



WGNS Talk Radio
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WGNS Community Ascertainment Report

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1. **LOCAL HISTORY:** “History” and “Sports” are the two most popular topics in Rutherford County. On Jan. 1, 2019, WGNS devoted an hour to 72-years of radio involvement in this community with recordings from the past. Jan. 9 2019 Eddie Smotherman talked about local history and especially the old tunnels around the historic district. Jan. 11, 2019 Oaklands Mansion Director told about new finds at this historic plantation.
2. **JUDICIAL SYSTEM:** The court dockets, cold cases, and news from the courts. On Jan. 4, Feb. 5 and March 5, 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 March 5, 2019.
3. **LEGAL ISSUES:** Attorney John Day answers questions from listeners on Jan. 21, 2019, about drug issues. In addition on Feb. 15, 2019, he focused on laws of product liability claims. March 15, 2019, John Day talked about medical negligence and what is recoverable damages.
4. **CITY-COUNTY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:** Murfreesboro Police Chief Michael Bowel addressed the increase in shootings on Jan. 2, Feb. 6, and March 6, 2019. Sheriffs Office SRO’s told about deputy training and increases in burglaries. RCSO was on Jan. 16, Feb. 20, and March 20, 2019. Murfreesboro Mayor Shane McFarland interacted with public Jan. 9, Feb. 13, and March 13, 2019. County Mayor Bill Ketron was on Jan. 30 and March 27, 2019.
5. **ANIMAL CONTROL:** Feb. 27, 2019 Pet Adoption Welfare Service (PAWS) Director Michael Gregory told about the dramatic improvements at the county facility. Especially in the area of euthanizing stray pets. They went from almost a thousand monthly, to near “0”.

6. **HEALTH ISSUES:** March 8, 2019 the focus was helping dementia and Alzheimer's senior patients. Representatives from Mindful Care Adult Day Services answered questions from the public as well as giving suggestions about caring for dementia. On March 12, 2019 topic was Yoga with Kim Dunaway; along with news about childhood cancer from St. Baldrick's Foundation.

7. **GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** State Senators Dawn White and Shane Reeves; State Representatives Charlie Baum, Tim Rudd, Mike Sparks and Bryan Terry interacted with constituents on issues that concern them. The delegation updates legislation before the 111th GA. This broadcast on Jan. 25, Feb. 22, and March 29, 2019.

8. **PUBLIC EDUCATION:** On Jan. 28, 2019 Rutherford County Schools Assistant Supt. Dr. Andrea Anthony talked about the need to hire educators and how there is a shortage. Feb. 25, 2019 Principal Trey Duke tells about MCS' new Salem Elementary School.

9. **POVERTY-LOW INCOME:** On Jan. 23, 2019 representatives from Habitat for Humanity had home-owners tell their stories and what this has done for their children. Changes also discussed in the Rutherford County Library System on Jan. 15, Feb. 19, and March 19, 2019.

10. **FIRE PROTECTION:** Feb. 11, 2019 MFRD Chief Mark Foulks tells how new station #4 will get city closer to earning an ISO #1 rating. It will also reduce response time for water rescues and emergency calls along the city's Greenway System.

11. **DEMENTIA and SENIOR ISSUES:** The senior citizens demographic (age 60+) is fastest growing population in Rutherford County. On Nov. 13, 2018, guests from Mindful Care Adult Day Services shared statistics about this issue on Jan. 19, 2019.

12. **BLOOD SUPPLY SHORTAGE:** Holidays, cold weather causing low turnout at blood drives and creates a shortage at the Red Cross. On Feb. 12, 2019, CEO Janet Patterson talks about blood drives and the upcoming Heroes Breakfast.

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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