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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 July 2, Aug. 6, and Sept. 3, 2014. Rutherford County Sheriff Robert Arnold interacted with local residents about their concerns on July 16, Aug. 20, and Sept. 17, 2014. In addition, the Rutherford County District Attorney's office presents information on "cold cases" as well as an update on what is happening in our local courts on July 4, Aug. 1 and Sept. 5, 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 July 1, Aug. 5 and Sept. 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.
3. **POLITICAL SEASON:** This is an election year, and the station scheduled several on-air broadcasts where the candidates would take phone calls from the public. On July 7 the candidates for the County Clerk's position. July 8 features candidates for the 37<sup>th</sup> District State House of Representatives. July 11, 2014 featured 48<sup>th</sup> district State House candidates. On July 18 it was the candidates for the 49<sup>th</sup> District State House of Representatives. July 25 featured candidates for the judge of General Sessions Court.
4. **EDUCATION:** Tennessee schools are making strong efforts to change this state's low rankings in student rankings. A series of broadcasts where the public can interact on this issue with leaders in the local teaching community have been very successful in getting out ways parents, grandparents and guardians can help area youth. Murfreesboro City School's Director Dr. Linda Gilbert interacted with the public on Aug. 25, 2014. Officials from the Rutherford County School Board were on WGNS July 28 and Sept. 22, 2014. Middle Tennessee State University told about higher education on July 21, Aug. 18 and Sept. 15, 2014.

5. **CITY OF MURFREESBORO GOVERNMENT:** On July 29, 2014, 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 9, Aug. 13, and Sept. 10, 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 July 15, Aug. 19 and Sept. 16, 2014.

7. **PRESERVING HISTORY:** On July 23, 2014 Rutherford County Archivist John Lodl interacted with listeners about local history. This included underground passageways in the historic downtown district, Black Cat Cave, historic homes and mansions that became hospitals during the Civil War. On Sept. 9, 2014, local historian Gloria Christy interacted with the public on their memories and any memorabilia they have about the old Central High School's "Tiger Den". On Sept. 19, 2014, Stones River Battlefield's Gib Backlund, Sam Davis Home's Debbie Shaw, and Oakland's Historic House Museum's James Manning told of the history of their venues and how it still impacts our community.

8. **CULTURAL DIVERSITY:** On July 21, 2014 Mike Novak told of the work of MTSU's Confucius Institute. Aug. 4, 2014 Chander Sharma told of the Friends of India Association for Murfreesboro (FIAM).

9. **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:** Traffic congestion is one of the major concerns of local residents. On Aug. 12, 2014, Murfreesboro Transportation Director Dana Richardson interacted with the public on rail service as well as the growth of the city's Rover Bus Line.

10. **HELP FOR LESS FORTUNATE:** On Sept. 26, 2014, Habitat for Humanity's Terri Shultz, Megan Hutchings and Josh Chappel answered questions from the public about how to purchase a "Habitat Home".

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  
Chief Operator