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Community Action/Social Concerns

Program: WITN News 5p

Length: 2:30

Date: 12/24/18

Time 5:00pm

Kate Capodanno covers a story in New Bern about 3 little girls named Neveah, Lexi and Kadence who visit Santa in New Bern Plaza at an annual Beary Merry event, and tells him that their only wish was that their Uncle would return home for Christmas. Their uncle, Hunter Watson, was stationed in California at Camp Pendleton, and had not seen his nieces in about half a year. During their visit, Watson popped up from behind Santa and posed for a picture. The girls realized their uncle was there when they were shown the picture.

Program: WITN News Sunrise

Length: 2:00

Date: 11/8/18

Time: 6:00am

Jim Howard interviews Rebecca Thurston and Jason Edwards with Greenville Fire and Rescue. They are promoting the 16th annual Chili Cook-off and Bake Sale at Greenville Fire Station #1 that is happening Thursday, November 8th from 11:30-2 in Uptown Greenville. About twenty businesses, individuals and fire stations are entering pots of chili in the competition. All proceeds will benefit the United Way.

Program: WITN News Noon

Length: 1:00

Date: 12/23/18

Time 12:00pm

John Caracoglia, a local Ultra runner, is participating in a 48-hour Treadmill Challenge to raise money for Alzheimer's Research. In partnership with Fleet Feet in Greenville, Caracoglia set up a treadmill outside the store Friday and was on his feet until 3 p.m. Sunday. In that time Caracoglia ran 128 miles. So far has collected \$2,700 in the month of December to donate.

Crime & Public Safety

Program: WITN News 5pm

Length: 1:00

Date: 12/25/18

Time: 5:00pm

New Bern police arrested and charged 47year old Kenneth Moore with two counts of armed robbery with a dangerous weapon. Investigators say the first robbery happened on December 4th and the second happened on December 23rd. In both cases, police say Moore used a gun to demand money. Moore is being held in the Craven County jail under a \$100,000 secured bond, his first court date set for December 27th.

Program: WITN News 5pm

Length: 1:00

Date: 11/27/18

Time: 5:00pm

Kill Devil Hills police say children, between 10 and 12 years old, were in a wooded area near their home when they discovered a backpack containing three loaded guns. Two of the guns were reported stolen in July from two separate unlocked vehicle break-ins, and the third gun is believed to have been stolen as well. The guns are now undergoing fingerprint and DNA analysis in hopes to find the culprit.

Program: News at 5:30pm

Length: 1:00

Date: 12/5/18

Time: 5:30pm

Hollie Chaimowitz, 44, of Ayden, has been arrested and is facing 14 different counts of felony larceny and identity theft. Pitt County deputies say over the past two weeks they received numerous reports of mail being stolen, most of it containing personal checks. Chaimowitz was caught trying to cash the checks at several financial institutions in Greenville using someone else's ID. The woman was jailed on a \$125,000 bond and has a December 12th court date.

Education

Program: WITN News at 5:00pm

Length: 1:00

Date: 12/25/18

Time: 5:00pm

A group of Marines from MCAS Cherry Point adopted Creekside Elementary School in Craven County to serve as student mentors. The program will allow the students to gain a new role model who they can relate to, which is especially important for those children whose military parents are currently deployed. There are currently five Craven County schools enrolled in the program, and officials say they are hoping to add another five schools to that list in the future.

Program: WITN News at 5:00pm

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Date: 12/18/18

Time: 5:00pm

A friendly game of dodge ball to raise money for charity at Washington High School Tuesday was also the perfect cover for a surprise for one of the teachers. As the games started to wrap up, Visual Arts Teacher Damon Walcott got a big surprise when he was called out to the center of the basketball court and named the State Regional Teacher of the year for the Northeast. Throughout North Carolina, nine regional teachers of the year will be announced and compete for the North Carolina Teacher of the Year.

Program: WITN News at 5:00pm

Length: 1:00

Date: 12/15/18

Time: 5:00pm

More than 2,200 East Carolina University students are now alumni after this morning's fall commencement. Most of the graduates walked away with bachelor's degrees, while 585

received graduate and another 38 with doctoral degrees. Heavy traffic is expected around the city and close to campus throughout the weekend.

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DATE: 10/1/18 - 12/31/18

Environment & Weather

Program: WITN News at 5:00pm

Length: 2:00

Date: 12/25/18

Time: 5:00pm

North Carolina wildlife officials are warning of a deadly disease encroaching on the state's deer population. The NC Wildlife Resources Commission enacted a rule for the 2018-19 deer hunting season prohibiting import of whole deer carcasses and restricting importation of specific carcass parts to prevent the spread of chronic wasting disease. Wildlife commission spokeswoman Jodie Owen said there has never been a confirmed case of chronic wasting disease in North Carolina. Until now, the closest known cases were found in deer in Virginia.

Program: WITN News at 6pm

Length: 2:30

Date: 11/13/18

Time: 6:00

A weak tornado touched down early this morning along the Crystal Coast. The National Weather Service says tornado damage was found in eastern Atlantic Beach and along the Morehead City waterfront. Early estimates are that this tornado was a weak EF 1, with winds between 85 and 90 MPH. It touched down around 4:45am, and several thousand customers of Duke Energy were without power after the tornado snapped a couple of utility poles.

Program: WITN New at 6pm

Length: 2:00

Date: 12/24/18

Time: 6:00

With \$17 billion in damage and 42 deaths, Hurricane Florence unleashed a fury on North Carolina. With more than three months after the storm, Gov. Cooper says people are still trying to get back into their homes or having to rebuild. Along with housing, the Governor says they are still working to help farmers recover from the massive flooding, and while more assistance.

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DATE: 10/1/18 - 12/31/18

Health/Medical

Program: WITN News at Sunrise

Length: 3:30

Date: 10/23/18

Time 6:00am

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month and in this month's Healthy Habits segment with Vidant Health, Susan Houston shared some tips on preventing and/or managing diabetes. She says 30 million people have diabetes and an even greater number, 86 million, have pre-diabetes, which means they are well on their way to developing the condition without serious lifestyle changes. Houston says most diabetes can be prevented and managed by achieving and maintaining a healthy weight and doing regular exercise.

Program: WITN News at Sunrise

Length: 3:00

Date: 12/18/18

Time: 6:00am

In this month's Healthy Habits segment with Vidant Health, Nutrition Clinic Coordinator Colleen Bucher explains some of this season's most popular fad diets and why you should avoid them in favor of something more sustainable. One of the most common New Year's resolutions is to lose weight or get in better shape, but experts say that fad diets should be avoided in favor of sustainable, life-style changes that will be more nutritious over the long term.

Program: WITN News at 6:00pm

Length: 2:30

Date: 12/21/18

Time 6:00

Onslow Memorial Hospital and UNC Health Care this morning announced they are finalizing a management agreement that begins next month. UNC already manages several area hospitals, including those in Kinston, Goldsboro, and Rocky Mount. The hospital will remain locally owned and workers will stay employees of Onslow Memorial.

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Local Economy/Jobs

Program: WITN News 6:00pm

Length: 2:00

Date: 12/20/18

Time: 6:00pm

At a news conference this afternoon, governor Roy Cooper said LGM Enterprises will expand its operations at GTP, creating 145 new jobs. The new jobs, which include pilots, painting technicians, and aircraft maintenance personnel, will average at \$59,245 a year. The company is receiving a \$2.3 million performance-based state grant which is only paid out if they meet projected employment levels.

Program: WITN News at 5:30pm

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Date: 12/13/18

Time 5:30pm

Friday marks three months since Hurricane Florence struck Eastern North Carolina, causing people to lose their homes and belongings. While many did lose material items, victims also lost their source of income. But an organization is helping fill the void with a work program funded by FEMA. Some people who lost jobs are working again by a federally funded program to employ those whose jobs ended due to Hurricane Florence. There are various jobs offered through Greene Lamp Community Action. The organization received a 1.8 million dollar grant from the Department of Labor to help hurricane victims find jobs and replace their income.

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Date: 12/11/18

Time: 6:00am

A national truck driver shortage could soon impact the availability and/or price of some products. The American Trucking Association says if current trends hold, the shortage of drivers could grow to more than 174,000 by 2026 and consumers should expect to see the prices of goods reflect the shortage. The Sage commercial driver's license training program is one-month long and successful students finish with their commercial driver's license ready to fill one of about 50,000 open positions. Program coordinators say their enrollment numbers are up as more students are starting to see the opportunity in trucking. The program usually averages around 100 students each year but that number has nearly doubled for 2018.