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WGNS Community Ascertainment Report

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1. **Political Forums** This is a political year, and to enable residents to know more about candidates for local offices, the station conducted a public forum for each office that had more than one candidate. Listeners were able to phone and ask questions. July 8, 2016 34th District Republican candidates; July 12 was one of the most contested seats in the election, candidates seeking the new position of General Sessions Judge, Part IV, took calls. July 14 brought candidates for the US House, 4th District. July 15 featured 14th District State Senate candidates.

2. **Law and Order:** Auto break-ins, substance abuse motorists running traffic signals continue to be a major problem. In addition, federal charges against Rutherford County Sheriff Robert Arnold continued to be a dominant factor in the ability of deputies to be effective. Murfreesboro Police Chief Karl Durr was on the radio July 6, Aug. 3, and Sept. 7, 2016. Representatives from the sheriff's office were on July 20, Aug. 17, and Sept. 21, 2016.

3. **Juvenile Court System:** Juvenile Court Judge Donna Scott Davenport interacts with the community on issues of successfully raising our youth July 5, Aug. 2, and Sept. 6, 2016 focused on issues with today's youth. She also talked with parents about *Walk-In Wednesday*, where they can drop by the Juvenile Center any Wednesday for guidance on child raising problems.

4. **Child Abuse:** Reports from the Child Advocacy Center as well as Judge Davenport indicate that child abuse crimes are on the increase. On July 29, researcher Patricia Boyer-Weisman talked about her studies that went into the book Conquering The Beast.

5. **City of Murfreesboro:** On Aug. 31, 2016, the public had an opportunity to phone City Manager Rob Lyons with their concerns. Murfreesboro Mayor Shane McFarland took comments from local residents on July 13, Aug. 10, and Sept. 14, 2016.

6. **Local History:** Aug. 1, 2016 Ranger Jim Lewis with the Stones River National Battlefield told about programs dealing with local history that are a part of the 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service.

7. **Racial Harmony:** Local minister Terrance Lyons interacts with the public on Aug. 9, 2016, on how to achieve better local harmony between races. At a time when students, police and