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WGNS Community Ascertainment Report

Period: 4th quarter 2016 (October, November, and December 2016)

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1. **Homes for Low Income families:** On Oct. 3, 2016, Terri Schultz and Josh Chappell tell about how Habitat for Humanity is making homes available to families who can not qualify for conventional loans.
2. **History:** History continues to be one of the topics of highest interest among citizens of Rutherford County, Tennessee. On October 4, 2016, Executive Director James Manning and Educational Director Mary Beth Nevills interacted with listeners about Oaklands Historic House Museum.
3. **Juvenile Court System:** Juvenile Court Judge Donna Scott Davenport interacts with the community on issues of successfully raising our youth Oct. 4, Nov. 1 and Dec. 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. **Elections:** The November Presidential and State Election were big in the news. In addition to coverage of the voting, there were political forums on Oct. 11, 2016 with candidates for the 37th State House seats on Oct. 14, 2016 the District 14 State Senate candidates on Oct. 18, 2017 it was candidates for the 34th District State House seats. Oct. 19, 2016 candidates for the 49th District State House candidates participated in the political forum.
5. **City of Murfreesboro:** On Nov. 29, 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 Oct. 12, Nov. 9 and Dec. 14,, 2016.

6. **Activities for Handicapped Youth:** On Oct. 28, 2016, B. Price, father of former Blackman baseball player and Boston Red Sox pitcher David Price, talked about the MIRACLE FIELDS being built at McKnight Park.

7. **Linebaugh Library System:** E-books are becoming more popular and work continues on opening a full digital branch next to Hobgood Elementary School. Director Rita Shacklett interacted with the public about the local library on Oct. 18, Nov. 15, and Dec. 20, 2016.

8. **Murfreesboro's Growth:** Growth in Murfreesboro with venues for eating and entertainment, traffic control, public transportation, and affordable housing are issues of concern. On Oct. 31, 2016 Assistant City Manager Jennifer Moody addressed these issues and interacted with residents on both the "Historic Bottoms Project" as well as "Highland Avenue District Improvements".

9. **Public Education:** T-CAP scores, too much testing (almost weekly), getting rid of GED tests, and school curriculum in both the Murfreesboro City School and Rutherford County School systems. Broadcasts on Oct. 24, Nov. 28, and Dec. 26, 2016.

10. **Law & Order:** This topic is growing and was covered in many ways during this quarter. The District Attorney's office told about current court cases on Oct. 7, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2, 2016. Murfreesboro Police Chief Karl Durr fielded questions from the public on Oct. 3, Nov. 7 and Dec. 5, 2016.

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,

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Bart Walker
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