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QUARTERLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS

April 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014

Community Action

Program: WITN News at Sunrise

Length: 2:07

Date: April 24, 2014

Time: 6:24am

WITN News at Sunrise anchor/reporter Heather King spoke with representatives of the St. James Spring Fling in Greenville. Bryant Waters and Felton Creef, co-chairs of the event spoke about how the giant yard sale and BBQ raised a substantial amount of money to help support the selected charities, Greenville Community Shelters, Building Hope Community Life Center and Operation Sunshine.

Program: WITN News at Sunrise

Length: 1:47

Date: April 28, 2014

Time: 6:45am

WITN News reporter Alize Proisy filed a report on the ferry service to the Cape Lookout National Seashore on the eastern North Carolina coast. Alize spoke with Captain Mike Crusie that has taken over the ferry that brings visitors to the protected area for educational tours of the park. Pat Kenney, park superintendent explained the critical role the ferry system plays in getting tourists to this remote island locale.

Program: WITN News at Sunrise

Length: 1:55

Date: April 19, 2014

Time: 6:25am

WITN News meteorologist Jim Howard conducted a live interview with several representatives of the 2014 United Neighborhoods Conference. Brenda Diggs, the chair of the Neighborhood Advisory Board and Seth Laughlin, Neighborhood Liaison and Ombudsman for Greenville told viewers that former gubernatorial candidate Linda Coleman would be the guest speaker as they discussed balancing neighborhood preservation with development and code enforcement.

Crime & Public Safety

Program: WITN News at Sunrise
Date: April 24, 2014

Length: 1:46
Time: 6:46am

WITN News anchor/reporter Lynnette Taylor provided a special report on the status of a convicted rapist attempting to get off the North Carolina Sex Registry list. Dwayne Davis explained that he was coerced into committing the crime. Lynnette also spoke with “Nora”, the rape victim and she explained that it was fortunate that she learned of this request so that she could go in front of the judge and plead her case not to let the man off the sex registry list.

Program: WITN News at Sunrise - Sat

Length: 1:07

Date: April 26, 2014

Time: 7:10am

WITN News anchor/reporter Cassandra Bell introduced a Crimestoppers report from the Beaufort County Sheriff’s Department. Major Kenneth Watson informed viewers of a break-in and larceny at a landscaping business in Belhaven and invited the public to provide information anonymously to help solve this particular crime.

Program: WITN News at Sunrise

Length: 1:32

Date: May 6, 2014

Time: 6:44am

WITN News bureau reporter April Davis provided a profile of local volunteer fire departments. April spoke with local volunteer firefighters in Onslow County about the work they perform while Brian Kelly, Onslow County Fire Marshall explained the critical role played by volunteer firefighters, especially in the rural communities of eastern North Carolina.

Drugs & Drug Education

Program: WITN News at 5:00pm
Date: April 15, 2014

Length: 1:20
Time: 5:03pm

WITN News reporter Alize Proisy reported on the Onslow County Sheriff's Candidate Forum. One of the topics of major importance was the problem with Meth Labs in the county and efforts by the County Sheriff's Department to locate and eradicate these labs. Current Sheriff Ed Brown talked about the work involved in seeing that these illegal operations are shut down.

Program: WITN News at 5:30pm

Length: 1:11

Date: April 24, 2014

Time: 5:36pm

WITN News anchor/reporter Dave Jordan reported on a Food & Drug Administration plan to regulate e-cigarettes. Dave reported that while the products can be sold legally, there is concern about the effect on youngsters. Erika Sword from the American Lung Association said that her group has been working to persuade the government to make the product off-limits to kids.

Program: WITN News at 6:00pm

Length: 1:33

Date: May 1, 2014

Time: 6:02pm

WITN News anchor/reporter Lynnette Taylor reported on a new program being employed by the Pitt County Sheriff's Department to deal with drug overdose. Pitt County Sheriff Neil Elks said that his patrols would start carrying Narcan in their vehicles. Dr. Jeff Ferguson, an ER doctor explained that if administered on the scene of a drug overdose that there was a good chance of reversing the effects of opiates and saving the drug overdose victim.

Education

Program: WITN News at Sunrise

Length: 1:48

Date: April 28, 2014

Time: 6:24am

WITN News at Sunrise anchor Heather King conducted a live interview with two representatives of the Literacy Program in Martin County. Betty Williams and Jean Spruell came on the show to discuss the services available for those needing assistance in Martin County and also put out a call for additional volunteers to be trained as literacy tutors.

Program: WITN News at Sunrise

Length: 1:52

Date: May 28, 2014

Time: 6:45am

WITN News at Sunrise anchor Heather King introduced this week's WITN/North Carolina Education Lottery "Teacher of the Week" Grant Michel. Mr. Michel is a music teacher and band director at Riverside High School in Martin County. Mr. Michel talked about the satisfaction he receives watching students come in as freshmen and then progress in the skills and knowledge as they transition through their high school years.

Program: WITN News at 6:00pm

Length: 1:55

Date: June 5, 2014

Time: 6:02pm

WITN News bureau reporter Alize Proisy filed a report about teacher concerns regarding proposed cuts to teacher assistants in North Carolina. Alize spoke with several elementary school teachers in Craven County about how these cuts would affect their efforts in the classroom. Ginny York and Karen Camp, 3rd Grade teachers at Ben Quinn Elementary stated it would put more stress on their teaching load while Teacher Assistant Robin Runne spoke about the role teacher assistants play in the classroom.

Environment & Weather

Program: WITN News at 5:30pm

Length: 1:37

Date: April 22, 2014

Time: 5:34pm

WITN News anchor/reporter Heather King shared the results of a viewer survey conducted for Earth Day regarding Global Warming. Research shows that 39% of Americans are concerned believers regarding Global Warming, while WITN viewer Craig Slauzis said that he believed that it represents more of the natural cycle of the earth's climate.

Program: WITN News at 5:30pm

Length: 1:42

Date: April 22, 2014

Time: 5:36pm

WITN News reporter Brendan King reported on Earth Day activities in Greenville with Nancy Bray, the owner of A Time for Science, opening up her facility to a group of school children. Ms. Bray, a former science teacher, said that she created the non-profit facility to help kids explore and understand nature.

Program: WITN 7 News at 5:30pm

Length: 1:22

Date: May 22, 2014

Time: 5:34pm

WITN News anchor/reporter Dave Jordan filed a report on hydroponic farming and how the technique is being tested in the area. Rita Taylor with Four Star Hydroponics explained how the process allows farmers to grow crops without having to devote large tracts of land to the enterprise.

Health

Program: WITN News at 6:00pm

Length: 1:22

Date: April 14, 2014

Time: 6:05pm

WITN News anchor/reporter Lynnette Taylor reported on a new In-Patient Mental Health facility at Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville. At the ribbon cutting ceremony, Capt. David Lane, commanding officer of the Naval Hospital-Camp Lejeune, spoke about how this new facility would enable the medical corps to better serve the military community of dependents and retirees in the area.

Program: WITN News at 6:00pm

Length: 1:42

Date: May 1, 2014

Time: 6:05pm

WITN News reporter Brendan King filed a special report about a unique program being utilized at the East Carolina University School of Medicine to treat PTSD symptoms displayed in wounded warriors. Dr. Carmen Russoniello explained the use of biofeedback that involved teaching breathing techniques and relaxation exercises to treat the effects of PTSD.

Program: WITN News Early Sunrise

Length: 1:56

Date: June 7, 2014

Time 5:55am

WITN News at Sunrise meteorologist Jim Howard conducted an interview with a group of health professionals offering advice for summer exercise programs. Robin High with the Pitt County Health Department and Stacey Greenway with "Exercise is Medicine" spoke about getting energized with a healthy diet of fruits and vegetables and some simple exercises that could be performed at home.

Local Economy

Program: WITN News at 11:00pm

Length: 1:27

Date: April 10, 2014

Time: 11:03pm

WITN News reporter Brendan King provided a local citizen's comments on the 4-Unrelated Rule in Greenville. While the city council was planning to reinstate regulations that only allow 3 unrelated residents of rental housing, local East Carolina student Kristen Leigh Haskins said that it would make it more difficult for students to find low-cost rentals.

Program: WITN News at 6:00pm

Length: 1:38

Date: April 17, 2014

Time: 6:04pm

WITN News bureau reporter Alize Proisy provided coverage of a local rally in New Bern to support the Affordable Care Act. Melanie Carrol and local supporter of "Protect Your Care NC" spoke about how the group hoped to send a message to NC House Speaker Thom Tillis that the group did not want the state legislature to put in force any rules that hindered the implementation of the act.

Program: WITN News at 6:00pm

Length: 1:51

Date: May 9, 2014

Time: 6:02pm

WITN News anchor/reporter Clayton Bauman provided a report about revitalization efforts taking place in downtown Kinston. Adrian King representing Pride of Kinston said that a cash influx had provided the means to provide facelifts to historic downtown buildings. Chris Maroules the owner of Christopher's Café said that he noticed an immediate difference in downtown consumer traffic following the revitalization work.