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WGNS Community Ascertainment Report

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1. COURTS: The courts in Rutherford County, TN are getting more caught-up with dockets. This is due to streamlining the way the system works, including issuing searches, warrants, etc. Electronic connections of judges to law enforcement are becoming the norm. District Attorney General J. Paul Newman and Assistant DA's share this information over broadcasts (7/7/2023, 8/4/2023, 9/1/2023). Attorney John Day tells about water dangers, including the jet ski accident that killed Roy Herron (7/13/2023). Attorney Melinda Brown tells about laws and legal issues that impact senior citizen (8/24/2023).

2. SERVICES FOR THE NEEDY: Melissa Cross talks about Habitat for Humanity's expansion at Legacy Pointe, a total Habitat community for low income (8/7/2023).

3. PUBLIC EDUCATION: Dr. Ken Currie tells how MTSU's \$74.8-million Applied Engineering building that is under construction will benefit the community (7/17/2023). MCS' Lisa Trail interacts with parents about "back to school" plans (8/1/2023). RCS Dr. Jimmy Sullivan tells about COVID levels increasing in schools and what they are doing (9/5/2023). Retired teacher Steve Cates tells about the Kittrell School Reunion (9/15/2023).

4. HEALTH and WELLNESS: NICU Care Nurse Wendy Underwood tells about St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital's 25th Anniversary of its NICU (7/11/2023). Dr. Craig McCabe interacts with the public on cataract surgery (7/10/2023). Healthcare is changing dramatically with more PA's and fewer MD's. Dr. Joel Parker tells how physicians doing house calls is a new service (7/27/2023). COVID and coronavirus are regaining strength. Dr. Dan Rudd shares the latest developments and methods of treatment, including vaccinations (8/28/2023). Red Cross blood donations fall dramatically, blood reserve is shrinking (7/14/2023). Local Ex. Dir. John Mitchell update on the fires that hit Maui and local Red Cross teams sent to offer disaster assistance (8/23/2023). Red Cross Blood Chair Ginny Williams goes over the 25% nation-wide drop in blood last month; John Mitchell is heling Hurricane Idalia victims in Fla (9/22/2023).

5. HISTORY: Rutherford County Historical Society President Petus Read tells about their preserving cemeteries and work in the slave graves being discovered between Oaklands Mansion and Evergreen Cemetery (8/25/2023). Historian Gloria Christy tells about Macon, Music and Mules (9/15/2023).

6. POLICE ISSUES: Murfreesboro Police Chief Michael Bowen talks LAW & ORDER issues such as increases in crime including robberies, domestic situations, muggings, shootings and murders (7/5/2023, 8/2/2023, 9/6/2023). RCSO RSO Capt. Brad Harrison talks about school safety—including active shooter situations (7/19/2023). MTSU expanding patrolling campus to bicycle patrols (8/21/2023).

7. GOVERNMENT: Murfreesboro Mayor Shane McFarland talks about public housing, crimes, shootings and whether impact fees are covering growing expenses (police, fire, solid waste, schools, etc.) on 7/12/2023. County Mayor Joe Carr continues to try and gain state approval of impact fees that will be levied on construction to cover population growth expansion of services (7/26/2023). On 8/9/23 Mayor McFarland talked about using 1-way streets to control increased traffic, flashing caution lights, speed humps and downtown developments (8/9/2023). Mayor Carr tells about the State of the County (9/27/2023).

8. LAWN & GARDEN ISSUES: Master Gardeners interact with the public with call-ins re: getting grass to grow, plant diseases and attracting hummingbirds (7/6, 8/3/ and 9/7/2023).

9. BUSINESS/ECONOMY: MTSU Dean of Jennings Jones College of Business shows economy improving and this area of study now one of the tops in the nation (9/18/2023).

10. PARKS & RECREATION: Murfreesboro Parks & Recreation Director Nate Williams releases plans for new park in south Murfreesboro (7/25, 8/22, 9/26/2023). Greenway Art Festival (9/15/2023).

11. MTSU: MTSU's media school discusses constantly changes of mass communications. They also tell about their studies on a Southerner's perspective on death (8/21/2023). MTSU Homecoming information (9/18/2023).

12. DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH: Downtown development with three proposed multi-purpose business, office, hotel, condo-apartment developments (7/10, 8/14, and 9/12/2023).

13. VETERANS: Representatives from the Alvin C. York VA Hospital tell about the new PACT Act—perhaps the most significant veterans service ever. This includes exposure to Agent Orange, toxic substances and more (8/7/2023).

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, MTSU opinion polls, response to the station's internet electronic news site and other methods of getting public response on issues of importance.

In addition, WGNS (AM) is a member of the Tennessee Association of Broadcasters (TAB) and broadcast its 3rd Quarter Public Educational Program (PEP), below is a list of the **Local Public Service** content and is a part of this station's Community Ascertainment report.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Walker', with a stylized, flowing script.

Scott Walker
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