avoid packing on those holiday pounds.

Date: 12/14/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:45

Summary: There is an urgent global public health threat involving antibiotics. Taking too much can lead to a resistance that will make it harder to treat infections in the future. Reporter Mandy Gaither explains the dangers of antibiotic overuse and what you can do to keep you and your family safe.

Date: 12/20/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:00

Summary: As we come together to celebrate the holidays, neurodiverse families have to find ways to navigate the bright lights and excitement, which can be a sensory overload. There are ways parents and loved ones can help navigate the holiday chaos.

Date: 12/1/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:50

Summary: Fentanyl in schools is a growing issue in Volusia County, now all schools in the district will have Narcan on hand to combat any potential overdoses. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme tells us about the most recent efforts to keep students safe.

Date: 12/5/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:40

Summary: By early December we can usually enjoy cooler weather and many fewer mosquitoes when we're outside. While we've had a few cooler days and more are in the forecast, mosquitoes are a bigger issue than usual for this time of year. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel looks at why that is and what's being done about it.

Date: 12/27/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:40

Summary: A Marion County Firefighter has been in a burn unit for almost two months while recovering after almost losing his life fighting a fire. Captain Chris Trubelhorn has been through 10 surgeries but is making progress. WESH 2's Michelle Meredith tells us about a milestone in his recovery this week.

Date: 12/27/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:10

Summary: In March, we told you the story of a Lake County teen who contracted a rare disease that can cause seizures and hallucinations. Diagnosing the disease can be difficult and some end up in a coma in just weeks. WESH 2's Marlei Martinez checked in on Hallie Hale who is now sharing her message of hope.

Date: 12/18/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:50

Summary: The autopsy report for *Friends* star Matthew Perry revealed acute effects of ketamine as one of the contributing factors to his death. WESH 2's Megan Mellado spoke to local emergency medicine physician, Dr. Rajiv Bahl to learn more about what this drug is used for.

Date: 12/25/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:50

Summary: While its often described as the most wonderful time of the year, for some that might not be the case. WESH 2's Pamela Comme spoke with service providers who say calls from people dealing with stress and anxiety this time of year tend to increase.

Date: 12/28/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:40

Summary: Tackling the issue of Opioid addiction, mental health counseling, and addiction prevention all in one central location. Two years ago, AdventHealth and the Seminole County Sheriff's office collaborated to launch the Hope and Healing Center near that county's jail. As WESH 2's Dave McDaniel reports, because it's been so successful, they're trying to open a second location.

WESH 2 – 4th QUARTER 2023 – EDUCATION

Date: 10/4/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:05

Summary: Artificial Intelligence seems to be the next big step in education and now Volusia County Schools is giving some students a chance to learn about AI. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme caught up with school district leaders as they leap into this new era that carries many risks and challenges.

Date: 10/10/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:35

Summary: The Volusia County School Board is considering closing decades-old Read-Pattillo Elementary School.

Date: 10/11/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: Two shootings on historically black college campuses in less than a week have renewed security concerns for all HBCUs. All of this comes as Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach kicks off their Homecoming celebrations. WESH 2's Anika Hope spoke to the campus' executive director of safety about their plans to keep students safe.

Date: 10/13/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:10

Summary: It's a word so long, you have to read it slowly: Bio-mechatronics; It's a science field that tries to combine biology, mechanical engineering, and electronics with robotics tossed in. Some brainy kids here in Central Florida are taking it on. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel spoke to 8th graders who are more than dreaming, they're designing what that dream might look like.

Date: 11/7/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:18

Summary: Many schools across the country have a shortage of school counselors. In our latest Saving Our Streets report, WESH 2's Marlei Martinez tells us how UCF is pitching in by bringing free counseling services to a local school.

Date: 12/1/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:50

Summary: Fentanyl in schools is a growing issue in Volusia County, now all schools in the district will have Narcan on hand to combat any potential overdoses. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme tells us about the most recent efforts to keep students safe.

Date: 12/16/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:55

Summary: Perfection is so hard. Occasionally a team will have a perfect record or the weather may seem perfect. But a perfect ACT score for a high school senior is very rare. But a young lady from Oviedo High School pulled it off, so she has quite a story to tell.

Date: 12/21/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:15

Summary: New today, Florida State University could move towards an exit from the ACC. After being snubbed by the college football playoff committee, the school's board of trustees is calling an emergency meeting tomorrow where they are expected to discuss conference realignment. WESH 2's Kristen Lago joins us with more.

Date: 12/28/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: In just about 30 minutes, NC State will take on Kansas State in the first-ever Pop-Tarts Bowl here in Orlando. WESH 2's Kristen Lago is live at Camping World Stadium tonight with what we can expect in this match-up.

WESH 2 – 4th QUARTER 2023 – WEATHER

Date: 10/12/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:25

Summary: Our team coverage of possible tornados continues in Palm Coast where we have two crews monitoring hard-hit areas. WESH 2's Tony Atkins joins us near a home that lost its roof!

Date: 10/12/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:10

Summary: WESH 2's Bob Hazen reports that we've already seen widespread damage in Palm Coast.

Date: 10/12/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:05

Summary: Debris is scattered across Crystal River and many buildings now look like this! WESH 2's Greg Fox is on the ground and reports in front of an apartment complex that sustained some damage.

Date: 10/3/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:40

Summary: No question that something is in our air today across Central Florida that come all the way from the wildfires in Canada! WESH 2's Brevard County Bureau Chief Scott Heidler spoke to scientists about what it means for our health.

Date: 10/2/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:20

Summary: Assessing the damage. That's the focus today in Brevard County after heavy rain over the weekend led to flooding and even washed out a road.

Date: 10/26/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:50

Summary: In just 8 decades, a new study found parts of Brevard County and the barrier islands could be claimed by rising sea levels. WESH 2's Scott Heidler spoke with leaders in one community who are looking into this issue in this "Forecasting Our Future" report.

Date: 10/2/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:50

Summary: A coastal flood warning is in effect for Brevard County. Officials are assessing and cleaning up from this past weekend's heavy rain fall which led to flooding and a road being washed out. WESH 2's Brevard County Bureau Chief Scott Heidler is in Palm Bay and spoke to neighbors about what happened and what lies ahead.

Date: 10/2/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:00

Summary: It's been nearly two months since a mother and daughter were struck by lightning in Brevard County. Today, WESH 2's Marlei Martinez spoke with the mom who has since recovered. But her 12-year-old daughter, Mila, is still in the hospital.

Date: 10/3/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:40

Summary: The bad air quality in Central Florida today is because of wildfires burning more than a thousand miles away in Canada! WESH 2's Brevard County Bureau Chief Scott Heidler found out climate change is a huge driver behind what we're seeing and breathing.

Date: 10/12/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:35

Summary: With the confirmation of an F2 tornado in Flagler County, it's really incredible no one was seriously hurt. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel was in Palm Coast today as the damage was assessed and the cleanup started.

Date: 10/12/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:10

Summary: Our team coverage now moves to the northwest, to Citrus County. That's where a tornado flattened parts of the Crystal River area around three o'clock this morning. WESH 2's Greg Fox shows us how the twister upended businesses and ruined homes just as they were recovering from Hurricane Idalia this past summer.

Date: 10/7/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 1:55

Summary: Everyone has been talking about that haze outside! The bad air quality in Central Florida today is because of wildfires burning more than a thousand miles away in Canada! WESH 2's Brevard County Bureau Chief Scott Heidler found out climate change is a huge driver behind what we're seeing and breathing.

Date: 11/1/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:08

Summary: A cold front is bringing frigid air even snow. NBC Reporter Maggie Vespa shows us what people are dealing with today.

Date: 11/10/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 3:35

Summary: Weeks before Hurricane Nicole reached our shores as a Category 1 storm, Hurricane Ian had already caused widespread devastation. People were just beginning to recover when many once again had to leave their homes. WESH 2's Dave McDaniel looks at the impact of that "one-two" punch.

Date: 11/10/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:50

Summary: Once Nicole moved out, we saw the true scope of the damage. Hundreds of residents had to be evacuated from high-rise condos along Volusia County's beaches because of damage to building foundations, like the one I'm standing at here in Wilbur-By-The-Sea. This was once a home, but sadly, the homeowner had to move on. WESH 2's Volusia County bureau Reporter Pamela Comme was in Daytona Beach Shores and found out a year later, there's been progress to get everything back to normal, but the damage could take years to fix.

Date: 11/17/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:45

Summary: Some of the hardest hit areas impacted by the rain was in Palm Bay. One spot in particular Malabar and Minton Roads. WESH 2's Scott Heidler is there live and reports this is still causing problems.

Date: 11/28/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:21

Summary: Some groups are stepping up to help people escape the cold if they have nowhere else to sleep tonight.

Date: 11/29/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:15

Summary: An early blast of winter is continuing to impact tens of millions of people. NBC's Jesse Kirsch is in Pennsylvania where a fresh blanket of snow is creating dangerous driving conditions.

Date: 11/10/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:50

Summary: As we mentioned, today marks one year since Hurricane Nicole made landfall in Florida leaving a trail of damage in areas still recovering from Hurricane Ian which hit just a few weeks earlier. Let's check back in with WESH 2's Michelle Imperato who is reporting live in Wilbur-By-The Sea. Michelle, that was one of the hardest hit communities.

Date: 11/10/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:35

Summary: Wilbur-By-The-Sea was just one of the areas hit hard by Nicole. This is where homes literally fell into the ocean. In fact, where I'm standing right now is where a home once stood just two weeks ago, but the owner made the decision to tear it down because the repairs he wanted to make were not able to happen. While I'm here in Volusia County, our neighbors just north were also hit hard. Some call it the crown jewel of Flagler Beach. But hurricanes have beaten down the iconic Flagler Beach pier and as a result, it's been closed for more than a year. As WESH 2's Tony Atkins found out, the fallout from the closed pier has a wide impact.

Date: 11/10/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 2:40

Summary: Hurricanes leave behind more than just physical damage. There is often an emotional and mental toll. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme spoke with a local woman who after back-to-back storms has been diagnosed with PTSD.

Date: 11/16/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:35

Summary: Not a good day to head to the beach or out into the ocean. WESH 2's Brevard Bureau Chief Scott Heidler is out there and tells us it's pretty dangerous on the water.

Date: 11/17/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:55

Summary: Intense rainfall led to a lot of flooding across southern Brevard County. It blocked some roads causing delays for some school buses this morning. WESH 2's Scott Heidler is in live for us in Brevard County and tells us what he has seen and what residents are telling him.

Date: 11/17/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:20

Summary: Port Orange neighbors in low-lying areas are continuing to have to deal with localized flooding issues. This week's heavy rain consumed roads and front yards, but the city tried their best to minimize flooding risk. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme spoke with residents, frustrated this continues to happen.

Date: 11/17/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:10

Summary: First at 5, Central Florida is drying out after storms left roads in some areas underwater with some of them impassable. While the worst of it is now gone, there's still ongoing ocean impact. WESH 2's Brevard Bureau Chief Scott Heidler is live for us, what he has seen there and what the residents are telling him.

Date: 11/17/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 2:05

Summary: Heavy rain isn't welcome news in Volusia County. For many Port Orange residents a downpour usually means flooding. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme spoke with residents dealing with localized flooding in their neighborhoods.

Date: 11/10/2023

Newscast: 6p

Length: 3:06

Summary: There was one stretch of homes in Volusia County that saw some of the worst damage after Hurricane Nicole made landfall. In Wilbur-By-The-Sea, WESH 2's Marlei Martinez shares the story of one woman who is still desperately trying to repair her home and still running into roadblocks.

Date: 12/11/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 1:35

Summary: A tornado outbreak in Tennessee has left at least six people dead and thousands of people without power.

Date: 12/14/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:25

Summary: Those living along the coast are bracing for severe storms and they're urging everyone who lives there to be prepared. WESH 2's Tony Atkins spoke with leaders from Flagler, Volusia, and Brevard counties about what should be done today.

Date: 12/26/2023

Newscast: Noon

Length: 2:12

Summary: More than 170-thousand people are supposed to come through Orlando International Airport just today. It comes as airports across the country are jam-packed and roads in the Midwest are dangerous and covered in snow.

Date: 12/14/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:55

Summary: If you live in Volusia County it might be a good idea to tie down your Christmas decorations. The winds have been quite strong. WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme joins us live from Daytona Beach and tells us how are things looking right now.

Date: 12/14/2023

Newscast: 4p

Length: 1:20

Summary: We're already seeing strong winds and rough surf ahead of this storm system. Our team coverage continues live in Indialantic with WESH 2's Brevard County Bureau Chief Scott Heidler who tells us how the communities are preparing for this storm.

Date: 12/13/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:30

Summary: We take a look at how the impact of this storm could have on our coastal regions. WESH 2's Brevard County Bureau Chief Scott Heidler is out on the coast in Indialantic where high surf and rip current advisories are already posted.

Date: 12/14/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:55

Summary: Out in Volusia County, strong winds continue to impact the area. WESH 2's Pamela Comme joins us live from Daytona Beach where officials are suggesting people stay out of the water.

Date: 12/14/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:55

Summary: We're already seeing strong winds and dangerous waves ahead of this storm system. Our team coverage continues in Indialantic. WESH 2's Brevard County Bureau Chief Scott Heidler is there now and tells us the surf is rough out there and it's just going to get worse.

Date: 12/15/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:55

Summary: Volusia County continues to prepare for severe weather ahead. But the biggest risk is along the coastline. That's where WESH 2's Volusia County Bureau Reporter Pamela Comme joins us.

Date: 12/15/2023

Newscast: 2:00

Length: 2:00

Summary: Our team coverage continues on the Brevard Coast with WESH 2's Scott Heidler who spoke to county officials and boating experts about the dangers of this storm.

Date: 12/15/2023

Newscast: 5p

Length: 1:00

Summary: Work crews in Altamonte Springs spent part of the afternoon taking apart a Christmas tree in Cranes Roost Park. They are taking it down as a result of the lessons officials learned due to Hurricane Nicole.

Date: 12/14/2023

Newscast: 7p

Length: 2:30

Summary: Leaders in Flagler County are also making sure residents are preparing for this threat of severe weather. Joining us live is Jonathan Lord, he is the Emergency Management Director of Flagler County.

Date: 12/14/2023

Newscast: 11p

Length: 1:53

Summary: As Central Florida braces for the possibility of severe weather this weekend, at least one popular event has already been canceled. Sanford's "Jingle Jam" scheduled for this weekend has now been called off due to weather concerns. WESH 2's Liv Johnson spoke with the event's organizers and with disappointed business owners about the decision.

WESH 2 & CW18 station talent regularly participate in a variety of community outreach efforts. The following is a list of events in which the station was involved this quarter. Public issue and subject matter within each project is enclosed:

October 1 - December 19	10:12- 11:02AM	Various Station Staff	Junior Achievement's 3DE Consultancy	WESH 2 served as "clients" and challenged the senior students at Oak Ridge High's JA 3DE Consultancy program with a common industry issue. Station staff volunteer to meet with the students on a monthly basis to answer questions and guide them as they try to help us (as clients) find a solution.
Tuesday, October 3	5:30- 8:30PM	Nancy Alvarez Moderator	Holocaust Memorial Resource and Educational Center of Florida	Non-profit museum that provides educational services to Central Florida to combat anti semitic, prejudice, and bigotry hosted private screening of Ken Burns: THE U.S. and the Holocaust. Panel discussion will follow; approximately 200 in attendance.
Tuesday, October 3	5-5:30PM	Christina Watkins Emcee	National Night Out	Annual community event designed to strengthen the police and community relationship and generate support for anti-crime programs.
Wednesday, October 4	9:30- 10:30AM	Megan Mellado Speaker	Seminole County Public Schools	Latinos in Action Youth Summit. Megan Mellado spoke about her journey as a Seminole County Public School student who was part of the ESOL program to their Latinos in Action. 200 in attendance.
Saturday, October 7	6-9PM	Christina Watkins	Dave's House Party	Dave's House works to end homelessness for men and women with serious mental illness. Annual fundraising event held help men and women in our community with Serious Mental Illness. Aprox. 200 in attendance
Saturday, October 7	9AM- 12PM	Various Station Staff	The Villages & Orlando Walk to End Alzheimer's	A Florida Alzheimer's Association Central Florida walk, an annual event to raise awareness and support for the millions of people living with or caring for someone with Alzheimer's. Station staff participated in the walk and the station aired on-air promotion in support of the event.
Saturday, October 7	7PM	Nancy Alvarez Emcee	Russell Home for Atypical Children	5th Annual Fundraising Gala benefiting Russell Home, a home for life for 24 special needs children and adults here in Central Florida.

Friday, October 13	8-10AM	Nancy Alvarez Host	Annual Christian Service Awards & Banquet	Annual event from Comprehensive Day Services for adults and children experiencing homelessness. 250 to 350 in attendance.
Saturday, October 14	7:30- 10:30AM	Meaghan Macker Emcee	MADD Central Florida	2023 Walk Like MADD & MADD Dash Polk County
Saturday, October 14	7 -10PM	Jason Guy and Meredith McDonough Emcee	Hats & Heroes Ball	Annual Gala for Kids Beating Cancer non-profit organization, providing access to treatments to children diagnosed with cancer and funding pediatric cancer research.
Sunday, October 15	4PM	Sheldon Dutes Served as Celebrity Bowler	Strikes for Stripes	Event by Zebra Youth. Whose mission is to empower LGBTQ+ youth to thrive. They accomplish this through bridge housing, mental health services, case management, and youth respite. Approx. 200 in attendance.
Tuesday, October 17	9- 11:30AM	Nancy Alvarez Moderator	HAPBWA Foundation Round Table	Non-profit organization that has been serving Hispanic American professionals and businesswomen since 2010 by promoting their leadership skills, personal growth, and professional development. Round Table-Topic: Women's Cancer. 50 in attendance.
Saturday, October 21	9:00AM	Various Station Staff	Volusia County Walk to End Alzheimer's	A Florida Alzheimer's Association Central Florida walk, an annual event to raise awareness and support for the millions of people living with or caring for someone with Alzheimer's. Station staff participated in the walk and the station aired on-air promotion in support of the event.
Thursday, October 26	6-9PM	Christina Watkins Emcee and Panel Discussion	Adult Literacy League	Non-profit focused on Adult education, ESOL, ABE, GED prep, reading and writing. This is their annual fundraising event.
Thursday, November 2	9AM- 12PM	Megan Mellado Emcee	Osceola County Sheriff's Office	2nd Human Trafficking & Drug Abuse Awareness Conference-in collaboration with the Kissimmee Police Department and St. Cloud Police Department. This conference educated and brought awareness to representatives from the hotel industry on indicators of human trafficking and teach the how to alert law enforcement in those cases. 150 in attendance.

Saturday, November 4	6-9PM	Stewart Moore Emcee	40th Anniversary Scholarship Gala and Hall of Fame Induction	This is a non-profit organization of Central Florida professionals who work in every facet of print, broadcast and digital media. For 40 years they have provided professional development, honored excellence in journalism, cultivated young journalists, and ensured accurate coverage of people of color. CFABJ provides scholarships and journalism seminars to college students seeking journalism careers. They also conduct workshops for media professionals.
Saturday, November 4	6-9PM	Christina Watkins Emcee	A Night of Impact	The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools annual Foundation Gala which gives guests the red-carpet treatment while raising funds to support amazing programs in Seminole County Public Schools. 330 in attendance.
Saturday, November 4	7-10PM	Mere McDonough Emcee	Harper Family Charitable Foundation	9th Annual Central Florida Dreamplex Gala benefiting the Harper Family Charitable Foundation.
Tuesday, November 7	10:15- 11AM	Stewart Moore Guest Lecture	Florida State University	Station talent served as guest Lecture for Media Ethics class via Zoom and discussed media ethics, specifically the reporter-source relationship with about 30 students in attendance.
Wednesday, November 8	11AM- 1PM	Nancy Alvarez Moderator	East Orlando Chamber of Commerce	EOCC Local Charities Luncheon presented by Deseret Ranch showcased five local charities. The charities highlighted were: Camp Boggy Creek; The Finley Project; Rebuild Yourself; Tulips Bloom & United Against Poverty.
Saturday, November 11	6-11PM	Nancy Alvarez Emcee	2nd Annual Hope Gala	Annual Hope Gala benefits non-profit organization that provides a holistic continuum of care in order to end homelessness and poverty in Central Florida.
Monday, November 13	9AM- 10:30AM	Marquise Meda Presenter	Millennia Elementary	STEM Weather Presentation for 5th graders. Station talent spoke to about 150 students and demonstrated how equipment such as barometers, anemometers, hydrometers, air temperature equipment and the like are used in weather patterns and determining the weather.

November 14 through 17	8:30AM-2PM	Various station talent	Elementary School Teach-In	School organizers from various elementary schools in our region invited the WESH 2 team to teach students what you do as journalist, how they gather the stories and as a meteorologist and the importance of the weather, etc.
Thursday, November 16	4:30-9PM	Nancy Alvarez Emcee	46th Annual Hall of Fame	The Junior Achievement of Central Florida, annual induction of forward thinking entrepreneurs and accomplished business leaders.
Monday, November 20	7-8PM	Nancy Alvarez Speaker	UCF Nicholson School of Communication and Media	Station talent joined Professor Rick Brunson for a class session exploring the application of journalism ethics and best practices to real-life reporting scenarios.
Thursday, November 25	7-9AM	Various station talent	Seniors First's 5k Turkey Trot	WESH 2 partnered with Seniors First for their annual key fundraising event, the 5k Turkey Trot, benefitting their programs like "Meals on Wheel." WESH 2 talent emceed and staff participated. Promo spots also aired leading up to the event.
Friday, December 1	5:30-7PM	Eric Burris and Christina Watkins Emcee	City of Lake Mary	Holiday in the Park, an annual community event to kick off the Holiday Season.
Friday, December 1	7-10PM	Nancy Alvarez Host	Hope Community Center	Y Mucho MÃ¡s Fiesta-fundraiser and a celebration of community. Organization provides Social Services support to the community. 250 in attendance.
Saturday, December 2	5AM-12PM	Various Station Talent	47th Annual OUC Half-Marathon	For the first time, WESH 2 broadcasted LIVE the annual OUC Orlando Half Marathon where over 4,000 runners ran through downtown Orlando and brought the community together to cheer them all on.
Monday, December 4	6:30-8:00PM	Stewart Moore, Eric Burris, Darren Stoltzfus, Trevor Cassidy, Kimmy Asiam, Stephanie Linton Speakers	WESH 2 FAU Industry Exploration Presentation	12 FAU students and staff visited WESH 2 & CW18 for a tour, discussion of our station and industry challenges/strengths, and what students should do if they want to apply at WESH 2 when they graduate or a few years after graduation.
Monday, December 4	6:30-9PM	Nancy Alvarez Emcee & Judge	A Tree-Mendous Affair	Event where 22 non-profit organizations create their own holiday trees which are then displayed for people across Central Florida to visit and explore. It is free and open to the public. 300 in attendance.
Friday, December 8	7AM-7PM	Various Station Staff	38 TH Annual Share Your Christmas	Day-long food drive across Central Florida for families in need, WESH 2 brings together those helping Second Harvest Food Bank make the holidays a bit better for area families.

Wednesday, December 13	8-9AM	Nancy Alvarez and Meredith McDonough Radio Guests	Children's Day of Giving	AdventHealth for Children's Day of Giving is a charity event to help kids who are battling cancer and other serious illnesses right here in Central Florida.
Wednesday, December 13	5-7PM	Nancy Alvarez Host	National Entrepreneur Center	The National Entrepreneur Center is Central Florida's premier 'one-stop- shop' for all small business needs. The NEC shares its facility with 19 non- profits that provide business technical support, networking or access to capital to existing or aspiring entrepreneurs. NEC 20th Anniversary Year End Reception (& Investor Thank You). 150- 200 in attendance.
Saturday, December 16	11AM- 2PM	Jason Guy Emcee	Central Florida Women's League	Power of the Purse Luncheon event was held to celebrate 35 years of philanthropy and service donating over \$3M in charitable grants and scholarships. 300 in attendance.
Saturday, December 16	Pre- recorded video Orlando Sports Foundatio n-the Cure Bowl	Christina Watkins Walk before the 3: 30pm game	FBC Mortgage Stadium at UCF	March 2 Cure-A rally cry to the world to raise awareness and help bring an end to this deadly disease. The Cure Bowl is an NCAA college football bowl game played each December at Exploria Stadium in Orlando, FL- Anticipate 12,000 to attend.