

WAIZ-AM Quarterly Report Issues - Programs List
January 1st, 2023 – March 31st 2023

The following is the quarterly issues report for WAIZ-AM, Hickory, NC for the first quarter of 2023. The report includes a synopsis of all programs of importance, which aired between January 1st, 2023 and March 31st 2023.

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Section I. Issues

This station has indentified the following issues as significant issues facing our community this quarter:

- A. Health Care: Medicaid Expansion
- B. Public Safety: How Insurance is involved in different aspects of life
- C. Vaccinations: Ensuring the community is protected from communicable diseases
- D. Education: Breakdowns of the different school problems and solutions

Section II. Responsive Programs

This station has broadcast programming dealing with each of the above-referenced issues. Programs are all from the Carolina Newsmakers network. All are 30 minute programs, aired at 5:00am every Sunday morning on WAIZ-AM..

A. Health Care:

FEBRUARY 19

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS - 30 minute program, aired at 5:00 am

INTERVIEW WITH JOHN BELL - HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER AND REPRESENTATIVE OF NC

HOUSE DISTRICT 10

POLITICS, ECONOMY, MEDICAID EXPANSION, HEALTH CARE, LEGISLATIVE SESSION, MILITARY, UTILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BROADBAND, AGRICULTURE, SPORTS BETTING, INFLATION, STATE BUDGET, TRANSPORTATION, REDISTRICTING, AND EDUCATION.

MARCH 26

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS - 30 minute program, aired at 5:00 am

INTERVIEW WITH KODY KINSLEY - SECRETARY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DEPARTMENT BACKGROUND, COVID-19, VACCINES, MENTAL HEALTH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, OPIOIDS, MEDICAID EXPANSION, SMOKING AND VAPING, ALCOHOL, LEGISLATION, AND FOSTER CARE

B. Public Safety:

MARCH 5

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS - 30 minute program, aired at 5:00 am

INTERVIEW WITH MIKE CAUSEY - INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF NORTH CAROLINA

INSURANCE, DISTRACTED DRIVING, SPEEDING, INSURANCE COVERAGE, FIRE DEPARTMENTS, INSURANCE FRAUD, OPIOIDS, REPLACEMENT VALUE COVERAGE, SMART NC, AND LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

C. Vaccinations:

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D. Education:

FEBRUARY 26

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS - 30 minute program, aired at 5:00 am

INTERVIEW WITH DR. MIKE WALDEN - ECONOMICS PROFESSOR EMERITUS AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

ECONOMY, RECESSION, CONSTRUCTION, EMPLOYMENT, INFLATION, GAS PRICES, TRANSPORTATION, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INTEREST RATES, EDUCATION, AND ENERGY.

MARCH 12

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS - 30 minute program, aired at 5:00 am

INTERVIEW WITH BRENDA BERG - PRESIDENT OF BEST NC

EDUCATION, TEACHER PAY, TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS, COVID-19, CHARTER SCHOOLS, K-12 EDUCATION, PRINCIPALS, RECRUITING AND RETAINING TALENT, PARENT TEACHER RELATIONSHIP, AND GENDER PAY.

MARCH 19

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS - 30 minute program, aired at 5:00 am

INTERVIEW WITH LYNN MINGES - PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RESTAURANT AND
LODGING ASSOCIATION

BACKGROUND ON ASSOCIATION, COVID-19, TECHNOLOGY, EMPLOYMENT, WAGES, ALCOHOL,
HOTELS, TAXATION, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION, AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES.