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WGNS Community Ascertainment Report

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1. **MURFREESBORO:** Murfreesboro continues to be Tennessee's fastest growing city and the 10th in the nation. Murfreesboro Mayor Shane McFarland was on WGNS Oct. 14, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9, 2019 to interact with residents who phoned-in.
2. **JUDICIAL SYSTEM:** The court dockets, cold cases, and news from the courts. Oct. 4, Nov. 1, and Dec. 6, 2019, DA General Jennings Jones, and ADA J. Paul Newman went over the court dockets and then spoke with a detective who had "cold case" information. On Nov. 5 2019, Judge Donna Scott Davenport explained the new "Safe Baby Court" and why Governor Lee funded one for Rutherford County. Dec. 3, 2019, Juvenile Court Judge Davenport had guests from DCS and they interacted with the public on issues dealing with foster parents, adoptions and parenting.
3. **LAW & ORDER:** On Oct. 16, 2019, Phil Barnett and E. T. Gyce told about the Senior Citizens Awareness Network of volunteers to help local senior citizens.
4. **LOCAL HISTORY:** Dec. 20, 2019 the discussion focused on preserving farms in a climate to developments. Toni Turner and Mark Williamson told how they were keeping their family farm alive, just across the street from one of the south's largest shopping centers (The Avenue). Dec. 26, 2019, went back 157 years to the Battle of Stones River. Park Rangers and Historians Jim Lewis and John McKay told what was the mood of Murfreesboro during Christmas, 1862. Oct. 30, 2019, County Mayor Bill Ketron interacted with the public on business developments along with renovations of the historic courthouse—including adding local history museum displays.
5. **HEALTH ISSUES:** Oct. 8, 2019, Dr. Mary Jane Brown interacted with the public about mental health and the opioid crisis. Nov. 8, 2019 MMC's CEO Joey Peay interacted with listeners about the just opened 3-story medical clinic on Shelbyville Highway. He also covered

the need for flu shots and how the CDC was forecasting a rough year for flu. Nov. 12, 2019, TOA Dr. McKissick talked about avoiding sports injuries and what can be done once they happen. He included any injury received by persons trying to get their "heart rate" up (exercise). Nov. 18, 2019 MTSU is doing an extensive study on "obesity". This program focused on "life styles" and how to reduce weight issues. Dec. 10, 2019, Dr. Lucas Routh discussed pain management and surgeries.

6. **PUBLIC LIBRARY:** On Oct. 15, 2019, the focus was on the Technology Engagement Center and e-book service there. Nov. 20, 2019 covered how to do genealogy research using software and sections of the public library. On Dec. 17, 2019, the Rutherford County Library discussion focused on 3-D printers and virtual reality, both now available at no charge to the public.

7. **PUBLIC EDUCATION:** Oct. 21, 2019, a focus on MTSU with their studies dealing with China and ancient medicinal herb research. Oct. 28, 2019, Dr. Linda Gilbert told about the new Salem Elementary School and how it was going a few weeks after opening. Nov. 25, 2019, Brian Lewis talked about "career interest" testing now used to help students in our public schools. This helps to show students college courses they might consider or areas in which to get post high school training.

8. **RUTHERFORD COUNTY ISSUES:** Oct. 22, 2019 the new GM at Middle Point Landfill, Jeremy Jernigan, talked with the public about the life expectancy of the landfill and what ideas will help when it is full. How is the local and regional business climate? On Dec. 16, 2019, MTSU's Dr. Tim Graeff discussed the TENNESSEE BUSINESS BAROMETER and what lies ahead.

9. **MAIN STREET MURFREESBORO:** Increasing the historic business district's footprint to make the city look like one with a population near 200,000. This will include hotels, more retail with residential areas above the business levels, and space devoted to restaurants and music venues. Oct. 29, 2019 and Dec. 31, 2019 City Manager Craig Tindall interacted with listeners about traffic, Historic Bottoms, developing the former 1st Methodist property downtown and taxes.

10. **CHURCH CONGREGATIONS WORKING TOGETHER:** Dec. 2, 2019, leaders from 1st Presbyterian and Antioch PB share how their diverse congregations are working together on inner city projects.

These topics were broadcast between 0810 and 0900 on the dates outlined above. The topics were developed through a process of checking local news stories, public input (phone calls, e-mails, daily "man on the street" interviews, opinion polls on the station's website, and other methods of getting public response on issues of importance.

Respectfully Submitted,

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