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2012 Third Quarter

1. **ECONOMY** is by far the issue that is foremost in the minds of residents. Rutherford County has been fortunate to not be impacted as badly as other areas, but there have been layoffs and the unemployment rate has climbed to 9%. Home sales have picked-up as a result of the devastating tornado that destroyed several hundred homes on April 10, 2009. Listeners phoned the Action Line talk show about this subject on July 24, August 7, August 14, and Sept. 18. Murfreesboro Vice Mayor Chris Bratcher interacted with listeners about the economy on July 8 and Sept. 9, while Murfreesboro Mayor Bragg answered calls on Aug. 12. Updates from the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce were also broadcast on July 14, Aug. 11, and Sept. 8.
2. **SWINE FLU/FLU** was the second major concern of local residents. Middle Tennessee Medical Center had physicians address this on July 6, Aug. 3, and Sept. 7.
3. **LAW & ORDER/CRIME** continued in the upper segment of concerns. WGNS scheduled several broadcasts in which the public could call and talk with the area's two top law enforcement heads. Murfreesboro Police Chief Glenn Chrisman was on July 1, Aug. 5, and Sept. 2. Rutherford County Sheriff Truman Jones answered questions on July 15, Aug. 19, and Sept. 16.
4. **CHILD ABUSE/JUVENILE ISSUES** were discussed on July 17 with representatives from the Child Advocacy Center.
5. **ALTERNATIVE FUELS** were addressed on July 20 when MTSU's Dr. Charles Perry discussed research being done at the local university. He interacted on the phone with listeners about a "plug-in hybrid retrofit kit" that he invented which would save 120-million gallons of gas daily in the United States.
6. **OBESITY** is another major concern and on July 7 Random Knight interacted with the public on an effective way to burn fat.

7. DESTROYING HISTORY was an issue in mid-August when without notice the City of Murfreesboro reportedly took-up one block of 150-year old brick sidewalk and replaced it with concrete. Historic District residents were concerned because the city did not contact them, and yet they must notify the city's "Historic Zoning Commission" before making changes on their homes. On Aug. 18 local Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities (APTA) President Steve Cates, resident King Jamison and architect Jim Thompson shared their concerns. Two weeks later the city agreed to replace the brick sidewalk.

8. PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA'S ADDRESS TO STUDENTS created concern, and on Sept. 7 listeners were able to call-in their views. After that, WGNS broadcast the speech and followed with a live broadcast from Reeves-Rogers Elementary School where Bryan Barrett got responses from the students on what they just heard.

9. RUTHERFORD COUNTY HISTORY as the Historic Courthouse is just days from being 150 years old. On Sept. 29 citizens on the Rutherford County History Council took phone calls from the public and gave interest historical information. One of the most surprising was that a group attempted to tear down the courthouse and replace it with a parking lot in 1959.

10. RECLAIM AT-RISK NEIGHBORHOODS was a concern of people living in these areas. On Sept. 30 Dr. Linda Gilbert, Lanny Goodwin and Rev. Carl Marable interacted with the public about plans to improve all at-risk areas in Murfreesboro.

These were the main issues facing Rutherford County, Tennessee during the third quarter WGNS (AM) focused on these challenges with one-hour broadcasts between 8:10- 9:00AM, Monday through Friday, on the above dates.

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