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‘Storytellers’ highlights Women’s History Month with local business leaders

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – The March edition of “Murfreesboro Storytellers” is celebrating Women’s History Month by highlighting local business women who have made a difference in Murfreesboro’s economic development despite the challenges serving as female leaders.

The March 2016 episode can be viewed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/sV59pwcE6Y8>
It can also be seen on CityTV 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.

Storytellers, with host John Hood, features the following Murfreesboro business leaders:

Paula Mansfield, Senior Vice President with First Tennessee Bank, has worked in the financial services industry for 35 years. A graduate of Middle Tennessee State University, Mansfield has served as past-president of RutherfordCABLE, a member of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) and the Saint Thomas Rutherford Foundation Board. Visit First Tennessee Bank at <https://www.firsttennessee.com/>.

Stephanie Brackman joined the Rutherford County Chamber staff in 1999 and is a member of the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives and American Chamber of Commerce Executives. Brackman directs Leadership Rutherford and serves on the board of directors for the United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties. Brackman holds a degree in psychology and a master’s degree in education from the University of Tennessee. Rutherford Chamber at <http://www.rutherfordchamber.org/>.

Deborah Roberts serves both the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC) <https://www.tsbdc.org/> and MTSU, where she is a certified accountant (CPA). Her community service includes RutherfordCABLE, the Murfreesboro Half Marathon Board of Directors and the American Cancer Society. Roberts is a graduate of MTSU with a business administration degree in accounting.

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The interview features the following topics:

- RutherfordCABLE, an organization of 260 members aimed at connecting women in business and offering programs to mentor young professionals.
- The three women discuss the challenges they each faced in business, especially early in their careers.
- A number of influential women in leadership roles are mentioned, including astronaut Dr. Rhea Seddon and Kathy Jones, a member of the Murfreesboro Planning Commission.

This month's Storytellers was recorded on location at the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce on Medical Center Pkwy. Storytellers is produced by CityTVs Michael Nevills.

You can watch "Murfreesboro Storytellers" on CityTV (located on Comcast Xfinity Channel 3 and AT&T Uverse channel 99) or view the program online by visiting www.murfreesborotn.gov/storytellers.

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Photos attached:

CityTVs John Hood interviews Deborah Roberts, Paula Mansfield and Stephanie Brackman for the March edition of Storytellers' on City TV.

1. *L/R Deborah Roberts, Paula Mansfield, Stephanie Brackman, John Hood.*