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Re: Quarterly Ascertainment Report
Dates: January, February, March (1st Quarter, 2013)
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1. **YOUTH OFFENSES:** Juvenile Court Judge Donna Scott Davenport interacts with listeners about the growing problems faced by area youth. Major issues include school truancy, child abuse and drugs/alcohol. The public interacted with Judge Davenport and her guests on Jan. 4; Feb. 5; and March 5, 2013.
2. **LAW and ORDER:** As Murfreesboro's population passes 110,000 and Rutherford County exceeds a quarter of a million, crime and traffic issues explode. Murfreesboro Police Glenn Chrisman interacted with the public on issues that concerned them on Jan. 2; Feb. 6; and April 3, 2013. A similar subject covered by Rutherford County Sheriff Robert Arnold was broadcast on Jan. 16; Feb. 20; and March 20, 2013.
3. **BLACK HISTORY:** This quarter included a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Jan. 18, 2013. The public was able to interact with 2 past local NAACP presidents, an MTSU professor, and head of the county's largest African-American congregation. On Feb. 18, 2013, MTSU's Black History Month Chair Vincent Windrow told of the upcoming summit as well as shared local African-American achievements.
4. **108th General Assembly:** Tennessee's 108th General Assembly convened in Nashville on Jan. 8, 2013. With issues dealing with education, gun control, violence, terrorists and other issues—the actions of this legislative group impact this community and its citizens. The Rutherford County Delegation of State Senators Bill Ketron and Jim Tracy and State Representatives Dawn White, Mike Sparks, Joe Carr and Rick Womick updated listeners about legislation being studied and received phone calls from listeners about their concerns on Jan. 25; Feb. 22; and March 29, 2013.
5. **RUTHERFORD COUNTY ISSUES:** Taxes, population explosion, classroom space are just a few of the myriad of issues facing county government leaders. County Mayor Ernest Burgess updated the community on Jan. 30; Feb. 27; and March 27, 2013.
6. **Middle Tennessee State University:** The largest undergraduate student body for the state is located in Murfreesboro at MTSU. Educators at the sprawling campus brings creative answers to major problems of our community, nation and the world. This quarter MTSU officials told of work in alternative fuels including breaking a world record by driving from the Georgia Atlantic coast to the Pacific Ocean in California without using any gasoline. In addition, a dramatic drop in consumer confidence was recorded in the mid-state by an MTSU survey. MTSU was on Jan. 21; Feb. 18; and March 18, 2013.

7. **AFRICAN-AMERICAN SUICIDE:** Suicide, especially among African-American youth is dramatically increasing. On March 12, 2013, Guidance Center's Director Kim Rush answered questions from the public about an April 20th "Suicide Prevention: Breaking the Silence" free day long workshop at the Patterson Center.

8. **PRESERVE HISTORY:** Rutherford County continues to be one of the fastest growing counties. This creates infrastructure and community expansion that destroys history. On Jan. 15, 2013, members of Preserve Our Area's Rural Quality (PARQ) interacted with citizens on efforts to getting a balance of healthy growth while preserving local history as well.

9. **GROWTH ISSUES IN MURFREESBORO:** City Manager Rob Lyons and Assistant City Manager Jim Crumley took calls from residents about their concerns brought on by heavy traffic, school over crowding, etc. This Jan. 29, 2013 program allowed the public to call and remain anonymous. In addition, Murfreesboro Mayor Tommy Bragg and Vice Mayor Ron Washington talked with the public through WGNS on Jan. 9; Feb. 13; and March 13, 2013.

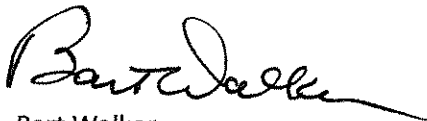
10. **2013 Affordable Care Act:** Feb. 8, 2013 Nurse Practitioner Donna Seeley and Registered Nurse Rebekah Majors-Manly interacted with listeners about this new legislation. They are volunteers who help citizens sign-up for this new federal program.

11. **PUBLIC LIBRARY:** On Feb. 15, 2013 Linebaugh Library Director Rita Shacklett told of new developments at the Linebaugh Library System (Murfreesboro, Smyrna and Eagleville). System Administrator Kevin Robertson noted that many of the changes deal with changes to a more electronic library. In addition, Friends of Linebaugh President Carlton Miller and Membership Chair Raina Van Setter shared that new technology would not be possible without public support.

12. **WINE IN GROCERY STORES:** An almost evenly divided issue with state lawmakers is whether to allow the sale of wine in grocery stores. On March 1, 2013, the public had an opportunity to phone-in and share their opinions. Within a week, the general assembly voted this down by 1 vote. Since that time, it seems to have resurfaced with some changes.

All of these topics were covered 8:10-9:00AM on Mondays through Fridays on WGNS (AM) and its translator frequencies along with WETV (LPTV). To the best of my knowledge, these are the major concerns during the first quarter, 2013 and were addressed with specific broadcasts on the dates listed above.

Respectfully Submitted,



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