

## Q4 2014 ISSUES AND PROGRAMS LIST

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**CONSOLIDATION:** Voters approved the consolidation of Macon and Bibb County governments beginning in 2014. The transition from two governments to the new consolidated one has not been without hitches, but the willingness of newly elected board members to work together has made it a smoother transition than anticipated. Residents have been updated regularly through the local media.

**HEALTH CARE:** Many middle Georgians are uninformed about many health problems. Coliseum Health Systems, Dr. Johnny Gayton, local optometrist, Melody Faircloth of the health supplement store Willow Tree and others appear on Mix in the Morning regularly with health tips in many fields.

**ECONOMY AND JOBS:** The unemployment rate in middle Georgia does fluctuate, depending on the season, but during most times of the year, it is as high or higher than the state average. Regular reports on the unemployment issue and public service announcements help to keep the public informed of the trends.

**ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE:** Robins Air Force Base is the largest single employer in middle Georgia, and is a vital player in the economy of the area. Constant confirmation of the community's support of the base help to keep the base open and flourishing. With periodical BRAC assessments, it's important that those in higher places know that the community appreciates the value of the base and supports it's efforts. Periodical releases from the office of information, 21st Century Partnerships and other base-related organizations and our own news department help this station keep the public updated

**EDUCATION:** This is not only a class-room issue, but one that encompasses education on issues that concern the community, information on programs that assist residents and progress made in consolidating educational institutions to reduce costs while adding availability.

**ANIMAL CONTROL:** Efforts continue to convince pet owners to have dogs and cats spayed or neutered to control the growing population. While this is next to impossible where animals are abandoned and left to roam freely, spaying and neutering will continue to downsize and control the pet population. Programs of free spaying and neutering is offered by several local businesses. The process for adopting pets is also covered.

**CRIME:** Overall, crime is a nationwide problem. Middle Georgia is no different. Almost daily there are reports of murders, armed robberies, assaults, carjacking, or lesser crimes. These stories are reported by WPGA to help inform the public on where crimes are being committed, urging the public to be especially cautious if they must travel, or if they live, in these high crime area.

Issue	Title	Description
<b>CONSOLIDATION</b>		

October 1, 2014. Ron Wildman reports this morning that Mayor Robert Reichert spent Tuesday with the Macon-Bibb Commission traveling across the city and county during the third in a series of formal strategic planning sessions funded by a grant from the James L. Knight Foundation. Members of the Carl Vinson Institute of Government are coordinating these planning sessions. Included in the county-wide trip was a view of some of the more than 100 blighted houses that are scheduled for demolition in the continuing effort to make Macon-Bibb more attractive to visitors and possible future business and industry.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of four minutes

October 3, 2014. According to Ron Wildman on today's Mix in the Morning show, Macon-Bibb Commissioner Scotty Shepard will chair a pair of public hearings concerning the question of whether under-21s should be allowed into local bars serving alcohol. The issue comes up every once in a while, most often following shooting incidents and fights that involve teenagers. In efforts to keep the community involved in such decisions, Shepard held public hearings were in order. The first will be October 7th, the second on October 14th, Wildman reports. Both will be held at the Government Center. Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of four minutes

October 8, 2014. During its regular meeting this week, the Macon-Bibb County Commission committed some eight acres of land adjacent to Lake Tobosofkee to a firm promising to build a nearly three million dollar water park. The Marietta-based firm says the operation is expected to average some 1,000 visitors a day once completed, providing not only a recreational outlet for citizens, but a revenue raising project for the county's coffers. The land for the park would be rented to the Marietta firm for just one dollar a year, but Macon-Bibb will eventually collect from one to one and a half percent of the Water Park's gross ticket sales.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of three minutes

October 9, 2014: According to Ron Wildman on today's Mix in the Morning show, a group of Bibb County youngsters got a close up look at how county government works when they visited members of the commission yesterday

to wrap up a two day summit with a trip to Lake Tobosofkee, including the site of the proposed new water park. The program, called C-CAPS, is a civic awareness project for high school students who are introduced to the ins and outs of local government. Besides Lake Tobosofkee and other sites operated by the local government, the group was treated to lunch at the local Fish and Pig Restaurant.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of four minutes.

October 14, 2014. The Macon-Bibb Planning and Zoning Commission is refusing to let the owner of an abandoned brick house on Pine Street have the house demolished to make way for a new Dunkin' Donuts store. The house, once the home of early Macon black businessman Charles Douglass has been vacant for more than 433 years and is in dilapidated condition. Still the P&Z denied the permit to tear the house down in hopes that it can be purchased and moved by one of several historical groups, then restored.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 for a total of four minutes

October 15, 2014. Ron Wildman reports today on Mix in the Morning that a Macon- Bibb Commission committee is apparently saving a health benefit subsidy for Bibb County retirees once the former workers become eligible for the federal Medicare Program. The \$388 would have been taken from the more than two hundred retirees and another 100 who are eligible to retire. It's one of the several differences between city and county employees that must be ironed out on the heels of consolidation.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 for a total of four minutes

October 16, 2014. With the continuing problem of pedestrian accidents, several Macon-Bibb commissioners are co-sponsoring an effort to control, or eliminate, the problem. Commissioners Elaine Lucas, Al Tillman and Virgil Watkins says she and other commissioners would like to see the Bibb Board of Health endorse a safety program. Bibb County has one of the highest per-capita pedestrian accidental injury and death rate in the country. Lucas and others cite one of the problems as unsafe street crossings.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 for a total of five minutes

October 21, 2014. According to a story today by Ron Wildman on Mix in the Morning, the Government division of Duties committee of the new consolidated Macon-Bibb County government is nearing completion of the relocation of all public works and related engineering teams to a location of Knight Road. Before consolidation, the Macon and Bibb County operated separate public works, solid waste and parks departments. The consolidated public works departments will now operated from the Knight Road location.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am for a total of four minutes

November 6, 2014. Macon-Bibb County mayor Robert Reichert appeared live on the Mix in the Morning news/talk show this morning from 7:30 to 8:00 am to update citizens on the state of the city and county nearly a year into consolidation. The mayor fielded calls from viewers/listeners on a number of topics including recreation, health care packages and the proposed Lake Tobesofkee water park.

The mayor was on the year live for a total of thirty minutes with co-hosts Aaron Bowers and Gail Daniels.

November 13, 2014. During his Mix in the Morning news segments today, Ron Wildman reports that the Macon- Bibb See-Click-Fix program has been expanded to include complaints concerning housing code violations and other similar problems. This would include untidy yards and junked cars, Wildman says. Business Development Services Department inspectors are handling calls.  
Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30am, total three minutes.

November 19, 2014. At the regular full meeting, the Macon-Bibb Commission approved some \$64 million in tax benefits for the new Kumho tire plant, which is building a plant on the southeast end of Bibb County off Highway 247. Much of the relief package centers around the Macon-Bibb Industrial Authority's renting the land to Kuhmo rather than the company buying it outright. Eventually the plant will employ at least 450 workers and will produce millions of tires a year at the \$500,000,000 plant.  
Story aired at 6:00, 6:30-, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, total of five minutes

November 26, 2014. Macon-Bibb Commissioner Mallory Jones says the government should keep its commitment to the voters and follow through with a 20 percent cut in the upcoming budget, which Jones points out was a major contributor in the passage of the consolidation vote in Macon and Bibb County. According to Ron Wildman's story today on Mix in the Morning, Jones says he would agree to a 10 percent cut, but nothing lower.  
Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, total of four minutes.

December 17, 2014: Ron Wildman reports this morning that efforts by a couple of Macon-Bibb commissioners to take immediate action against the Wings Café and Night Club has been slowed down. Al Tillman and Virgil Watkins wanted the troubled night spot situation handled by Municipal Court. In a split vote, the full commission voted to take the matter through normal committee channels after at least one commissioner, Elaine Lucas, asked for a more thorough investigation of a recent shooting at the club that took three lives and left two others injured. Tillman and Watkins want the club closed down for good.  
Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, total of five minutes

December 24, 2014. In a follow-up to an earlier vote, the Macon Bibb-County Commission's Public Safety Committee voted to turn the Wings Café issue over to Municipal Court. The latest of several shooting incidents at the Rocky Creek Road club resulted in three deaths and several injuries. It will take a vote of the full commission on January 6th to move the matter into Municipal Court. Ron Wildman reported the latest development in this story on his Mix in the Morning news segments.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, total of five minutes

## HEALTH CARE

October 1, 2014: Ron Wildman reports this morning that more than 130 University System of Georgia college campuses will become smoke free today. No longer will there be designated smoking areas on campus property, including area campuses at Fort Valley State University, Georgia College and State University and Middle Georgia State. Initially, warnings will be issued, but that will evolve into more strict enforcements, Wildman says. All campuses have police forces that have been instructed to enforce the total smoking ban on campuses, designed to make campuses more healthy.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of four minutes

October 2, 2014. The drive-through flu clinic in Macon has been re-scheduled to begin next week. The new dates are October 9th and 10th. The original September dates were delayed when the proper flue vaccine was not available. The hours for the drive-through will be from 8:00am to 1:00pm Thursday and Friday at the Health Department on Emery Highway. Walk-in patients can get their shots at any time Monday through Friday 8:00 to 4:30

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, total of three minutes.

October 6, 2014: Ron Wildman reports today that Bibb County sheriff David Davis and his staff will be helped residents dispose of outdated and often unsafe prescription medicine. Sheriff Davis says citizens drop off about 191 pounds of the unwanted and outdated medicine at Wal-mart on Zebulon Road. Citizens can dispose of such unwanted prescriptions on a daily basis at a drive-up collection container on Hawthorne Street behind the Bibb Law Enforcement Center.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of three minutes

October 8, 2014: According to Ron Wildman today on Mix in the Morning, Mayor Robert Reichert and members of the Macon-Bibb Commission rolled up their sleeves today for the annual visit by the Bibb County Health Department for flu shots. Nancy White, a former city council member and now Health Department Director, reminds the public about the need for getting flu protection. For those who need assistance, the drive thru window at the Health Department on Emory Highway will be open beginning tomorrow.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of six minutes

October 14-17, 2014. Representatives from the Alzheimer's Association appeared on Mix in the Morning promoting their fund-raising and awareness event scheduled later this month at Anderson Field on the Mercer campus. The event, called Blondes vs Brunettes Football, is a flag football game involving women. The ladies on the two teams, who played prior to a Mercer game, collected well over \$100,000 in pledges and passed out buckets during the game, netting additional money. The representatives, one from each of the two teams, were on the show from 8:30 to 9:00am, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for a total of two hours.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 for a total of three minutes

October 16, 2014: According to a story by Ron Wildman on today's Mix in the Morning, Volunteer Macon director Tonya Graham has been visiting the Bibb Senior Citizens Center for the past several weeks with a special diabetes self management program. The six-part series tells of signs which indicate there might be health problems ahead. The big thing, Graham says is..don't hesitate to see a doctor. In fact, regular visits to healthcare personnel for exams should be on everybody's list of things to do regularly.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, total of five minutes

October 16, 2014. Ron Wildman reports this morning that Georgia is back in the middle of the Ebola situation. 29-year old Texas nurse Amber Vinson made her way from an ambulance at Emory University Hospital yesterday following a flight from Dallas. Vinson is the same person who flew from Dallas to Cleveland and back over the weekend following her tour of duty at the hospital where America's first Ebola victim died. The airline is trying to locate persons who might have flown with Vinson.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, total of three minutes

October 22, 2014. Mid-state residents who are concerned and keeping up with the Ebola situation are invited to Fort Valley State University today to hear renowned international disease expert Dr. Earl Long, who will be making a presentation beginning at 12:30pm in the Pettigrew Center Auditorium. Dr. Long is a research scientist and consultant to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The presentation is free, and is sponsored by the school's Honor, Research and Science programs and clubs. Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 for a total of five minutes

October 23, 2014. In a follow-up to a story he aired a day earlier on Mix in the Morning, Ron Wildman reports that a large crowd of students, faculty and members of the general public showed up yesterday for a presentation by renowned Ebola expert Dr. Earl Long. Dr. Long met the crowd at the Pettigrew Center Auditorium, and told those in attendance that there is no need for widespread concern about Ebola in middle Georgia. Dr. Long said it would be difficult for Ebola to be a threat to mid-staters, who should be more concerned about the flu, Dr. Long said. Ebola, according to Dr. Long, unlike other airborne diseases, spreads slowly and can be short-circuited by isolating it's carriers.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 for a total of four minutes

November 7, 2014: A health fair for mid-state veterans is slated for next Wednesday at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry. The health fair will be held in the Georgia Grown building from 8am to 4pm. The announcement was made at the Houston Healthcare Educare- Middle Georgia Tech health fair, which was held on Thursday. The announcement of the health fair at the Ag center was reported today by Ron Wildman on his Mix in the Morning news segments.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 for a total of five minutes.

November 18, 2014: Ron Wildman reports today that Bibb State Representative Allen Peake is re-introducing his medical marijuana bill. He placed the proposal in the house clerk's office as the first piece of legislation the upcoming session will look at when it convenes in January.

Representative Peake says there are modifications and safeguards in the new effort that were not there in the original bill, which failed to pass last session. The cannibas medicine is used to control seizures in children and is not yet legal in Georgia.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, total of four minutes.

December 12, 2014: There are more medical facilities for the public in Forsyth this morning. Ron Wildman reports that the Medical Centers Navicent Health System is opening an elaborate diagnostic center near the downtown Forsyth area. President and CEO Ninfa Saunders said the system brings with it personalized quality care such as that currently available in many years in Macon. The new Forsyth center is actually larger than the six diagnostic or emergency centers in Macon.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, total of four minutes

December 12, 2014. In a related story, the Monroe County Hospital, also in Forsyth, is beefing up to meet the perceived competition from the new facilities. Monroe has entered into an agreement with Macon-based Coliseum Health Systems to offer the same services as Coliseum and Coliseum Northside.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, total of three minutes

## ECONOMY/JOBS

October 8, 2014: According to Ron Wildman on today's Mix in the Morning, applications for jobs at the Ireland Juvenile Detention Center in Milledgeville continued at a job fair in Gray on Tuesday. Applicants for 80 positions filled out forms and answered questions in the 11th job fair for the Ireland Center. The facility had been closed, but plans a re-opening soon. A training period for those hires will begin next month.

Story ran at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of four minutes.

October 29, 2014: During his Mix in the Morning news segment today, Ron Wildman reported that plans continue toward the job fair for high level positions at the proposed Kumho tire plant in south Bibb County. The first session will be held Saturday in the Atlanta area city of Norcross.

Construction has already begun at the site with workers erecting security fencing and other safeguards.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of three minutes

November 6, 2014: The first local open job fair for the Kumho Tire Company plant was held yesterday at on the Macon campus of Middle Georgia Technical College. Several hundred persons showed up, with many of them arriving several hours early and standing in line. While the initial job openings will require degrees in electric and machine engineering or

other high tech degrees, many of the potential workers who do not qualify in these areas left resumes, which company officials will be held until job applications in other areas are processed. The Georgia Department of Labor is coordinating the job fair. Visit their website for more information. Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 for a total of two minutes

#### **EDUCATION:**

October 10, 2014: On his Mix in the Morning news segment today, Ron Wildman reports that the Georgia Professional Standards Commission is revoking the licenses of former Bibb superintendent Romain Dallemand and former school system technology director Tom Tourand. The move comes as the two men are being investigated for the purchase of more than \$26 million worth of technology equipment without proper approval and bidding. Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30am for a total of six minutes.

October 10, 2014: The week long fall break in area schools causes parents of students to scramble to find care, especially for younger students who cannot stay at home alone. Ron Wildman reports today that there is help. Volunteer Houston County sprang into action with their fall break camp at Ted Wright park. In addition to use of park facilities, director Bobbie Morris and the staff have set daily programs for kids, including lunch and snacks. There is also a field trip to Lane Packing on the agenda. Volunteer Houston provides services for some 40 events throughout the year, and is a United Way Partner.

October 14, 2014: Ron Wildman reports today that Bibb School Board member Thelma Dillard held a District Two community forum, with a large crowd showing up at Lizzie Chapel Baptist Church for the forum. The meeting is an outgrowth of her campaign promise that her constituents would be updated from time to time on the Bibb School system. Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of four minutes

October 14, 2014: Macon-Bibb County's Georgia Civic Awareness program for students will visit the 911 emergency center today. Ron Wildman reports on Mix in the Morning that young people who are part of a one-year government awareness program will meet after school for the trip to the center. GCAPS is part of the Association of County Commissioners civic

awareness program. 33 Macon- Bibb students were selected out of 100 applicants.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of three minutes

October 15, 2014: Ron Wildman reports this morning that the Bibb School Board will soon begin interviews with Superintendent candidates. The first round will be at the Georgia School Board Association offices in Atlanta on October 25th. 44 applicants are being considered. The successful applicant will begin work in 2015.

October 15, 2014: Work on a salary study plan continued at the Bibb School Board. At a called meeting, the board listened to a third report on the matter of equalizing money made by workers in other school districts. A pot of \$1.3 million has been created if the board votes to officially accept a new pay scale that would become effective December 19th of this year. According to Ron Wildman on today's Mix in the Morning, the board has conducted initial interviews with some of the reported 44 applicants for the superintendent's job.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of three minutes

October 22, 2014: Ron Wildman reports today on Mix in the Morning that there was a big turnout of college bound high school students at Perry High School for a Probe College Fair. The annual event grows with each new class, according to sources who reported the story to Wildman.

Representatives from universities, colleges, technical schools and the military were on hand to advise the young people.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of three minutes

November 18, 2014: In an effort to decrease truancy by more visibility, Mayor Robert Reichert and Bibb Interim Superintendent Steve Smith unveiled a new car to be used by the Bibb School system's truancy officer. It's part of a new emphasis to keep kids in class, according to the story filed today by Ron Wildman on Mix in the Morning. Absenteeism costs the schools hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost state funds each year.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of four minutes

November 21, 2014: It's American Education Week and according to Ron Wildman on Mix in the Morning, the Bibb system took advantage of the period to get supporters of local schools to sign pledge cards to show students that family and friends are behind their efforts. At Ingram-Pye School, probate judge William Randall led a large crowd in reading the pledge aloud. Once signed, the pledge cards will be presented to students as a reminder of the support they have from family and friends. Meanwhile at L.H. Williams school, board member Lester Miller helped teach students during the Teacher for a Day project as part of American Education Week. Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 for a total of five minutes

December 10, 2014: The Bibb County School Board has selected deputy superintendent Dr. Kelley Castlin-Gacutan as the interim replacement for Dr. Steve Smith, who is retiring as interim superintendent at the end of the calendar year. Dr. Castlin-Gacutan came to Bibb County two years ago from Shorter University. Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, total of four minutes

## RAFB

October 7, 2014: Ron Wildman follows up the tragic story out of RAFB today on Mix in the Morning. The Robins Air Force Base office of public affairs says the search continues for the bodies of two airmen who were swept out to seas near Okinawa, Japan. Listed as missing are Georgia Air National Guard member Master Sgt. Daniel Paschal and active-duty Air Force Sgt. Joshua Schoenhoff. The body of Senior Master Sgt James Swartz, who was serving with the 1126th Air Control Wing of the Georgia National Guard, was recovered Sunday. The three Robins airmen were on temporary duty at Kadena Air Base, and were visiting the northwest coast of Okinawa when they were swept out to sea. Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of four minutes.

October 8, 2014: The body of another of the Robins Air Force Base soldiers has been recovered in the waters off the coast of Japan. The initial report did not identify the body. Two servicemen remained missing, M-Sgt. Daniel Paschal and Sgt. Joshua Schoenhoff. The search continues this morning for the

third body. The men were on temporary duty and were sightseeing when they were swept into the ocean waters off the coast of Okinawa by waves from an Asian typhoon during the latest in a series quick striking storms that have hit the area.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 for a total of three minutes

October 8, 2014: Colonels with the J-Stars program at Robins Air Force Base met with the media to express their condolences to the families of the three airmen who lost their lives this week in Japan. Colonel Kevin Clotfelter and Colonel Henry Sear told of the recovery of the third body by searchers off the coast of Okinawa. The men were swept away during an Asian typhoon. Bodies of all of the victims, Sgts James Swartz, Joshua Schoenhoff and Daniel Paschal have now been recovered. A fourth airman accompanied the victims to the seashore. His identity has not been revealed.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 for total of three minutes

October 21, 2014: Mayor Randy Toms and the Warner Robins city council said 'thank you' to members of the J-Stars team at Robins Air Force Base. J-Stars coordinated an effort to get an F-15 fighter jet brought to a place of honor in front of city hall. Mayor Toms told the group that his office has heard from a large number of citizens praising the efforts to place the plane in a position that will allow passing motorists to view it as they pass along Watson Boulevard. The F-15 is part of an overall plan to honor the military with a special display and memorial at city hall. Ron Wildman reports this show of support for the base by Warner Robins officials and citizens.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 for a total of three minutes.

December 5, 2014: Ron Wildman reports on Mix in the Morning today that he has learned that two arrests were made Thursday in

what has been a very secretive drug sweep at Robins Air Force Base. Multiple law enforcement vehicles were spotted along with officers and drug dogs in the maintenance areas of the base. According to Wildman, a base news release indicated this was part of a continuing effort to provide a safe working environment for all base workers. Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 for a total of four minutes

December 11, 2014: Cities in Houston County recognize and appreciate the contributions of RAFB to middle Georgia's economy. Warner Robins, Perry, Centerville and Houston County officials invited representatives from the base to take part in a recent 'State of the Community' forum held in Perry. The forum was moderated by former state representative Larry Walker, who stressed the forum's purpose, to solidify the fact that in middle Georgia, as Robins Air Force Base goes, so goes Houston County and the entire mid-state. The forum addressed many issues concerning the area, the need to continue to provide a suitable workforce for Robins, continue to fight the rising crime rate, and improve the quality of life in order to keep the area favorable in the event of future rounds of base closings. Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 for a total of three minutes

December 19, 2014: ComSouth president Rob Brooks is the new chairman of the Robins Air Force Base support group 21st Century Partnership. Ron Wildman reports on Mix in the Morning that Brooks will assume the position from Brad Fink, who has been chairman for the past four years. Brooks said his main goal, along with that of 21st Century Partnership president Charles Stenner, is to protect jobs at Robins Air Force Base, the largest employer in middle Georgia. Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 for a total of three minutes

**CRIME:**

Three men are under arrest for credit card fraud at Macon area Ace Hardware stores. Lester Camejo, Meikel Remedios and Eduar Gonzales were arrested in the Houston Road Ace outlet after making purchases at the stores on Riverside Drive and Forsyth Road

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of three minutes

October 16, 2014: Ron Wildman reports today that 20-year old Jordan Maxwell just ran out of free time. Described as a Macon gangster, Maxwell was sentenced to 240 years in prison in a plea bargain relating to numerous crimes Maxwell and others committed. Authorities say Maxwell and other members of the M-O-E game committed robbery, carjacking, kidnapping and street gang terror activities during a one-month spree last year.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of six minutes.

October 17, 2014: Million dollar bonds have been set for a mother and her friend accused of killing the woman's 5-year old daughter Heaven Woods last May. Amanda Hendrickson and Roderick Buckner were seeking bond prior to their upcoming trial. They are under multiple charges in the death of the child, including child cruelty. Witnesses say the child died from blows to the stomach and other injuries. 33-year old Hendrickson gave birth to a child during her stay at the Monroe County jail. According to Ron Wildman's story this morning, it's wasn't stated whether Buckner is the father.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of three minutes.

October 22, 2014. Ron Wildman reports this morning that crime doesn't have to come from the streets. It can come from within. Former sheriff's deputy Kenneth Brown is now under indictment for a raft of charges surrounding a sexual incident with a 14-year old girl and her boyfriend. Among charges against the veteran officer was threatening the boyfriend with his service revolver. Bibb sheriff David Davis has fired Brown from the department.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 for a total of four minutes

October 28, 2014: The Macon public housing sponsored forum on family violence heard numerous calls for victims to let others know of their plight, aided by several local sororities. The housing program in Macon is plagued with numerous reports of abuse each year, and any effort to stem the tide would be the prudent plan of action, Ron Wildman said today on Mix in the

Morning. Crisis lines and other aid organizations were represented at the forum at the Buck Melton Center off Anthony Road.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of four minutes

November 3, 2014: According to a story aired by Ron Wildman on today's Mix in the Morning, the Bibb neighborhood watch organization is hoping those in Macon walking their dog will keep an eye out for crime. Local coordinator Judy Gordon met with canine owners in the city's Dog Park recreational center. She says all their responses were positive.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of four minutes

November 3, 2014: While he was on the subject of crime, Wildman reported that Bibb deputies and several other mid-state federal and state law enforcement agencies made raids on multiple locations overnight. The raids included the Dollywood Productions recording studio, and a household on Lake Tobosofkee. Money, marijuana and fire arms were confiscated.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of four minutes

November 6, 2014: Four people are under arrest this morning and more are being sought following a wide-ranging commercial gambling raid in Macon. Ron Wildman reports this morning that Bibb sheriff's deputies, the GBI and officers from other agencies fanned out to raid multiple convenience stores locations as well as a mansion on the 400 block of Southern Oaks Drive.

Among items officers expected to confiscate are bank records of those involved in gambling operations. Gaming machines were also taken from most of the stores raided. Owners are allowed to make payouts only by merchandise certificates. However, most or all of them make cash payouts.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of three minutes

November 18, 2014: The Macon Regional Crimestoppers annual meeting yesterday at the Macon Coliseum drew a large crowd, according to Ron Wildman's story today on Mix in the Morning. Wildman was among the attendees at the mid-day luncheon sponsored by Macon's Rotary Clubs. The 13th annual affair raised more than \$100,000 for the reward fund, which paid out nearly \$50,000 for tips last year that led to arrests. Middle Georgia Regional Crimestoppers is one of the most successful in the country. In just the past month, the organization has aided in more than 300 arrests.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 for a total of three minutes

December 10, 2014: Ron Wildman reports today on Mix in the Morning that a tinted window violation could have led to the saving of a 13-year old from a possible abductor. Twiggs County deputy Jeremy Johnson pulled over a car traveling on I-16 for having improper heavy tinted windows. In the process, the officer grew suspicious of the driver, later identified as Keith Dubel of Fort Pierce, Florida, who had a young girl in the car with him. Wildman reports it turned out, the youngster's family had asked authorities to be on the lookout for the vehicle used in an abduction in Paulding County. Dubiel is currently in custody facing a variety of charges that could possibly include kidnapping.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, total of four minutes

#### ANIMAL CONTROL/WELFARE:

October 9, 2014: The distemper quarantine at the Macon-Bibb Animal Welfare Center remains in effect this morning, according to Ron Wildman on Mix in the Morning. State of Georgia inspectors on Wednesday sent off testing samples from two dogs believed to have died from the viral disease. Since the death of the two dogs, more than a dozen others have been euthanized after showing symptoms of distemper.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, total of three minutes

October 9, 2014: Ron Wildman reports this morning that, because of the distemper quarantine, the Macon-Bibb Animal Welfare Center is closed to receiving new cats and dogs today. A state inspector advised officials to keep the facility shut down pending lab results on two dogs that apparently died of distemper, or parva.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, total of two minutes

October 17, 2014: The Macon-Bibb County Animal Welfare Center remains closed pending the outcome of a second lab test by the state of Georgia Agricultural inspectors. Two dogs died a couple of weeks ago of parvo, and since then, several have been euthanized. Once the second lab tests are received from Tifton, officials will decide if, and when, the center can re-open.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, total of three minutes

October 20, 2014: Ron Wildman reports this morning during Mix in the Morning that Warner Robins residents are making preparations for the

second annual 'walk of the wild side'. The Saturday event raises funds for the Warner Robins Animal Shelter. It will feature a Warner Robins police dog demonstration.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, total of three minutes.

October 23, 2014: The Macon-Bibb Animal Welfare Center has received clearance to re-open after more than two weeks of quarantine. Ron Wildman says on today's Mix in the Morning that there will be a special adoption event this morning with a special no-cost adoption. All animals have been declared healthy by area vets. Today's adoption time period for the special adoption fee is 8am to 12 noon. In all, there are 35 dogs and 8 cats waiting for adoption.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, total of three minutes.

November 6, 2014: The Macon-Bibb Animal Welfare Center is lowering the cost of adoption by \$70 on two special days a week, called Saving Saturday and Terrific Tuesday. During those special adoptions periods, Steve Layson of the Welfare Center says the fee will be reduced to just \$10, from the \$80 on other days. By using this incentive, Ron Wildman on his Mix in the Morning show today said the Welfare Center hopes to adopt more animals and euthanize less. Layson said that for a limited time, the Center will reimburse owners \$50 for spaying after showing proof that it has been done.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, total of five minutes

November 25, 2014: According to Ron Wildman on Mix in the Morning, the new Animal Welfare Center on Fulton Mill Road is now scheduled for opening in early January, 2015 instead of this December. Work on the interior air conditioning and other infrastructure apparently won't be completed in time for a December opening. More than three million dollars in SPLOST money is paying for the facility, which will replace the totally outdated Animal Rescue operation.

Story aired at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, total of four minutes.