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Category	Headline/title	Link	Description	Program	Air date	
Government/politics	LGC approves Wilmington's purchase of Thermo Fisher building	https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-06-06/lgc-approves-wilmingtons-purchase-of-thermo-fisher-building	State Treasurer Dale Folwell raised concerns about the purchase — sparking pushback from one city council member — but the measure ultimately passed by a 7-1 vote. The sale process now goes to the city for a final vote.	All Things Considered	4:04 p.m. June 25	1:03
	Three new faces in New Hanover County politics	https://www.whqr.org/show/three-newsroom/2023-05-12/three-new-faces-in-new-hanover-county-politics	On today's show, we sit down with Jill Hopman and Nevin Carr, the newly-minted chairs of the Democratic and Republican parties in New Hanover County. Plus, excerpts from our recent interview with Dane Scalise, who was recently appointed to the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners.	The Newsroom	12:06 p.m. May 12, 2023	50:00:00
	Former Republican Governor Pat McCrory on "No Labels" third party, his legacy, and the GOP	https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-06-28/former-republican-governor-pat-mccrory-on-no-labels-third-party-his-legacy-and-the-gop	Pat McCrory says he was labeled as one of North Carolina's most conservative governors. But how's now joined the centrist political coalition known as "No Labels," a third party that hopes to capitalize on the perceived dissatisfaction with both Trump and Biden as presumptive presidential candidates.	All Things Considered	5:44 p.m. June 29, 2023	3:53
Non-profits / Community organizations	CFR Preview: Community group takes issue with superintendent's "no-nonsense" response to campus issues	https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-05-19/cfr-preview-community-group-takes-issue-with-superintendents-no-nonsense-response-to-campus-issues	Last week, Community organization Sokoto House held a panel in response to New Hanover County School District's Superintendent Dr. Charles Foust's push for more law enforcement in schools. WHQR's Ben Schachtman and Camille Mojica discussed it on this week's Cape Fear Rundown.	Morning Edition	6:44 a.m. May 19, 2023	4:22
	Addressing youth mental health challenges during NHC Resiliency Week	https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-05-04/addressing-youth-mental-health-challenges-during-nhc-resiliency-week	The New Hanover County Commissioners have declared the beginning of May as "Resilient and Thriving Communities Week." Part of this recognition is highlighting the role non-profits play in supporting children and their families.	All Things Considered	4:44 p.m. May 4, 2023	3:59
	Advocacy and community action pushed for safe drinking water in Rock Hill	https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-05-08/advocacy-and-community-action-pushed-for-safe-drinking-water-in-rock-hill	The Rock Hill community is getting safe drinking water through a joint effort by New Hanover County and CFPUA. If not for the community's advocacy work, the problem may have gone unaddressed.	Morning Edition	6:44 a.m. May 8, 2023	4:21
Culture	Alt-Zalea Fest spotlights local music this weekend	https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-04-13/alt-zalea-fest-spotlights-local-music-this-weekend	The music festival, an alternative to the Azalea Festival, will be held this weekend in the Brooklyn Arts District of downtown Wilmington.	All Things Considered	4:32 p.m. April 13, 2023	:57

	StarNews' John Staton on the Latimer House, the writers' strike, and our favorite basement pool hall	https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-06-03/starnews-john-staton-on-the-latimer-house-the-writers-strike-and-our-favorite-basement-pool-hall	John Staton, who reports on cultural issues for the StarNews, dropped by the station to talk about the Latimer House's comeback from some serious staffing issues, the impact of the writers' strike on Wilmington film and TV production, and the future of Orton's — the historic basement pool hall and music venue that's been shuttered since the onset of the pandemic.	All Things Considered	4:44 p.m. June 3, 2023	4:30
Environment/PFAS	Camp Lejeune water poisoning victims, advocates weigh in after hearings start	https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-04-19/camp-lejeune-water-poisoning-victims-advocates-weigh-in-after-hearings-start	Earlier this month was the first hearing in a class-action lawsuit, filed by victims of water poisoning at Camp Lejeune. Many have been pushing for justice for decades.	Morning Edition	6:04 a.m. April 19, 2023	1:34
	Ask a Journalist: How much PFAS is in the water in Pender County?	https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-04-19/ask-a-journalist-how-much-pfas-is-in-the-water-in-pender-county	In the latest installment of our series based on listener questions, we delve into water quality (and quantity) issues in Pender County.	Morning Edition	6:44 a.m. April 19, 2023	4:18
	Firefighters say a part of the state budget will expose them to cancer-causing chemicals	https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-06-26/firefighters-say-a-part-of-the-state-budget-will-expose-them-to-cancer-causing-chemicals	The North Carolina legislature is in the midst of budget talks. But one element of the proposed budget poses a problem: a controversial training facility firefighters say could give them cancer.	Morning Edition	6:44 a.m. June 26, 2023	4:12
Housing/Transportation	NHCS Superintendent Charles Foust on school safety; Marie Parker bids farewell to WAVE	https://www.whqr.org/show/the-newsroom/2023-05-19/nhcs-superintendent-charles-foust-on-school-safety-marie-parker-bids-farewell-to-wave	In the second segment of this show, WHQR's Kelly Kenoyer has an exit interview with Marie Parker, who helped right the ship at WAVE as executive director for the last two years.	The Newsroom	12:30 p.m. May 19, 2023	25:00:00
	Ask a Journalist: Why is my rent so [expletive] high?	https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-05-26/ask-a-journalist-why-is-my-rent-so-expletive-high	Q: Why is my rent so [expletive] high?A: Capitalism — which is to say, it's complicated. Part of the recent increase in rents has to do with the basic economic principles of supply and demand, and the phenomenon of filtering, where the lack of higher-end options pushes consumers into less expensive markets, increasing competition there. But it likely also involves the darker side of capitalism, including anticompetitive price-fixing practices and algorithm-based rent-setting software that is far more aggressive than a 'human' manager might be. For the latest installment of 'Ask a Journalist,' WHQR's Kelly Kenoyer and Ben Schachtman unpack how all this works.	Morning Edition	6:51 a.m. May 26, 2023	7:07
	Living Hope Day Center offers hope and respite for Wilmington-area unhoused	https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-06-22/living-hope-day-center-offers-hope-and-respite-for-wilmington-area-unhoused	The recently opened shelter can connect homeless guests with resources - once they can trust the offer of help.	All Things Considered	4:44 p.m. June 22, 2023	4:06

Education	The daunting but doable task of turning New Hanover County's low-performing schools around	https://www.whqr.org/show/the-newsroom/2023-06-09/the-daunting-but-doable-task-of-turning-new-hanover-countys-low-performing-schools-around	On today's show, a look at New Hanover County's 12 low-performing schools. It's a perfect storm of segregation, childhood trauma, systemic poverty, and changing workforce dynamics — but despite that daunting challenge, New Hanover County has established a task force to help deal with the problem. WHQR's Rachel Keith attended the first meeting and joins us to unpack some candid conversations, a lot of data, and some possible solutions.	The Newsroom	12:06 p.m. June 9, 2023	50:00:00
	New Hanover County school board reaches \$5.75 million settlement in Kelly case, pledges 'programmatic changes'	https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-06-09/new-hanover-county-school-board-reaches-5-75-million-settlement-pledges-programmatic-changes	The settlement ends four years of litigation in a case filed by men who testified they were sexually abused and exploited by former New Hanover County Schools teacher Michael Earl Kelly. In addition to the \$5.75 million, paid exclusively by Liberty Mutual and its subsidiaries, the school has agreed to expand training on recognizing and reporting abuse and publishing a report on its efforts to improve Title IX compliance and sexual abuse prevention. The school board expressed "sorrow" over the damage done by Kelly, but its statement did not include an apology or an admission of wrongdoing.	All Things Considered	4:04 p.m. June 9, 2023	1:41
	New Hanover County school board will now decide "Stamped" book challenge	https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-06-27/new-hanover-county-school-board-will-now-decide-stamped-book-challenge	After earlier challenges at the school level, the future of the book, "Stamped: Antiracism, Racism, and You," in New Hanover County Schools is now in the hands of the Board of Education.	Morning Edition	6:48 a.m. June 28, 2023	4:55
Criminal Justice	NC Supreme Court overturns lower court, blocks those with felonies on parole or probation from voting	https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-05-10/nc-supreme-court-overturns-lower-court-blocks-those-with-felonies-on-parole-or-probation-from-voting	The North Carolina Supreme Court recently overturned a lower court decision on when people convicted of felonies are allowed to vote.	Morning Edition	6:06 a.m. May 10, 2023	1:19
	Attorney General Josh Stein on law enforcement's struggle to recruit and retain officers	https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-06-15/attorney-general-josh-stein-on-law-enforcements-struggle-to-recruit-and-retain-officers	Nationwide, law enforcement agencies are struggling with serious vacancies. WHQR's Ben Schachtman spoke with Attorney General Josh Stein, who is now running for governor, about how North Carolina is dealing with the issue.	All Things Considered	4:04 p.m. June 15, 2023	1:49
	High-profile attorney Ben Crump petitions the release of body-cam footage in the killing of a Black man by Wallace PD	https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-06-23/high-profile-attorney-ben-crump-petitions-the-release-of-body-cam-footage-in-the-killing-of-black-man-by-wallace-pd	This week, high-profile civil rights attorney Ben Crump visited Wallace, about forty miles north of Wilmington. He was there to file a motion requesting the release of police footage in the killing of an unarmed Black man by Wallace Police.	All Things Considered	4:44 p.m. June 23, 2023	3:58

Healthcare	North Carolina health experts talk about ways to improve rural medicine across the state	https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-04-13/north-carolina-health-experts-talk-about-ways-to-improve-rural-medicine-across-the-state	This past Tuesday, the North Carolina Healthcare Association had rural health experts speak about how their hospitals and health systems in rural North Carolina are reimagining health care to ensure their communities have the resources they need close to home.	Morning Edition	6:06 a.m April 13, 2023	1:14
	More pregnant women need prenatal care in NC's Border Belt. How will they get it?	https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-05-01/more-pregnant-women-need-prenatal-care-in-ncs-border-belt-how-will-they-get-it	WHQR's Kelly Kenoyer interviews reporter Ivey Schofield from the Border Belt Independent about her coverage of prenatal healthcare gaps.	All Things Considered	5:44 p.m. May 1, 2023	4:11
	In \$50-million deal, Novant will own Pender hospital, invest in county-wide healthcare	https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-06-17/in-50-million-deal-novant-will-own-pender-hospital-invest-in-county-wide-healthcare	Pender County officials had been privately mulling whether or not to continue the county's relationship with Novant Health or go with a new operator for the Pender Medical Center — but the \$50 million deal announced Friday will see Novant own the hospital, and expand its role in the county's healthcare operations.	Weekend Edition	8:01 a.m. June 17, 2023	1:30
Opioid Crisis	Assault charges dropped for suspect who allegedly threw drugs during arrest, 'exposing' several officers	https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-05-30/assault-charges-dropped-for-suspect-who-threw-drugs-away-during-arrest-exposing-several-officers	In early January, the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office announced it was "shocked and appalled" after an alleged drug dealer "exposed a Detective and two deputies to a dangerous opioid drug," sending the officers to the hospital. The suspect was charged with four counts of assaulting an officer with a deadly weapon — but three months later those charges were dropped, after one of the officers said it hadn't been an intentional act.	Morning Edition	6:32 a.m. June 1, 2023	0:01:15
	With \$1.5 billion from settlements, North Carolina counties tasked with reversing opioid epidemic	https://www.whqr.org/2023-06-27/opioid-settlements-billions-north-carolina-counties-reversing-epidemic	Counties are starting to get their first payments from the more than \$50 billion dollar windfall secured from drug manufacturers and pharmacies for their role in the opioid epidemic. A public radio collaborative investigated what programs are being funded.	Morning Edition	6:45 a.m. June 27, 2023	50:00:00
Diversity	A look at the efficacy and alleged racial bias of NC's now-repealed pistol permit law	https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-04-21/a-look-at-the-efficacy-and-alleged-racial-bias-of-ncs-now-repealed-pistol-permit-law	The 1919 law allowed individual Sheriff's Offices to evaluate applications for handgun ownership. Critiqued as a redundant law with racist roots by some conservatives, many gun-control advocates claimed it added an important additional layer of protection atop the federal background check system — which is not without flaws.	All Things Considered	5:03 p.m. April 21, 2023	1:43
	Cape Fear Conversations: Pride, identity, and finding the gay bars	https://www.whqr.org/show/the-newsroom/2023-06-02/the-newsroom-conversations-about-pride-identity-and-finding-the-gay-bars	WHQR's second Cape Fear Conversation is focused on the queer community — just in time for Pride Month.	The Newsroom	12:06 p.m. June 2, 2023	50:00.0

Juneteenth: A Conversation with Joe Conway, Wilmington's Chief Equity and Inclusion Officer

<https://www.whqr.org/local/2023-06-19/juneteenth-a-conversation-with-joe-conway-wilmingtons-chief-equity-and-inclusion-officer>

Today is Juneteenth, commemorating the day the U.S. Army delivered the news of freedom to the last enslaved people in Texas, two and half years after the Emancipation Proclamation. This is the first year Wilmington has celebrated Juneteenth an official city holiday. WHQR's Ben Schachtman sat down with Joe Conway, the city's chief equity officer, to talk about the holiday's importance.

Morning Edition

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