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Ascertainment Report

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1. DISASTER: Readyville, TN was wiped out by an EF-2 tornado leaves community of 2,000 and a dozen businesses in shambles. Historical 200+ year old Readyville Mill was leveled along with the pre-Civil War Ready home with the county line splitting the home in half. Reed's Produce, the Post Office and Tilford Lumber all twisted. WGNS broadcast from the FEMA emergency shelter for the first 3-days and had special broadcast with REMA officials, the County Mayors of Rutherford and Cannon Counties as well as their respective sheriffs. Dates: April 1, 3, 4, 5, 2023. Gov. Bill Lee declared a "State of Emergency". April 24 FEMA representatives did information about tornado victims and the constantly changing landscape. May 1 both FEMA and SBA representatives continue to help tornado victims.

2. GENBERAL ASSEMBLY: Rutherford County continues to get approval of development and impact fees to help with covering the county's exploding costs of providing public education, RCSO law protection and fire services (April 26, 2023). April 28 the Rutherford County GA delegation interact with the public on

3. EMERGENCY RESPONDERS (fire, police, paramedics): Apartment shootings, drive-by shootings, armed robberies are on-the-increase. MPD leaders discuss this growing issue 4/5/2023. April 19 RCSO Detective Austin Mobbs interact with public about ways to protect youth from social media bullying and prevent from being in danger.

4. WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COURTS: District Attorney General Jennings Jones and ADA J. Paul Newman analyze the court dockets and interact with the public on cold cases and laws. (April 7, May 5, June 2, 2023). April 20, 2023, Attorney John Day analyzed the Dominion/Fox News trial re: voter machine issues.

5. HEALTH ISSUES: April 10, 2023 Dr. Craig McCabe discusses on cataract issues. April 11, 2023 Gastroenterologist Robert Bischott, MD talks about digestive system and increases with irritable bowel syndrome. May 25 how pharmacists can help senior citizens get more positive benefits from prescriptions. May 25, 2023 Dr. Craig Buckner, Mills Pharmacy, interacted with the public.

6. HISTORY (topic with largest following in county): May 26, 2023 with a tribute to the history of veterans who have serve this community for decades.

8. SENIOR CITIZENS: Senior care varies with each individual and an audience input segment helps the community to better understand how to stay fit and live healthier lives (3/31/2023). May 22 Dr. Olajide tells about ways to reduce the pain of arthritis in seniors.

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9. EDUCATION: Winding down the school year for Murfreesboro City Schools and news about spring and summer eating programs (April 4, 2023). Charter Schools are a new issue being addressed and Rutherford County School's Dr. Jimmy Sullivan looked at Charter as a way for public schools to catch-up on the shortage of teachers and funding (May 1, 2023). May 15 a lack of commercial pilots and control tower operators at area airports and MTSU's Aerospace program is training for the future (May 15, 2023).

10. MIDDLE POINT LANDFILL: Probably the hottest topic in Rutherford County, especially on a windy day. Middle Point's General Manager Mike Classen tells what Republic is doing to reduce the issue. May 10 Vice Mayor Bill Shacklett discussed plans to resolve recycling challenges. May 24, 2023 Middle Point's GM Mike Classen about how they are improving the landfill.

11. ARTS: April 14, 2023 CEO Jane McNulty and Founder Laurence Harvin tell of a special fund raiser with matching funds along with Dr. Harvin's one-time return to conduct the symphony and bid farewell to Concertmaster Stefan Petrescu.

12. GARDENS and LAWNS: April 6, May 4, and June 1, 2023, Master Gardeners and Extension Agent Mitchell Mote talks about soil tests and planting trees and shrubs. They answer questions that are phoned-in or sent by text from the public.

13. CYBER ATTACK: Murfreesboro Medical Clinic CEO Joey Peay (May 19, 2023) told of a massive criminal cyber attack in mid-May at MMC. They are having to rebuilt the I.T. infrastructure at the medical complex.

14. AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY: April 26, 2023 Vonchelle Stembridge interacts with the public about African-American exhibits at the Bradley Academy Cultural Center. May 10 featured an update on research dealing with slave graves in Section M at Evergreen Cemetery, next to Oaklands' Plantation. MTSU ground penetrating radar was used.

Respectfully submitted,

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