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WGNS Community Ascertainment Report

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1. **Political Forum:** This is an election year and WGNS schedules on-air forums with candidates who have opposition. Listeners are able to phone the broadcast and ask one question that can be answered by each candidate. This is a "PRIMARY" election and the Democratic candidates for US 4th Congressional District did have opposition. Broadcast July 10, 2018 features Christopher Hale, Mariah Phillips and Steven Reynolds. There was no opposition with the Republican incumbent.
2. **Local History:** The two topics of major interest in Rutherford County are sports and history. On July 2, 2018, Denise Carlton and Diane Summar told of efforts to renovate the 5 remaining structures that are left of the old business district of the Rockvale community. In addition, Summar shared the history of the Womans Club building in Murfreesboro and how that structure is being destroyed by the elements.
3. **Homeless:** On July 27, 2018 Marilyn Rogan spoke about "Project Healing Water" a program to help homeless veterans get their lives together and return to society.
4. **Agencies:** Murfreesboro Police Detective Paul Mongold told about increases in child abuse and how the Child Advocacy Center is working to help youth who have been mentally scared. Aug. 6, 2018 Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Chief Mark Foulks told of progress in upgrading ISO rating to #1 (currently #2). Sept. 5, 2018, Murfreesboro Assistant Chief Eric Cook reviewed the OPIOD CRISIS and its impact on this city. TN is in the top 15 states that are impacted.
5. **City & County Government:** July 11, August 8, and Sept. 5, 2018 Murfreesboro Mayor Shane McFarland interacted with local residents who interacted about suggestions, concerns

and other issues. July 20, 2018, LaVergne Mayor Dennis Waldron outline the past and present for this northern municipality. On July 31, 2018 Murfreesboro City Director Craig Tindall told ways the "city" is making changes that are designed to make it easier for the public to get services from the "city". They are in the process of a major restructuring of the administration.

6. **Landfill Issue:** The Walter Hill Landfill has an estimated remaining life of 5-8 years. County Mayor Bill Ketron gave results of elected leaders and business leaders touring the composting plant in Sevierville, TN where 93% of their waste is kept from the landfill. It has now been learned that Republic (operator of the Walter Hill site) has successfully run an operation like this for 30-years in the much larger San Jose, CA. This is the beginning of what to do next.

7. **Patriot Day 9/11:** A day we will never forget--Sept. 11, 2001 four coordinated terrorist attacks by the Islamic terrorist group al-Qaeda against the United States. On Sept. 11, 2018, representatives from the local Red Cross, and 9/11 tributes held at the Sheriffs Office, MTSU and other schools shared information about their event and how 9/11 impacted our community and America's lives.

8. **Public Education:** On July 23, 2018 Rutherford County Schools Supt. Of Construction Trey Lee interacted with public on the 4 projects: construction of a new high school in Rockvale, along with major renovations at Oakland Middle, Siegel High and Smyrna High.

9. **Local Courts:** July 3, 2018, Juvenile Court Judge Donna Davenport and SRO Lt. Wright and Sgt. Culp shared the roles of an SRO in Rutherford County schools. On Aug. 7, 2018, Judge Davenport announced that the county approved a third full-time magistrate (in addition having a part-time magistrate) to handle juvenile cases in a timely manner. Sept. 4, 2018, Judge Davenport returned to discuss OPERATION INTEGRITY, a court ordered boot camp to build self-esteem with students while parents are required to take a separate course, at the same time, on "parenting". On July 6, Aug. 3, and Sept. 7, 2018, District Attorney Jennings Jones along with former DA Bill Whitesell discussed the cases just presented to the grand jury. They also spoke of cases about to go to trial and reviewed a "cold case".

10. **FLU SEASON:** Sept. 28, 2018 Dr. Jason Greene interacted with public on a new strain of flu this season, and the large number of flu deaths last season. He also told about Shingrix vaccinations.

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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