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- 1. CRIME, LAW AND ORDER: Despite an improved economy, unemployment is still at a point where burglaries and robberies are considerable. Murfreesboro Police Chief Glenn Chrisman interacts with the public about ways to reduce crime in broadcasts on April 4, May 2, and June 6. Sheriff Robert Arnold did the same from that agency's perspective on April 18, May 16 and June 20, 2012.
- YOUTH CHALLENGES: Juvenile Court Judge Donna Scott Davenport brings a guest each month to addressing raising children, parenting and keeping youth safe and in school. This allows parents, relatives and concerned citizens an opportunity to talk directly to professionals on getting advice about youth. The broadcast was aired on April 3, May 1, and June 5, 2012.
- 3. **ECONOMY:** Despite the fact that retail sales are up, the number of persons receiving assistance with life's necessities continue to rise, although less than in previous quarters. On April 6, 2012, Kim Joyner interacted with the community on a group that helps family's who are strapped with medical bills. May 8, 2012 Chamber of Commerce Workforce Development's Sandy Ponder told of 3,000 local jobs that would soon be available.
- 4. STORM PREPARATION: Storm season is here and Rutherford County has risen to one of the region's tornado prone areas. In addition, previous year's have shown the area is prone to severe storms and floods. On April 19, 2012, FEMA's Lynne Keating and TEMA's Jeremy Heidt told what help is available in Tennessee. They answered specific questions from local residents.
- 5. MOSQUE ISSUES: The controversy of a 50,000+ square foot Islamic Center of Murfreesboro continues in the local courts and among the community. Chancellor Corlew ruled that the county planning committee did not properly notify the public prior to issuing a "building permit". The judge ruled that the "use permit" would not be approved. On May 10 the public was able to call and share opinions.
- 6. 107th GENERAL ASSEMBLY: This is proving to be a challenging year for government. State government was forced to trim fat and become more efficient. Now that the economy is improving, it must now evaluate carefully to avoid growing back into "obese habits". State Senators Bill Ketron and Jim Tracy, along with Representatives Joe Carr, Mike Sparks and Rick Wommick interact with the public on April 27, May 25 and June 29, 2012.
- 7. LITERACY and EDUCATION: Educating the future leaders of this community are a major challenge. Despite efforts, illiteracy continues to be a problem. On Feb. 3, 2012, Shelly Stanley interacted with the public about illiteracy and how Read To Succeed is offering free adult classes. On May 28 the Rutherford County School's Director Harry Gill shared the works of that system; and on April 23 and June 25, 2012, Dr. Linda Gilbert told of the City Schools.
- 8. HEALTH: Improvements in cancer, heart and out-patient surgery are all major issues. Middle Tennessee Medical Center had a physician to answer listener questions on April 2, May 7, and June 4, 2012. Murfreesboro Medical Clinic also had physicians on the radio April 17, May 15 and June 19, 2012. Dr. Craig McCabe focused on eye surgery and visual issues on April 9, May 14 and June 11, 2012.
- 9. ELECTION: Political forum on June 29, 2012 with candidates for the Rutherford County Road Board position: Greg Brooks, B. J. Smotherman, and Del Corbitt,
- 10. MURFREESBORO AIRPORT EXPANSION: On June 15, 2012, leaders "for" and "against" expansion at the Murfreesboro Airport shared their views and the public was able to interact. Airport Manager Chad Gehrke, Airport Planner Tim Haskell, along with citizens opposed included Gayle Almann, Steve Murphy, and Steve Jones.

These topics were covered in detail over WGNS (Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, TN) 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 WGNS' website, and other methods of getting public response on issues of importance.

Respectfully Submitted,

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