



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **‘Storytellers’ Features Laotian Community Leader Chantho Sourinho**

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**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** – Chantho Sourinho came to America in 1972 with a scholarship to attend MTSU. Since then, he has become a fixture in the Rutherford County Laotian community as the host of CityTV’s *Laotian Information*, airing twice daily to provide Laotian-Americans with news about Murfreesboro and Rutherford County. Sourinho also serves on the Rutherford County Commission, representing District 21, located in the southeastern portion of the County.

The February 2015 episode of “Storytellers” on CityTV features Chantho Sourinho and can be viewed on YouTube at <http://youtu.be/2xqIUXIZ2tg>. Storytellers, hosted by John Hood, airs on Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Monday, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The interview with Commissioner Sourinho features the following topics:

- The establishment of the Laotian community in Murfreesboro and Rutherford County with an estimated population of 5,000.
- Sourinho’s service to the community, including his work as a County Commissioner for the 21<sup>st</sup> District of Rutherford County. He is serving his second 4-year term.
- Sourinho’s volunteer work with the City’s Homeless Task Force, Domestic Violence and the American Red Cross.
- Discussion of the 800-member Wat Lao Buddhist Temple, 5214 Old Nashville Hwy., which served as the location of this month’s “Storytellers” episode. Learn about the role of Buddhist priests at the Temple.

You can watch “Murfreesboro Storytellers” on CityTV (located on Comcast Xfinity Channel 3 and AT&T Uverse channel 99). You can view the program online by visiting <http://youtu.be/2xqIUXIZ2tg> or [www.murfreesborotn.gov/storytellers](http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/storytellers).

For City News online, visit [www.Murfreesborotn.gov](http://www.Murfreesborotn.gov).

**Photos attached captions:**

*CityTVs John Hood interviews Rutherford County Commissioner Chantho Sourinho on City TV.*

*1. L/R Chantho Sourinho, John Hood.jpg.*

*2. L/R Chantho Sourinho and John Hood stand near larger suspended Gong used to symbolize blessings.jpg.*