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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 Oct. 1, Nov. 5, and Dec. 3, 2014. Rutherford County Sheriff Robert Arnold interacted with local residents about their concerns on Oct. 15, Nov. 19, and Dec. 17, 2014. On Oct. 24, 2014, Workhouse Minister Shawn Crist interacted with listeners about local issues.
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 Oct. 7, Nov. 4, and Dec. 2, 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. **HOMELESS:** The homeless segment of our local population has exploded. Studies show that many of these persons are veterans suffering Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or individuals who are in need of *institutional care*, but none are available. District Attorney General Bill Whitesell addressed this issue on Oct. 4 Nov. 7, and Dec. 5, 2014. On Nov. 14, 2014, Scott interviewed several homeless persons and got a feeling for their needs and what caused them to get in this predicament. On Dec. 26, 2014 Scott Foster interacted with the public on the needs of the homeless and how The Journey Home helps this segment of the population.
4. **OBESITY:** Morbid obesity is a growing issue in Murfreesboro/Rutherford County, Tennessee. St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital has expanded their bariatric program. Dr. Wayne Westmoreland interacted with the public on this topic on Oct. 22, 2014.
5. **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 Oct. 21, Nov. 18, and Dec. 16, 2014 with the library update new services. They noted that the nation's second all electronic library will soon open on Mercury Boulevard.

6. **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.

7. **ELECTIONS:** This is a major election year, and this station feels it is important for the public to know about the candidates. On Oct. 14, 2014 candidates for the Murfreesboro City Council seat were on WGNS: Bill Jones, Bill Shacklett, and Juanita Thouin. These calls are not screened, so there is no censoring in any of the broadcasts. On Oct. 31, 2014, persons representing the "yes" and "no" sides of AMENDMENT 1 that's on the ballot explained their stands and answered phone calls from the public. Laura Messick represented "YES" and Chole Cerutti was the spokesperson for "NO".

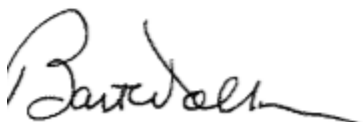
8. **CANCER:** This disease strikes fear, but surviving cancer is increasing. On Nov. 3, 2014 Oncologist Dr. Charles Wendt interacted with the public about treatments available locally and why we are seeing an increase in survivors locally.

9. **TEEN DRIVING:** Texting and other distractions create distractions from safe driving, especially among teen motorists. On Oct. 10, 2014, State Farm's Kip Diggs and Michael Busey talk about "safe driving" programs that they are offering in area high schools.

10. **PARENTING:** Over the past decade two MTSU professors have been studying parental habits and documenting skills to create "better parents". It has developed into a weekly advice column in the newspaper, a new book, as well as group training program. William Black and Tom Tozer interacted with the public on this issue.

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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