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AIR DATE	Reporter	Story Headline	Length
Government			
Wednesday, March 30th	CM	New Hanover County work session will tackle development of the Cape Fear's western bank	Web
Tuesday, March 22nd PM/AM 23rd	AB	NHC Commissioners remove \$50 fine from homelessness ordinance, keep language banning sleeping or congregating	SS (1:55)
Tuesday, March 22nd PM/AM 23rd	CM	NHC Commissioners vote to proceed with 1/4-cent sales tax referendum. Now what?	SS (2:00)
Monday, March 21st AM/PM	BNS	cautiously optimistic about addressing WHA mold crisis	Web
Saturday, March 19th	BNS	NHC commissioners will vote on whether to add 1/4-cent sales tax to November ballot	Web
Friday, March 18th	BNS	penalties to remove 'homeless population' from downtown library	Web
Tuesday, March 15th PM, 16th AM	KK	Wilmington mayor , council members in DC seeking over \$30 million for WHA mold crisis	C/C (1:20)
Wednesday, March 2nd AM/PM	AB	WHA met with frustration, concern as it presents worsening displacement crisis to Wilmington City Council	SS (1:57)
Friday, February 25th	BNS, RBK	The Newsroom: Open government is good government, plus UNCW's Chief Diversity Officer	Program
Thursday, February 24th PM/25th AM	BNS, KK	After nixing housing bond, NHC commissioners spar with city council, approve \$15-million alternative	Feature-2way (10:44)

Monday, February 21st PM/22nd AM	BNS	New Hanover County chair wants to reduce taxes, after spearheading last year's increase	SS (1:44)
Thursday, February 17th/18th AM	BNS	Governor Roy Cooper calls on local governments and school boards to end mask mandates	SS (1:31)
Monday, February 14th	BNS	issues, Wilmington's N. Front St. project eyes April start	Web
Thursday, February 3rd AM/PM	AB	Gensis Block receives \$100,000 to expand entrepreneurship opportunities and hire an Educational Coordinator	Wrap
Thursday, February 3rd AM/PM	CM	After two years the Azalea Festival is back, City of Wilmington invests \$35,000 to help	SS
Wednesday, February 2nd AM/PM	CM	City of Wilmington approves funding for Cape Fear Collective affordable housing initiative	Wrap
Wednesday, February 2nd	CM	United department, tasked with reducing 'community violence'	Web
Monday, January 31st	BNS	Azalea Festival asks city and county for \$70,000 to throw "the biggest party Wilmington has seen"	Web
Thursday, January 27th AM/PM	SN, BNS	With government talks stalled, Mayor says Bald Head Island ferry owners exploring a private buyer	Wrap
Monday, January 24th PM/25th AM	CM	for nearly \$40 million in 'community violence' prevention	Spot
Wednesday, January 19th AM/PM	AB	affordable housing plan, approves \$2.4 million transportation request	SS
Tuesday, January 18th PM/19th AM	BNS	New Hanover County's new 'PanOps' director on vaccine hesitancy, misinformation, and challenges on the horizon	SS
Friday, January 7th	CM	New Hanover County Commissioners want to press pause on new 'Riverfront Urban Mixed-Use' zoning request	Web
Wednesday, January 5th PM/6th AM	AB	Wilmington City Council approves new deputy city manager, other positions	Wrap

Health/Hospital			
Wednesday, February 23rd PM/24th AM	KK/RBK	Newsroom Conversations: Data nerds rejoice as Cape Fear Collective launches free, public health metrics dashboard	Feature-2way (4:21)
Friday, January 28th	BNS	New Hanover Health and Human Services Data Committe gives Covid stat update	Web
Thursday, January 21st AM/PM	RBK	Deep Dive: A closer look at medically-assisted opioid use treatment in New Hanover County	Wrap(s)
Tuesday, January 17th	BNS	After 5-5 split vote, New Hanover Health Board adjourns without passing mask mandate	Web
Thursday, January 13th AM/PM	CM	As North Carolina hits record Covid numbers, NHRMC sees a less severe spike	SS
Thursday, January 6th AM/PM	KK	In the midst of a national blood shortage, gay men are still excluded from helping	Feature
Thursday, December 30th AM/PM	CM	New Hanover County holds drive-in Covid testing at NHC Annex	Spot
Wednesday, December 29th AM/PM	RBK	Experts back medically-assisted treatment for opioid abuse, but some disagree, including New Hanover County's new treatment facility	Feature
Tuesday, December 28th AM/PM	RBK	A closer look at The Healing Place of New Hanover County, the treatment facility now slated for a fall 2022 opening	Feature
Tuesday, December 28th AM/PM	KK	Cape Fear Region short on blood, Red Cross calls for donors	Wrap
Monday, December 27th AM/PM	RBK	The opioid epidemic is killing more people than ever. Here's what's being done locally to stem the tide	Feature

Education			
Thursday, March 24th AM/PM	RBK	CFCC was asked, and told, to do a 'third-party, independent' climate survey. It looks like it hasn't.	Feature/2Way (3:50)
Monday, March 14th	BNS	New Hanover school board to hold first of three annual 'public participation' meetings	Web
Wednesday, March 2nd AM/PM	RBK	A new study hopes to better understand the relationships students need to thrive	Feature (4:16)
Wednesday, March 2nd AM/PM	BNS	NHC school board narrowly rejects 'Love our Children' call to stop suspending young students	Web
Wednesday, February 16th AM/PM	RBK	New Hanover's long-awaited Title-IX survey results shows concerning levels of harassment, unreported incidents	Wrap (1:43)
Wednesday, February 16th	BNS	After a very brief special meeting, New Hanover County school board drops mask mandate	Web
Monday, February 14th PM/15th AM	RBK	Disquiet at Cape Fear': An interview with The Assembly's Pam Kelley about her work on CFCC	Feature-2-way (7:50)
Wednesday, February 9th AM/PM	RBK	NHCS teachers share their concerns, many highlighted in recent climate survey	Feature
Wednesday, February 2nd	BNS	New Hanover school board votes 5-2 to keep mask mandate, Brunswick County goes 'mask optional'	Web
Friday, January 28th	RBK	NHCS hopes to complete Strategic Plan before budget talks with county	Web
Wednesday, January 19th PM/20th AM	RBK	NHCS tackles negative climate-study feedback, and a host of other issues	SS
Tuesday, January 18th	BNS	NHCS staff, teachers, EDI committee members sign petition asking school board to keep Sophic Solutions contract	Web
Tuesday, January 18th AM/PM	BAS	Deep Dive: NHCS's use of seclusion rooms far exceeds other districts, apparently, while its oversight policy leaves questions	Feature
Friday, January 14th PM/Monday 17th AM	RBK	During tense meeting, NHC school board votes 5-2 to censure member Judy Justice	SS
Friday, January 14th	BNS	on Sophic Solutions' contract, weeks after it was cancelled	Web

Thursday, January 13th PM/14th AM	BNS	NHC school board chair wants 'Call to the Audience' lottery, says advocacy groups are taking up too much time	SS
Monday, January 10th	BNS	New Hanover school board will reconsider equity and diversity training contract with Sophic Solutions	Web
Wednesday, January 5th PM/6th AM	RBK	Justice for allegedly disclosing personnel information	SS
Wednesday, January 5th PM/6th AM	RBK	New Hanover County school board renews mask mandate for students and staff	Wrap
Tuesday, December 28th	BNS	NHCS gets unanimously positive response after polling parents on school-hosted vaccine clinics	Web
Tuesday, December 28th AM/PM	CM/BNS	The constitutionality of Leland charter school's 'chivalrous' dress code hinges on some weedy legal arguments	Feature/2-way
Wednesday, December 22nd	BNS	New Hanover school board could move to dismiss some civil case victims after state law struck down	Web

Housing/Transportation/Development			
Monday, March 28th	AB	Cape Fear Collective receives \$12.1 million in investments towards affordable housing, pilot project focusing on non-medical community needs	SS (2:14)
Tuesday, March 22nd AM/PM	BNS	New Wilmington-based non-profit aims to tackle the problem of affordable home ownership	SS (1:53)
Wednesday, March 16th	KK	Amid soaring costs, City Council devotes nearly \$1 million for Wilmington Multi-modal Transportation Center	Web
Tuesday, March 1st PM	BNS	deficiencies,' 'material weaknesses,' and overpayments	Feature-2way (4:00)
Friday, February 25th PM/26th AM	BNS	Community Endowment expects modest first-year grants, measured role in affordable housing	SS (1:43)
Friday, February 18th PM/19th AM	BNS, KK	Affordability in the Cape Fear: The elephant in the room is funding	Feature-2-way (5:17)
Wednesday, February 16th AM/PM	KK	What do riders think of WAVE's planned route changes?	Feature (3:51)
Friday, February 14th	BNS, KK	The Newsroom: What makes a city, a city?	Program
Friday, February 14th PM/AM 15th	BNS	WHA says it's making progress on new CEO, staffing issues	SS, 1:31
Thursday, February 10th AM/PM	KK	Wave Transit set to replace some routes with RideMicro, double the frequency of others	Wrap, 1:17
Friday, January 28th	BNS, KK	The Newsroom: Officials say New Hanover's \$50 million housing bond is dead. What happened, and what's next?	Program
Monday, January 10th AM/PM	BNS	"I'm not going to sugarcoat it": Wilmington Mayor says WHA mold crisis will be tough to navigate	SS
Monday, January 3rd AM/PM	KK	Test Drive: WHQR tries out WAVE's micro-transit system	Feature
Thursday, December 23rd AM/PM	KM	As WHA's mold crisis grinds on, a displaced mother and her children face a tough Christmas	SS
Wednesday, December 22nd AM/PM	BNS, KK	Wilmington Housing Authority's mold crisis has gotten worse; authority officials say they're taking proactive steps	Feature/2-way

Culture/Human Interest/Community			
Monday, March 28th	CL	Sing-Along to "Messiah" with the Cape Fear Chorale	Wrap
Friday, March 25th	RBK	U.S. Census data: Brunswick, Pender counties among state's fastest growing counties	Web
Friday, March 25th	RB	Around Town with Rhonda Bellamy: Handel's Messiah	Program/Feature
Thursday, March 24th	MD	The Fisherman's Post fishing school is, as you might expect, a day packed full of all things fish	Feature (2:48)
Friday, March 18th	RB	Around Town with Rhonda Bellamy: Linda Estep	Program/Feature
Friday, March 18th AM/PM	BNS	StoryCorps Mobile Tour: Forbidden lasagna, a lifetime of reading, and "interesting times"	Feature (3:40)
Wednesday, March 16th	CL	Experience STEM-ILM 2.0 at Cape Fear Museum	Wrap (1:21)
Wednesday, March 16th	RLH	CoastLine: Allie McCulloch and Nick Basta on The Glorias and artistic passion (aka "The Disease")	Program
Monday, March 14th	CL	The Ririe Woodbury Dance Company is in Wilmington this Thursday	Wrap (1:35)
Friday, March 11th	BNS, RBK, KK, CB	The Newsroom: Primary elections, Wilmington Housing Authority, and 'community violence'	Program
Friday, March 11th	RB	Around Town with Rhonda Bellamy: Art of the State	Program/Feature
Friday, March 4th	RB	Around Town with Rhonda Bellamy: Lumina Festival	Program/Feature
Tuesday, March 2nd	CL	Acoustic guitar virtuoso, Pierre Bensusan performs a concert collaboration with the Forward Motion Dance Company Thursday, March 3rd	Wrap (1:12)
Tuesday, March 1st	RLH	CoastLine: Paul Plishka on how he sustained one of the longest singing careers in Met Opera history, playing Falstaff, and coming full circle from buffo to serious and back	Program
Monday, February 28th PM/Mar 1 AM	AB	Homelessness, alleviated briefly by pandemic resources, is again becoming chronic in Wilmington	Feature (4:19)

Friday, February 25th	CL	Looking for something fun to do this weekend? Like music and dancing? Classical HQR's Cheril Lee has a suggestion for you.	Wrap (1:04)
Friday, February 25th	RB	Around Town with Rhonda Bellamy: Shane Fernando	Feature/Program
Friday, February 18th PM	CL	The Wilmington Symphonic Winds presents RISE this weekend	Wrap (1:30)
Friday, February 18th PM/19th AM		StoryCorps Mobile Tour Wilmington: Good grammar, love, and the Bean	Feature (3:33)
Friday, February 18th	RB	Around Town with Rhonda Bellamy: Children's Museum	Feature/Program
Wednesday, February 16th	CL	UNCW film studies professor's film heads to Berlin to compete with the world's best short cinema	Web
Friday, February 11th	CL	Thalian Association Community Theatre's annual Summer Creative Arts Camp is gearing up	Web
Friday, February 11th	RB	Around Town with Rhonda Bellamy: WSO's Liz Scanlon	Feature/Program
Friday, February 4th	RB	Around Town with Rhonda Bellamy: Cape Fear Chordsman & Black Violin	Feature/Program
Friday, January 28th	RB	Around Town with Rhonda Bellamy: Cheril Lee	Feature/Program
Friday, January 21st	RB	Around Town with Rhonda Bellamy: Dwight Smith	Feature/Program
Wednesday, January 19th	RLH	CoastLine: Why "No!" doesn't work with dogs and how to train your pandemic puppy with a smile	Program
Friday, January 14th	BNS, RBK	The Newsroom: County Chair Julia Olson-Boseman, WHQR's Rachel Keith on the opioid crisis, and mask mandate redux	Program
Friday, January 14th	RB	Around Town with Rhonda Bellamy: Jason Mott	Feature/Program
Thursday, January 13th AM/PM	AB	WDI collection drive seeks donations to keep the homeless warm as cold weather strikes	Wrap
Wednesday, January 12th	RLH	CoastLine: Blue Velvet catapults Makeup Effects Artist Jeff Goodwin into long Hollywood career, but that's not why he loves the controversial film	Program
Friday, January 7th AM	RB	Around Town with Rhonda Bellamy: Art and the Bloom	Feature/Program

Wednesday, January 5th AM/PM	BNS	New Hanover County Community Endowment hires CEO to lead \$1.25 billion non-profit organization	SS
Friday, December 31st	RBK, AB, CM	The Newsroom: WHQR's news team looks back at 2021	Program
Wednesday, December 22nd AM/PM	BNS	Facebook rolls out new 'Neighborhood' feature in Wilmington. What does the battle against misinformation look like on the local scale?	Wrap

Elections/Politics			
Friday, March 18th	BNS, MP	Week of March 14: More trouble for Chairwoman Olson-Boseman, plus some thoughts for Sunshine Week	Podcast
Wednesday, March 16th AM/PM	BNS	New Hanover County GOP censures Board of Education Chair Stephanie Kraybill	SS (1:45)
Saturday, March 5th	BNS	After candidate filing closes, New Hanover County looks ahead to busy primary election season	Web
Friday, March 4th AM/PM	BNS	Federal judge blocks NC elections board from determining Cawthorn's eligibility to run	Spot (1:20)
Thursday, March 3rd	BNS/MP	Week of Feb. 28: Military jets, voter harassment, WHA, and city-county meeting	Podcast
Wednesday, March 2nd	BNS	New NC maps will make New Hanover state senate fight tough on newcomer Democrat	Web
Thursday, February 17th	BNS, MP	Week of Feb. 14: Mystery 'volunteers' checking voting records, upcoming joint city-council meeting	Podcast
Thursday, February 3rd	BNS, MP	Chemours, plus multi-million-dollar projects on the LGC's radar	Podcast
Thursday, January 20th	BNS, MP	Week of Jan. 17: Ice storm! Plus, Castle Street proposal fades away, duking it out over masks, again	Podcast
Wednesday, December 29th	BNS, MP	Final thoughts on 2021: The hospital sale, 'community violence,' and the politics of Covid	Podcast

Environment			
Wednesday, March 30th	KK	Cape Fear regional politicians present a "united front" against PFAS while meeting the DEQ	Web
Friday, March 25th	KK	The Newsroom: A deep dive on the science and politics of PFAS	Program
Thursday, March 24th PM/25th AM	KK	The Cape Fear region has seen decades of PFAS pollution, but still no meaningful regulations	Feature (5:00)
Wednesday, March 23rd PM/AM 24th	KK	Quashing the rumors: The "Hardison Amendment" can't prevent all new regulations	Wrap (1:32)
Wednesday, March 23rd	RLH	CoastLine: Duke University study shows fish in the Lower Cape Fear River are more contaminated than we thought -- and people are eating those fish	Program
Thursday, March 3rd	AB	Local officials applaud NCDEQ for pushing back on Chemours' testing proposal	Web
Tuesday, February 22nd	BNS	New Hanover County officials tell DEQ that Chemours' well-testing plan is 'grossly inadequate'	Web/Spot (1:04)
Friday, February 18th PM/19th AM	MD	Marine Technology Club hosts Wrightsville Beach clean up	SS (1:10)
Thursday, February 17th PM/18th AM	KK	North Carolina researchers have a new, tiny, and far more effective weapon to fight PFAS	Feature (3:56)
Saturday, February 5th	SN	Facing increasing flooding, Corps of Engineers could end century-old presence on Eagles Island	Web
Friday, January 28th	BNS	After 30 years of pollution, Chemours' 'neighborly' ad campaign gets an unsurprisingly icy reception in the Cape Fear	Web
Wednesday, January 26th	RLH	Ocean, offers scientists a pristine ecosystem for study	Program
Friday, January 7th PM/8th AM	BNS	EPA says it's granting NC groups' PFAS petition, advocates call it 'offensive' and 'smoke and mirrors'	SS
Thursday, January 6th AM/PM	CM	rezoning proposal for the Cape Fear River's western bank	SS
Tuesday, January 4th	SN	Eagles Island is mostly undeveloped. That wasn't always the case	Web

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BNS

And just like that ... Chemours is removed from
Newsweek's 2022 'Most Responsible Companies' list

Web

Policing/Crime/Lawsuits			
Friday, March 11th PM	RBK	Deep Dive: In heated, three-day court battle, NHCS tries to block Kelly's victims from suing	Feature/2-way (8:03)
Wednesday, March 10th AM/PM	CM	Port City United aims to curb community violence but some advocates say they're already doing this same work	Feature (
Wednesday, March 2nd AM/PM	CM	While advocates welcome the recent attention, 'community violence' has been around in Wilmington for a long time	Feature (4:14)
Tuesday, February 22nd PM/23rd AM	CM	non-profit community to address community violence	Feature (4:10)
Monday, February 21st PM/22nd AM	CM	works to divert New Hanover youth from violent crime	Feature (2:53)
Wednesday, February 16th PM/17th AM	CM	says juvenile gun violence has reached an alarming level	Feature (3:44)
Tuesday, February 8th	BNS	If this could happen to him, it could happen to anyone': Support The Port speaks out after founder injured in shooting	Web
Monday, February 7th PM/8th AM	BNS	Update: Six-year-old child, NHHS student, and community activist among the injured in Wilmington shooting	SS
Friday, February 4th AM/PM	BNS	Over four years after Paitin Fields' death, Pender County Sheriff announces arrest, murder charges for former suspect	Wrap
Wednesday, February 2nd AM/PM	AB	Violent crimes in Wilmington is at its lowest in decades, traffic fatalities continue to increase	Wrap
Wednesday, January 26th AM/PM	CM	A look at Durham's 'Bull City United,' the program that's inspired New Hanover's new community violence prevention unit	Feature/2-way
Saturday, January 22nd	BNS	vehicle apparently filmed doing 'donuts' during ice storm	Web
Saturday, January 15th	BNS	Seeking witnesses: WPD still investigating after man allegedly kills mother, sister, and son at Landfall Shopping Center	Web

Public Safety			
Friday, January 21st	BNS	Southeastern North Carolina preps for a freezing, icy evening	Web
Thursday, January 20th PM	RBK	Closing, preparations as a potentially dangerous ice storm is coming to the Cape Fear region	SS

Diversity, Race, Equity			
Wednesday, March 30th	RLH	CoastLine: Ship of Blood - Mutiny and Murder Aboard the Harry A. Berwind off the NC Coast	Program
Thursday, March 10th	BNS	Two months into her new job, NHCS's first Chief Equity Officer retires	Web
Wednesday, March 8th	RLH	CoastLine: Gender expansiveness in kids, how it's different from transgender, and why that matters	Program
Thursday, February 24th PM/25th AM	RBK/AB	Alums of historic all-Black Pender school want a name change to honor their legacy	Feature (4:21)
Wednesday, February 16th	RLH	CoastLine: Cynthia Brown on the legacy of 1898 and how ignorance of Wilmington's history perpetuates the harms of white supremacy	Program
Wednesday, February 9th	RLH	CoastLine: Francine DeCoursey talks NC film, racial justice, and how they're indelibly connected for her	Program
Wednesday, February 2nd	RLH	CoastLine: Lucy McCauley on the crimes of her white ancestors and her role in racial reconciliation	Program
Monday, January 24th AM/PM	BNS	Questions about possible equity chief position get lukewarm response from CFCC President	SS

Economics/Business			
Wednesday, February 16th PM/17th AM	AB	New economic incentives could bring more jobs to Wilmington	Wrap (1:44)
Friday, February 11th AM/PM	BNS	\$2.6 million for 4 unnamed economic incentive recipients	Web