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## Ascertainment Report

**Period: October, November, and December, 2023**

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**1. HELP FOR SENIOR CITIZENS:** Oct. 26, 2023, the aging of America as the boomers are all on Medicare and still the largest segment of the population. SENIOR MOMENTS gives the public and opportunity to interact with leaders on geriatric topics. As we approach Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year, many seniors have difficulties due to deaths of loved ones. On Nov. 27, 2023 Psychologist Dr. Mike Courtney talked on “how to calm holiday blahs and depression”.

**2. SHOP LOCAL:** Local businesses, which were once the backbone of the U.S. economy, are struggling with so many shopping on-line or with “big box” stores. Nov. 22, 2023 representatives from the Chamber of Commerce as well as Main Street Murfreesboro interact with the public (phone in questions).

**3. EMERGENCY RESPONDERS (fire, police, paramedics):** Shootings on the increase, especially near MTSU. MTSU police say they don’t have jurisdiction off campus, and are unable to assist. Murfreesboro Police are putting in high-tech audio analyzers, cameras, license readers and more in high crime areas. Oct. 4, 2023. Discussion continues on building a Forensic Medical Center here, Nov. 1, 2023. Holiday crimes are here with group walk-ins for shop lifting, large groups canvassing neighborhoods at night and checking for unlocked vehicles to rob. Dec. 6, 2023 Murfreesboro Police Chief Mike Bowen tells what they are doing to curb this and what the public must do to help. Law and Order also covered Oct. 19, Nov. 16, and Dec. 21, 2023 with RCSO.

**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. Programs on Oct. 6, 2023. Nov. 3, 2023 and Dec. 1, 2023.

**5. HEALTH ISSUES:** Oct. 9, 2023 eye doctor Craig McCabe, MD, talks about cataracts and lens replacement surgery. Oct. 10 Breast Surgeon Dr. Lindsay Keith on breast cancer. Nov. 14, 2023 Bariatric Surgeon Nadine Rampp, MD, interacts with public to answer question on this procedure. Nov. 30, 2023, Murfreesboro Medical Clinic’s CEO Joey Peay talks about changes in medical technology and “how your past guides your future”. MMC was hit hard by “computer hackers” last month. Peay covers what they did to reduce the risks of this happening again. Major changes in healthcare across the nation is creating local challenges. Dec. 12, 2023 Ascension St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital’s President-CEO Gordon Ferguson gives an end of the year review and what lies ahead in the New Year.

**6. MURFREESBORO ISSUES:** Murfreesboro City Manager Craig Tindall took uncensored questions from the public Oct. 30, 2023 re: police protection, garbage increases, water-sewer prices and more.

**8. SENIOR CITIZENS:** Oct. 9, 2023, Dr. Olajide talks about ways to reduce the pain of arthritis in seniors. Nov. 24, 2023 panel discussion with telephone call-in on “is there a best time to stop driving, move to senior living home, or check for memory care”. Dec. 28, 2023 Rutherford County Council on Aging’s Geoggyrey Herring tells what this county group does and the public phoned to ask questions about their concerns.

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**9. EDUCATION:** Charter Schools continue to be in the news. Rutherford County School's Dr. Jimmy Sullivan looked at Charter as a positive for public schools. City Schools Director Dr. Trey Duke feels all systems can work together for the benefit of students. Programs on Oct 3, 2023. County schools work on re-zoning issues as RCS Director Dr. Jimmy Sullivan swaps ideas with the public (Nov. 7, 2023). Public education also covered Dec. 5, 2023

**10. MIDDLE POINT LANDFILL:** The hottest issue continues to be Nashville trash brought to Rutherford County and 80% is filled with out-of-county waste. Oct. 11, 2023 City Council guests interact with the public on this issue as well as a developer wanting to locate a minor league baseball team near downtown development (near Cannonsburgh).

**11. WHO PAYS FOR GROWTH EXPLOSION:** Oct. 25, 2023 County Mayor Joe Carr tells how IMPACT FEES would make newcomers moving into new homes to cover the growth costs of police, fire and other government services. The State General Assembly did not allow the county to charge IMPACT FEES, however they allow Murfreesboro, also Wilson County and other areas.

**12. GARDENS and LAWNS:** Oct. 6, 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. It's still a great time to plant trees, bushes and shrubs. On Dec. 7, 2023 local Master Gardeners take questions from the public about this issue. With Murfreesboro being one of the top 3 fastest growing cities over 100,000 persons, huge numbers are moving to Middle Tennessee and do not have any ideas on what will grow and what will not.

**13. HELP WITH LEGAL ISSUES:** Today's society is so complicated that simple court proceedings are no longer "simple". Oct. 12, 2023 on parent's responsibilities with their child driving a car. Dec. 14, 2023 Attorney John Day interacts with public on what you should do if you are involved in a traffic crash.

**14. RUTHERFORD COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM:** Oct. 17, 2023 interaction on tracing your family's heritage. Dec. 4, 2023 RCLS Director Rita Shacklett talks about strict new rules that prohibit all ages below 17 to get parental approval of the level of books their child can see. This is to keep youth from reading adult books.

Respectfully submitted,

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