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WGNS Community Ascertainment Report

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- **1. EMPLOYMENT:** There are plenty of jobs, but citizens are not taking them. (10/3/22) Scott talked about special programs to help veterans secure employment after service. Thomas Stoquert with the American Job Service Center shared new information.
- **2. SERVICES FOR THE NEEDY: (**10/28/22) Megan Hutchins tells about the subdivision that will be 100% Habitat for Humanity homes.
- **3. PUBLIC EDUCATION:** (10/24/22) Murfreesboro City Schools Science and Social Studies Coordinator Lea Bartch tells about unique ways area youth are being taught for success in today's high-tech world. Professional Educators of TN Director Dr. J. C. Bowman discusses how state government is making it possible for with VOUCHER PROGRAMS (12/6/22).
- **4. HEALTH and WELLNESS:** (10/11/22) Dr. Lindsay Keith told about breast cancer and gave warning signs. In addition, Foundation Director Gina DeJean told of the upcoming Wine Around the Square and Power of Pink. (11/8/22) Dr. Elizabeth Harrelson talks about "Infant Health Crisis". (11/14/22) Dr. Craig McCabe talks about cataract surgery and new developments in slowing macular degeneration.
- **5. JUDICIAL SYSTEM:** DA Jenings Jones gives a monthly update on the courts in Rutherford County (10/7/22, 11/4/22, and 12/4/22).
- **6. POLICE ISSUES:** (Oct. 5, 2022) MPD Chief Michael Bowen focused on school zone driving, unlocked cars with guns left unsecured and increases in robberies. 10/13/22 Attorney Laura Baker interacted with listeners about personal injury accidents. 11/2/22 MPD Lt. Clayton Williams tells about the new "body cams" that go into service next month. (11/16/22) A group of Sheriff's office SRO's discuss how they break the barrier of being the "first law enforcement officer" that students ever know.
- **7. GOVERNMENT:** Murfreesboro Mayor Shane McFarland (10/12/22) released research about Middle Point Landfill and how it is nearing closure time. He also discussed the massive Broad Street redevelopment, Town Creek tract acquisition, and MED pension and changes to

employee's health benefits. (11/7/22) Property Assessor Rob Mitchell tells about the new assessments and what you need to do if you do not agree with it. He also talks about the new tax statements that went out in the mail.

- **8. LAWN & GARDEN ISSUES:** Master Gardeners Jack Smith and new Extension Agent Justin Stefanski tell how to sign-up for the Master Gardeners' classes (11/3/22).
- **9. BUSINESS/ECONOMY:** (10/14/22) Andrea Sheffield talked about studies that show more people are working from home and office space is available. (11/23/22) Roscoe Brown's owner Norman Brown tells how they just started an apprentice program that trains HVAC technicians and plumbers to get "on the job" training along with State Certification while at work.
- **10. PARKS & RECREATION:** (11/22/22) Nate Williams and Rachel Springer interact with listeners about Parks & Rec Christmas activities including the Christmas Parade on Dec. 11, 2022.
- **11. MTSU:** 10/18/22 MTSU's School of Concrete Management tells about its new \$40.1-million facility. 10/21/22 Dr. Elyce Helford and Dr. Valanzola talk about the upcoming Holocaust Studies. (12/22/22) Bee Keeper Zane Cantrell tells about a new class on the program.
- **12. DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH:** 10/18/22 Murfreesboro Airport Manager Chad Gehrke tells how the new complex has already attracted events including the STEAM conference. 10/26/22 Dr. Rick Sain discusses the re-opening of Reeves-Sain Drugstore.
- **13. SENIOR CITIZEN ISSUES:** 10/27/22 Dr. David Hutchings interacts with listeners about geriatric speech issues and geriatric dysphagia and neuropathology.
- **14. VETERANS:** 11/7/11 Veterans Day Coordinator Barbara Pitto tells about new services for veterans available at the Alvin C. York VA Medical Center. Several veterans share their experiences in the service. Plus, the new Rutherford County Veterans Community Center is spotlighted. It is a "one stop" veterans and health benefits coordinating service. (11/18/22) Elder Veterans Legal Aid Group's Mary Ross Tarkington discusses veteran's benefits.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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