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1. **CRIME, LAW AND ORDER:** Despite an improved economy, burglaries and robberies still create problems in this community. Murfreesboro Police Chief Glenn Chrisman interacts with the public about ways to reduce crime in broadcasts on April 2, May 7, and June 4, 2014. Rutherford County Sheriff Robert Arnold interacted with local residents about their concerns on April 16, May 21, and June 18, 2014.
2. **JUVENILE COURTS:** 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 1, May 6, and June 3, 2014. She continues to stress that this court's purpose is not to sentence offenders, but to change their behavior before they reach the legal age to be tried as adults. On April 8, 2014, Executive Director Sharon DeBoer told about the Child Advocacy Center that helps abused youth.
3. **OBESITY:** Obesity continues to be one of the major health issues in Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, Tennessee. April 1, 2014, the area's most successful TOPS honoree shared her successful story of health.
4. **COURTS, CRIME:** Cold cases brought to the public's attention through this broadcast help to solve crimes that have been on the books for some time. In addition, an in-depth look at the criminal courts from those who run them gives on-going insight into how they operate. This special broadcast is hosted by District Attorney General Bill Whitesell and Assistant DA J. Paul Newman. It was broadcast April 4, May 2, and June 6, 2014.
5. **STATE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** The 108th Tennessee General Assembly was in session during the first several months of the year. Several times Rutherford County State Senators and State Representatives were on WGNS to update issues facing the legislative body and to receive feedback from the public. This was done on April 26 and May 31, 2014.
6. **LITERACY:** The inability to read at the proper age level continues to be a challenge with 44% of Rutherford County residents reading below the third grade level. Linebaugh Library's Director Rita Shacklett interacted with listeners about new programs for all ages that are available at the public library. On April 15, May 20, and June 17, 2014 officials with the library update new services. They noted that the nation's second all electronic library will soon open on Mercury Boulevard.
7. **PRESERVING HISTORY:** Preserving local history for future generations becomes a greater challenge as Rutherford County continues to be one of the fastest growing counties in the United States. On April 7, 2014, the focus was on Oaklands Historic House Museum. On June 16, 2014, MTSU Gore Center of Historic Research Archivist Jim Havron tells about the oral history project that records statements of veterans. In addition, this project is also tied to the Library of Congress.
8. **ELECTIONS:** This is a major election year, and this station feels it is important for the public to know about the candidates so that a more educated vote can be made. April 15, 2014 brought candidates for the Public

Defender position. On April 16, 2014, candidates for the District Attorney (Republican Primary, Democrats used caucus to name candidates) were answered questions from the public. April 18, 2014, candidates for Rutherford County Sheriff. On April 28, 2014, the candidates for the Register of Deeds office interacted with the public. April 30, 2014 heard candidates for the Rutherford County Mayor (Republican primary) answer questions from constituents. These calls are not screened, so there is no censoring in any of the broadcasts.

9. **INTERNATIONAL FOLKFEST:** On June 2, 2014, Cripple Creek Clogger Founder Steve Cates told about International FolkFest that begins in four days. He tells how over the decades this festival has brought groups of dancers and musicians from countries around the world to the mid state. In addition, Murfreesboro's Cripple Creek Cloggers act as ambassadors and travel to other countries.

10. **LEGALLY ARMED:** Reports indicate that more and more Tennesseans are obtaining "gun carry permits". Gene Kennedy, who is nationally known for his expertise in this field, and is a Murfreesboro resident, shared who is eligible and what is required to obtain a permit. He told of new laws that will become effective June 1st. This was on May 13, 2014.

11: **MURFREESBORO GROWTH:** Murfreesboro continues its unprecedented growth and is one of the top 10 fastest growing cities in the nation. This creates strain on the city's infrastructure as well as service teams. On April 29, 2014, City Manager Rob Lyons and Assistant City Manager Jim Crumley took questions from concerned residents and brought them up to speed on the major road project that is underway on Broad at Memorial Boulevard. Murfreesboro's new Mayor Shane McFarland interacted with the public on May 14 and June 11, 2014.

These topics were covered in detail over WETV (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 website, and other methods of getting public response on issues of importance).

Respectfully Submitted,

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