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**Period:** 3rd quarter 2016 (July, August, and September 2016)

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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 34<sup>th</sup> 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, 4<sup>th</sup> District. July 15 featured 14<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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

citizens are having major challenges in other cities, Murfreesboro is working to keep the peace and citizens united.

8. **Organ Donations:** On Aug. 12, 2016 Maryetta Austin talked about ways to increase organ donations and what is needed to assure individual's wishes are honored.

9. **Alzheimer's Disease:** Famous UT Basketball Coach Pat Summitt Head passed away from this dread disease, and it is touching a growing number of local residents. Michelle Thomas from the Alzheimer Association and Mike Gann from Stones River Manor's Memory Care Unit interact with local residents. This broadcast was Aug. 19, 2016.

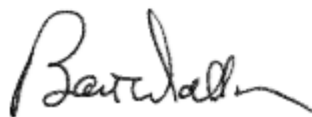
10. **CRIMINAL COURTS:** The majority of citizens are not aware of the criminal courts, grand jury indictments, cold cases, and sentencing. District Attorney General Jennings Jones, form DA Bill Whitesell and ADA J. Paul Newman update the public on what is on our Rutherford County court dockets. This quarter, that topic was covered July 1, Aug. 5, and Sept. 2, 2016.

11. **HOSPICE:** On Aug. 24, 2016 the public interacted with Hospice representatives on how this organization has helped their family. Dr. Warren McPherson, Chaplain Joel Reynolds and Advisory Committee Member Hanna Witherspoon told of this county's first 20,000 square foot Hospice hospital that is being built.

12. **BOTTOMS:** On Aug. 29, 2016 Main Street Director Kathleen Herzog, City Councilman Bill Shacklett and downtown business owner Judy Goldie interacted with the public on ideas to turn the old flood area known as "The Bottoms" into a river walk, restaurant/music venue, high-rise retail and residential, and boutique hotel in downtown Murfreesboro.

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,

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

Bart Walker  
Chief Operator