



WGNS RADIO • 306 S. Church St. • Murfreesboro, TN 37130 • 615-893-5373

Re: Quarterly Ascertainment Report

Dates: October, November, December, 2012 (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2012)

1. **YOUTH OFFENSES:** Juvenile Court Judge Donna Scott Davenport interacts with listeners about the growing problems faced by area youth. One of the major issues is school truancy and drugs/alcohol. The two are related, and the judge noted that lack of parental guidance of youth is another issue that binds the problem. This issue was addressed on Oct. 2, On Nov. 5, 2012, Judge Davenport returned to address the issue of transferring a child to stand trial as an adult. On Nov. 12, 2012, Court Appointed Special Advocate's (CASA) Executive Director Susan Maguigan and Assistant Director Kassie Davis told of their program that places a trained volunteer with each foster child or state custody youth who are in court or a part of legal actions to make certain that their rights are not violated.

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 Sergeant Kyle Evans and Sergeant Melvin Cunningham address local issues on Oct. 3,

3. **POLITICAL DEBATES:** This quarter has the presidential and local election (Nov. 7, 2012). On Oct. 5, 2012, candidates for the 49<sup>th</sup> District State House of Representatives; incumbent Mike Sparks ® and Mike Williams (D), took questions from constituents on this radio debate. On Oct. 9, 2012, 37<sup>th</sup> State House candidates answered calls: Bob New (D) and Dawn White (R). On Oct. 12, 2012, candidates for the 34<sup>th</sup> State House interacted with the public: Luke Dickerson (D) and incumbent Rick Womick (R). On Nov. 2, 2012, 4<sup>th</sup> District US House candidate Eric Stewart (D) participated in an on-air forum. Incumbent Scott DesJarlais (R) was invited, but did not participate.

4. **MEDICAL SCARE:** Across much of the U.S. patients were dying as a result of compounded steroid shots given to citizens. Middle Tennessee Medical Center's Vice President of Medical Affairs Director Dr. Andy Brown calmed persons who received inoculations from the local hospital. This was important, because the institution's sister facility in Nashville was one of the two clinics in the state that received these tainted prescriptions.

5. **HEART DISEASE and CANCER:** Heart Disease continues to be the area's number one killer, but Cancer gets much press and impacts most families. On Oct. 16, 2012, Murfreesboro Medical Clinic's Dr. White and Dr. Brad Medling interacted with the public on breast cancer and new ways to detect and cure this frightening disease. Then on Oct. 19, 2012, Dr. Rishi Saxena talked about heart disease.

6. **EDUCATION:** Oct. 22, 2012 Murfreesboro City School's Director Dr. Linda Gilbert was joined by Scales Elementary Principal Dr. Don Bartch and Northfield's Dr. Gene Lloyd to interact with the public on ways the local system is making improvements.

7. HISTORY: Local history, especially that dealing with the Civil War, is not only very popular, but it is the major draw of the tourism industry here in Rutherford County. On Oct. 24, 2012, Gib Backlund of the Stones River National Battlefield interacted with the public about the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil War and the symposium the national parks are creating locally.

8. ILITERACY: The inability to read or at the proper grade level continues to be a problem in Rutherford County. On Oct. 29, 2012, Director Lisa Mitchell and volunteer Ronni Shaw talked about the adult programs offered by Read To Succeed.

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 Oct. 30, 2012 program allowed the public to call and remain anonymous.

10. HEALTH CONCERNS: On Nov. 19, 2012, MTSU's Ph. D. Saori Ishikawa interacted about the "impact of sedentary behaviors on bone health in older Americans".

11. INCREASE IN HOMELESS POPULATION: On Nov. 22, 2012, The Journey Home's Scott Foster focused on this increasing segment of the population and ways it may be reduced. On Nov. 23, Lieutenants Monica and Andy Seiler with the Murfreesboro Salvation Army expanded the topic to include classes and other programs to help the growing homeless community.

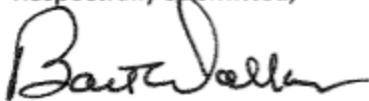
12. POVERTY: On Dec. 7, Teresa Burns told of how GAP Community Development Resources offers up to \$40,000 36-month loans to help people keep from losing their home to foreclosures.

13. IMPROVE SAFETY ISSUES AT AIRPORT: One day after a minor crash at the Murfreesboro Airport, Manager Chad Gerhke talks about increased local air traffic and safety concerns of his and other local pilots.

14. FLU: A new strain of flu has physicians concerned, and Dr. Castleberry and Dr. Kane with Murfreesboro Medical Clinic interact with the public about "adult" and "youth" flu shot needs.

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 fourth quarter, 2012 and were addressed with specific broadcasts on the dates listed above.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bart Walker  
Chief Operator, WGNS  
2012