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Category	Headline/title	Link	Description	Program	Air date	Length
Government/politics	Ask a Journalist: Who wanted Jessica Cannon removed from the CFPUA board?	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-12/ask-a-journalist-who-wanted-jessica-cannon-removed-from-the-cfpua-board">https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-12/ask-a-journalist-who-wanted-jessica-cannon-removed-from-the-cfpua-board</a>	Last month, Wilmington City Council members got into a heated argument over an appointment to CFPUA. When the dust settled, more than one listener had questions for our 'Ask a Journalist' segment. WHQR's Camille Mojica and Ben Schachtman have some answers.	Morning Edition	7/12/2023 - 6:45 a.m.	4:35
		<a href="https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-13/leland-disappointed-after-nc-general-assembly-strips-its-voluntary-annexation-authority">https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-13/leland-disappointed-after-nc-general-assembly-strips-its-voluntary-annexation-authority</a>	Over the last several years, Brunswick County commissioners and state representatives have pushed legislation to curtail the rapidly-growing town's ability to expand its footprint through voluntary annexation. The latest bill, which passed through the General Assembly and into law on Wednesday, would completely prohibit the town from accepting new property into the town's corporate limits.	All Things Considered	7/13/2023 - 4:04 p.m.	1:00
	<a href="#">Leland "disappointed" after</a>					
	Straw poll narrows NHC Democrat's slate for Wilmington City Council from four to three	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-19/straw-poll-narrows-nhc-democrats-slate-for-wilmington-city-council-from-four-to-three">https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-19/straw-poll-narrows-nhc-democrats-slate-for-wilmington-city-council-from-four-to-three</a>	The municipal race is, on paper, non-partisan, but that hasn't stopped the local Democratic and Republican parties from recruiting and supporting candidates. This year, new Democratic party leadership decided to support only as many candidates as there are open seats to avoid the type of narrow loss the party suffered in 2021.	Morning Edition	7/19/2023 - 8:32 a.m.	1:41
Non-profits / Community organizations	Checking in on some of the New Hanover Community Endowment grant recipients	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-09-12/checking-in-on-some-of-the-new-hanover-community-endowment-grant-recipients">https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-09-12/checking-in-on-some-of-the-new-hanover-community-endowment-grant-recipients</a>	The 2023 grant cycle for the New Hanover Community Endowment is now open until September 22, so WHQR checked in with some of the recipients, NSEA Swim Foundation and Coastal Horizons, who received funding from the Endowment's first round	All Things Considered	9/12/2023 - 5:44 p.m.	3:46

	Former NHC commissioners White and Kusek seek appointment to New Hanover Community Endowment	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-09-15/former-nhc-commissioners-white-and-kusek-see-appointment-to-new-hanover-community-endowment">https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-09-15/former-nhc-commissioners-white-and-kusek-see-appointment-to-new-hanover-community-endowment</a>	A two-year 'cooling' off period has expired, meaning former New Hanover County commissioners Woody White and Patricia Kusek are now eligible to be appointed. Before leaving office in 2020, Kusek was a vocal critic of politicizing the Endowment – then still in the planning stages – warning residents to “make note of the politics involved in each and every appointment.”	Morning Edition	9/15/2024 - 8:32 a.m.	1:00
	'The Wilmington Dive': The Assembly's Johanna Still on 'cashing out' at Live Oak Bank, New Hanover County Endowment's boundaries	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-09-01/the-wilmington-dive-the-assemblys-johanna-still-on-cashing-out-at-live-oak-bank-new-hanover-county-endowments-boundaries">https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-09-01/the-wilmington-dive-the-assemblys-johanna-still-on-cashing-out-at-live-oak-bank-new-hanover-county-endowments-boundaries</a>	WHQR recently launched a joint newsletter with The Assembly, a state-wide magazine focusing on in-depth reporting. WHQR's Ben Schachtman sat down with The Assembly's Johanna F. Still to talk about the latest edition, including pieces on Live Oak Bank and the New Hanover Community Endowment.	All Things Considered	9/1/2023 - 4:44 p.m.	4:24
Culture	StarNews' John Staton on the past, present, and future of a downtown Wilmington institution	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-08-11/starnews-john-staton-on-the-past-present-and-future-of-a-downtown-wilmington-institution">https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-08-11/starnews-john-staton-on-the-past-present-and-future-of-a-downtown-wilmington-institution</a>	The music venue and one-time movie theater at 208 Market Street has been known by many names: The Manor, Jacob's Run, Hammerjax, Ziggy's, the Blue Eyed Muse, and others. It's currently mired in an owner-tenant dispute and faces condemnation — but many hope it will rejoin Wilmington's downtown scene.	Morning Edition	8/11/2023 - 6:45 p.m.	4:18
	Wilmington Journal Breakfast Club announces 1898 massacre memorial student essay competition	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-09-08/wilmington-journal-breakfast-club-announces-1898-massacre-memorial-student-essay-competition">https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-09-08/wilmington-journal-breakfast-club-announces-1898-massacre-memorial-student-essay-competition</a>	Thursday morning, members of the Wilmington Journal Breakfast Club announced plans for the 125th anniversary of the 1898 massacre, including a contest geared at students.	Morning Edition	9/8/2023 - 8:04 a.m.	1:50
	Despite rowdy weather, North Carolina Honey Festival draws hundreds to Whiteville	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-09-12/despite-rowdy-weather-north-carolina-honey-festival-draws-hundreds-to-whiteville">https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-09-12/despite-rowdy-weather-north-carolina-honey-festival-draws-hundreds-to-whiteville</a>	This is the seventh year running the N.C. H	All Things Considered	9/12/2023 - 4:04 p.m.	1:39

Environment/PFAS	State agency issued warning following investigation into last month's Pulp Road wildfire	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-22/state-agency-issued-warning-following-investigation-into-last-months-pulp-road-wildfire">https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-22/state-agency-issued-warning-following-investigation-into-last-months-pulp-road-wildfire</a>	The North Carolina Forest Service, which was called on to help put out the wildfire that began in the Green Swamp Nature Preserve, concluded its investigation into the fire, issuing a warning to an employee of the agency that was originally in charge of the initial prescribed burn.	Morning Edition	7/22/2023 - 8:45 a.m.	4:09
	Gov. Roy Cooper "extremely disappointed" North Carolina lost out on offshore wind	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-08-04/gov-roy-cooper-extremely-disappointed-north-carolina-lost-out-on-offshore-wind">https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-08-04/gov-roy-cooper-extremely-disappointed-north-carolina-lost-out-on-offshore-wind</a>	The federal decision comes two years after Cooper signed a law reaffirming North Carolina's commitment to offshore wind power.	All Things Considered	8/4/2023 - 5:32 p.m.	1:00
	The City of Burlington's landmark settlement to cut PFAS pollution	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-08-08/the-city-of-burlingtons-landmark-settlement-to-cut-pfas-pollution">https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-08-08/the-city-of-burlingtons-landmark-settlement-to-cut-pfas-pollution</a>	The City of Burlington, North Carolina, has reached an agreement to prevent huge amounts of forever chemicals from getting into the Haw River. That change will also impact the Cape Fear Watershed, and it's a cutting-edge change compared to cities around the country.	All Things Considered	8/8/2023 - 4:44 p.m.	3:59
	"The water still isn't safe": Locals alarmed over high PFAS levels, private water companies	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-08-21/the-water-still-isnt-safe-locals-alarmed-over-high-pfas-levels-private-water-companies">https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-08-21/the-water-still-isnt-safe-locals-alarmed-over-high-pfas-levels-private-water-companies</a>	CFPUA customers and well water users have options for preventing PFAS contamination. But residents hooked up to privately owned utilities are slipping through the cracks.	All Things Considered	8/21/2023 - 5:44 p.m.	3:25
Housing/Transportation	Eden Village holds grand opening	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-01/eden-village-holds-grand-opening">https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-01/eden-village-holds-grand-opening</a>	Eden Village focuses on providing permanent supportive housing to individuals experiencing chronic homelessness. It is not free, however, each resident pays a portion of their monthly earnings from sources that include, but are not limited to, Disability, SSI, Pension, Veteran Benefits, Family Trust/Support, income from work, external means, etc. to pay for rent and amenities.	Morning Edition	7/1/2023 - 7:04 a.m.	0:45:00
	An update on the city/county collaboration to help the homeless	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-28/an-update-on-the-city-county-collaboration-to-help-the-homeless">https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-28/an-update-on-the-city-county-collaboration-to-help-the-homeless</a>	New Hanover County and Wilmington Police have a collaboration for managing the homeless population in downtown Wilmington — and beyond.	All Things Considered	7/28/2023 - 4:44 p.m.	4:28

Education	What will it really take to turn New Hanover County's low-performing schools around?	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/show/the-newsroom/2023-07-23/what-will-it-really-take-to-turn-new-hanover-countys-low-performing-schools-around">https://www.whqr.org/show/the-newsroom/2023-07-23/what-will-it-really-take-to-turn-new-hanover-countys-low-performing-schools-around</a>	On this episode, WHQR's Rachel Keith helps u	The Newsroom	7/21/2023 - 12 p.m.	50:00:00
		<a href="https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-17/turnaround-task-force-part-i-nhc-community-discussion-of-low-performing-schools">https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-17/turnaround-task-force-part-i-nhc-community-discussion-of-low-performing-schools</a>	The New Hanover County Schools Turnaround Task Force, created to address the district's 12 lowest-performing schools, met last month and created subcommittees around mental health, community support, school leadership, and early childhood learning.	All Things Considered	7/17/2023 - 5:44 p.m.	4:08
		<a href="#">Turnaround Task Force, Part</a>				
	Call it 'removal' or 'banning,' the battle over 'Stamped' is a proxy for the culture war	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/show/the-newsroom/2023-09-09/call-it-removal-or-banning-the-battle-over-stamped-is-a-proxy-for-the-culture-war">https://www.whqr.org/show/the-newsroom/2023-09-09/call-it-removal-or-banning-the-battle-over-stamped-is-a-proxy-for-the-culture-war</a>	On this episode of The Newsroom: how one parent's efforts to remove a single book from a New Hanover County school curriculum became a proxy for the culture wars.	The Newsroom	9/8/2023 - 12 p.m.	2:00
Criminal Justice		<a href="https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-18/wpd-short-on-staff-working-hard-on-homelessness">https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-18/wpd-short-on-staff-working-hard-on-homelessness</a>	In a five-hour hearing, both sides argued the fat	All Things Considered	7/18/2023 - 4:32 p.m.	1:31
		<a href="#">WPD short on staff, working</a>				
	911 calls describe off-duty Wilmington cop 'running over' woman, SBI investigating	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-26/911-calls-describe-off-duty-wilmington-cop-running-over-woman-sbi-investigating">https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-26/911-calls-describe-off-duty-wilmington-cop-running-over-woman-sbi-investigating</a>		All Things Considered	7/26/2023 - 4:04 p.m.	1:47
	New criminal charges for WPD officer with questionable record	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-31/new-criminal-charges-for-wpd-officer-with-questionable-record">https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-31/new-criminal-charges-for-wpd-officer-with-questionable-record</a>	To unpack this story, we're joined by WHQR's Rachel Keith, who has been covering the debate over Stamped for months.	All Things Considered	7/31/2023 - 4:44 p.m.	4:03
	Judge Corpening weighs pros and cons of compromise juvenile justice bill	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-08-07/judge-corpening-weighs-pros-and-cons-of-compromise-juvenile-justice-bill">https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-08-07/judge-corpening-weighs-pros-and-cons-of-compromise-juvenile-justice-bill</a>	There's a bill in Raleigh, tied to the ongoing budget negotiations, that would make significant changes to juvenile justice. Proponents say it makes important updates — but some have concerns about the legislation.	Morning Edition	8/07/2023 - 6:04 p.m.	1:39
Healthcare	Federal agency again rates Novant NHRMC two out of five stars	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-08-01/federal-agency-again-rates-novant-nhrmc-two-out-of-five-stars">https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-08-01/federal-agency-again-rates-novant-nhrmc-two-out-of-five-stars</a>	For the second consecutive year, New Hanover	All Things Considered	8/1/2023 - 4:04 p.m.	1:05

	A Novant Checkup	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-06/a-novant-checkup">https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-06/a-novant-checkup</a>	It's been more than two years since Novant Health took over New Hanover County's community hospital. Is the company living up to its promises?	All Things Considered	7/6/2023 - 4:32 p.m.	1:30
	The Dive: Short on options, Pender sells its hospital. And, unpacking NHC's Endowment appointments	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-09-25/the-dive-short-on-options-pender-sells-its-hospital-and-unpacking-nhcs-endowment-appointments">https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-09-25/the-dive-short-on-options-pender-sells-its-hospital-and-unpacking-nhcs-endowment-appointments</a>	WHQR's Ben Schachtman sat down with The Assembly's Johanna Still to talk about the latest edition of The Dive, our joint newsletter. On this episode — delayed slightly by Tropical Storm Ophelia — we look at Pender County's decision to sell its hospital to Novant. And, getting to the bottom of New Hanover County commissioners' decision to put new faces on the board of the New Hanover Community Endowment board.	All Things Considered	9/25/2023 - 4:44 p.m.	4:05
Opioid Crisis	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-25/a-new-era-in-the-war-on-drugs-in-north-carolina">https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-25/a-new-era-in-the-war-on-drugs-in-north-carolina</a> "A new era in the war on drugs"	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-25/a-new-era-in-the-war-on-drugs-in-north-carolina">https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-25/a-new-era-in-the-war-on-drugs-in-north-carolina</a>	The opioid settlement funds have gone out to ci	Morning Edition	7/25/2023 - 8:55 a.m.	4:19:00
Diversity	NHC school board set to hold public hearing on "Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You"	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-12/nhc-school-board-set-to-hold-a-public-hearing-on-stamped-racism-antiracism-and-you">https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-07-12/nhc-school-board-set-to-hold-a-public-hearing-on-stamped-racism-antiracism-and-you</a>	At Tuesday's New Hanover County School Board meeting, members voted 4-3 to conduct a public hearing for the book Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You. The vote fell mostly along party lines, with Democratic board members Hugh McManus, Stephanie Walker, and Republican Stephanie Kraybill saying they strongly disagreed with attempted book bans.	All Things Considered	7/12/2023 - 4:44 p.m.	3:51
	Preventing the "violent denial of diversity," and a petition for poison-free parks	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/show/the-newsroom/2023-08-05/preventing-the-violent-denial-of-diversity-and-a-petition-for-poison-free-parks">https://www.whqr.org/show/the-newsroom/2023-08-05/preventing-the-violent-denial-of-diversity-and-a-petition-for-poison-free-parks</a>	On this show, a conversation with members of Glitterpill, LLC, a company that focuses on threats to democracy and what founder Bjorn Ihler calls "the violent denial of diversity." We'll look at how extreme beliefs work — across international boundaries, between the not-so-meaningful divide between online and real life, and in the many subtle spaces between acceptable politics and extreme beliefs.	The Newsroom	8/04/2023 - 12 p.m.	50:00:00

CoastLine: Black Barbie, the film, celebrates Black women, reveals deep cultural influence	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/show/coastline/2023-08-22/coastline-black-barbie-the-film-celebrates-black-women-reveals-deep-cultural-influence">https://www.whqr.org/show/coastline/2023-08-22/coastline-black-barbie-the-film-celebrates-black-women-reveals-deep-cultural-influence</a>	<p>Black Barbie, the documentary film by Lagueria Davis, explores the way the doll shapes culture, and ultimately the way people think about themselves. It's a close look at representation, starting with the filmmaker's aunt, Beulah Mae Mitchell, who was on the original Barbie manufacturing line with Mattel and played a key role in bringing Black Barbie to life.</p>	Coastline	8/23/2023 - 12 p.m.	50:00:00
Bladen County takes cue from state, bans transgender youth in parks-and-rec sports	<a href="https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-08-23/bladen-county-takes-cue-from-state-bans-transgender-youth-in-parks-and-rec-sports">https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-08-23/bladen-county-takes-cue-from-state-bans-transgender-youth-in-parks-and-rec-sports</a>	<p>Bladen County is one of the first counties in North Carolina to require participants in its parks and recreation programs to play on sports teams aligned with the sex they were assigned at birth.</p>	All Things Considered	8/23/2023 - 4:44 p.m.	3:42