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### **WGNS Community Ascertainment Report**

**Period:** 2nd quarter 2019 (April, May and June 2019)

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1. **CHILD ABUSE:** Child abuse is a growing issue, and Child Advocacy Center's Director Sharon DeBoer joined Juvenile Court Judge Donna Scott Davenport April 2, 2019 to interact with the public on ways to detect it and what can be done. The next day, April 3, 2019, the topic expanded with Police Chief Michael Bowen.
2. **JUDICIAL SYSTEM:** The court dockets, cold cases, and news from the courts. On April 5, May 3, and June 7, 2019 District Attorney General Jennings Jones, former DA Bill Whitesell, and ADA J. Paul Newman addressed news of the courts. Then to the Juvenile Courts with Judge Donna Scott Davenport on April 2, May 7 and June 4, 2019.
3. **MTSU:** April 15, 2019 Curator Jackie Heigle told of the growing collection of historic prints and photographs being preserved in the new Baldwin Photographic Gallery in MTSU's Bell Street complex. May 20, 2019 Dr. Brandon Grubbs and dr. Deborah Lee told of a new MTSU consortium that works on Positive Aging.
4. **CITY-COUNTY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:** On April 10, 2019, Murfreesboro Mayor Shane McFarland interacted with listeners on a need to have the first property tax increase in 20+ years along with urgent need to find solution for the rapidly filling Middle Point Landfill.
5. **LOCAL HISTORY:** This continues to be a major topic, and on April 9, 2019, Historian Gloria Christy told of plans to develop a local history museum as well as expand the local music history event, "Uncle Dave Macon Days", that draws over 50-thousand visitors worldwide to Murfreesboro in mid-July. May 14, 2019 Murfreesboro City Councilman Eddie Smotherman told of tax benefits being considered by the city to encourage property owners to preserve and improve historic homes and businesses so that future generations can enjoy them. Vonchelle Stembridge was on June 14, 2019 to talk about JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION, a part of local

Black History. This will be at the Bradley Academy and the theme is "Breaking The Chains, Celebrating Our Legacy". June 28, 2019 Historian Denise Carlton share the history of The Woman's Club and how it was Murfreesboro's first library.

6. **HEALTH ISSUES:** April 29, 2019 representatives from the American Cancer Society and the local oncology department at St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital gave new information about smoking, both with real cigarettes, chewing tobacco and vapor. On May 10, 2019 St. Louise Clinic's Colleen Fultz talked about growing immunization worries as cases of mumps and measles broke out at a Nashville college. There is fear that this will move the 30 miles to MTSU. June 17, 2019, Archivist Sarah Calise tells about D-Day's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and how MTSU's Gore Center is preserving oral and video documents dealing with the Maneuvers that put over 10,000 troops in the Murfreesboro area to train prior to the actual Normandy Beach invasion. June 11, 2019 Dr. Matthew Perkins, MD, interacted with the public on issues dealing with exposure to the sun. Results of new studies of sun tans and being outside were presented.

7. **PUBLIC LIBRARY:** On May 21, 2019, Rutherford County Library System Director Rita Shacklett told of the results of the staff's past 6-months efforts to pull from the shelves books that were no longer being checked out. This made room for new and more popular books.

8. **PUBLIC EDUCATION:** On April 1, 2019 new Principal Steve Luker and Assistant Principals Jason Crutchfield and Kim Edwards told about Rockvale High School that will open this fall. April 22, 2019 Joe Marlin and Dr. Linda Gilbert focused on unique work being done in educating pre-K and kindergarten students in the Murfreesboro City School system. On May 22, 2019 new Principal Scott Bolden told about the new Rocky Fork Elementary School that opens in Smyrna in August, 2019.

9. **HOMELESS-POVERTY ISSUES:** On May 6, 2019 a panel from the Salvation Army told how the Murfreesboro facility provides almost 4,000 dinners each year to homeless in this community. They also told what is being done to train persons to apply for jobs and how to keep employment.

10. **GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** April 26, 2019, the public interacted with local state senators and representatives about issues that concerned them. This is a one-on-one call or text broadcast. It also gave legislators an opportunity to explain and discuss legislation that is presently being considered by the Tennessee General Assembly.

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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