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**Period:** 1st quarter 2015 (January, February and March, 2015)

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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 Jan. 7, Feb. 4, and March 4, 2015. Rutherford County Sheriff Robert Arnold interacted with local residents about their concerns on Jan. 21, Feb. 18 and March 18, 2015.
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 Jan. 6, Feb. 3 and March 3, 2015. 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. **District Attorney:** The Rutherford County District Attorney's office handles one side of criminal court cases in this community. They work with law enforcement agencies on "cold cases" and try to solve older crimes. On Jan. 2, Feb. 6, and March 6, 2015 District Attorney General Jennings Jones, Former DA General Bill Whitesell and Assistant DA J. Paul Newman look at new cases and have a detective give news about a "cold case". They also look at the activities of the courts for the upcoming month.
4. **FLU SEASON:** The deadly flu virus was worse this year, and on Jan. 13, 2015, Dr. Jason Green, a pharmacist at Reeves-Sain, interacted with listeners about why this strain is more of a problem.
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 Jan. 20, Feb. 17, and March 17, 2015 she offered updates on the new technology center at the library.
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. Jan. 16, 2015 Oaklands Historic House Museum's Mary Beth Nevills told about

expanded services at the historic site. Special educational programs for area youth were explored. She also told about their "4th Annual Wedding Dresses Through The Decades" exhibit of local dresses and customs. This elaborate show will January through March, 2015. Another historical broadcast was Jan. 23, 2015, when Rutherford County Property Director Ben Mankin gave the history of the courthouse and its famous cupola. That same day, Dr. Tanya Peres from MTSU told that the oldest find in Rutherford County was inside Black Cat Cave, a 1920's speakeasy across from the VA Hospital. This dates back to the mastodon era. MTSU is studying this find. On Feb. 16, 2015, MTSU's Dr. Brenden Martin told about a project to preserve the history of Central Magnet School.

7. **GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** The first half of each year brings the Tennessee General Assembly. The Rutherford County delegation is on the radio during this time to tell of legislation being considered and to get input from the public. State Senators Bill Ketron and Jim Tracy along with State Representatives Dawn White, Mike Sparks, Dr. Bryan Terry and Rick Womick visited the program on Jan. 30, Feb. 27, and March 27, 2015.

8. **YOUTH:** Guiding youth through their pre-teen and teen years is a major concern. Rutherford County Juvenile Court Judge Donna Scott Davenport was on WGNS to interact with parents and concerned persons on Jan. 6, Feb. 3, and March 3, 2015. She also opens the courts every Wednesday to parents having child raising problems. Judge Davenport answers questions from concerned parents on this broadcast.

9. **HEART DISEASE:** Heart disease continues to be the largest killer of American men and women. On Feb. 10, 2015 guests from the American Heart Association answered questions from the public about heart disease and strokes.

10. **EDUCATION:** Improving public education and making students who leave schools to enter college or the job field do their best, City School Director Dr. Linda Gilbert and County School's Don Odom interact with the public on Jan. 26, Feb. 23 and March 23, 2015. In addition, professors from MTSU interact with residents on Feb. 16 and March 16, 2015 broadcasts.

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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Bart Walker  
Chief Operator