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WGNS Community Ascertainment Report

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1. **Political Forum:** This is an election year and WGNS schedules on-air forums with candidates who have opposition. Listeners are able to phone the broadcast and ask one question that can be answered by each candidate. This is a "PRIMARY" election and the Democratic candidates for US 4th Congressional District did have opposition. Broadcast July 10, 2018 features Christopher Hale, Mariah Phillips and Steven Reynolds. There was no opposition with the Republican incumbent.

2. **Local History:** The two topics of major interest in Rutherford County are sports and history. On July 2, 2018, Denise Carlton and Diane Summar told of efforts to renovate the 5 remaining structures that are left of the old business district of the Rockvale community. In addition, Summar shared the history of the Womans Club building in Murfreesboro and how that structure is being destroyed by the elements.

3. **Homeless:** On July 27, 2018 Marilyn Rogan spoke about "Project Healing Water" a program to help homeless veterans get their lives together and return to society.

4. **Agencies:** Murfreesboro Police Detective Paul Mongold told about increases in child abuse and how the Child Advocacy Center is working to help youth who have been mentally scared. Aug. 6, 2018 Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Chief Mark Foulks told of progress in upgrading ISO rating to #1 (currently #2). Sept. 5, 2018, Murfreesboro Assistant Chief Eric Cook reviewed the OPIOD CRISIS and its impact on this city. TN is in the top 15 states that are impacted.

5. **City & County Government:** July 11, August 8, and Sept. 5, 2018 Murfreesboro Mayor Shane McFarland interacted with local residents who interacted about suggestions, concerns and other issues. July 20, 2018, LaVergne Mayor Dennis Waldron outline the past and present for this northern municipality. On July 31, 2018 Murfreesboro City Director Craig Tindall told ways the "city" is making changes that are designed to make it easier for the public to get services from the "city". They are in the process of a major restructuring of the administration.