Schedules
The Rutherford County Convention and Visitors Bureau, a partner of the Heritage Area, will be hosting several events this summer. The first event is the "Rutherford County Historical Society's Annual Meeting," scheduled for June 4 at Jackson State Community College. The registration link will be available online at a later date.

Captain George Washington "Pap" Wyant, a direct descendant of the original owner of the courthouse, is scheduled to give a two-hour walking tour of the courthouse grounds at 10 a.m. on May 17. The tour will begin at the courthouse, which is located at 132 Main Street in Celina.

Future events include the "Heritage Development Plan," which will be held on May 19. The plan is designed to identify and preserve historic sites and landmarks in the area.

The next event is the "5th Annual Slave Dwelling Project Conference," which will be held on May 20. The conference is designed to assist in preserving slave dwellings and recognizing the role they played in the history of the area.

The final event is the "Teaching with Primary Sources—MTSU Workshop," which will be held on May 21. The workshop is designed to help educators use primary sources in their classrooms.

Investigating Your Community
Dr. Carroll Van West, Tennessee state historian, will be the keynote speaker for the "Heritage Development Plan." The conference will feature breakout sessions from each of the partner organizations and the sharing of resources to support the new social studies standards. Dr. Van West will discuss the role of history in education and how it can be used to inspire students to learn about their community. The conference will also feature workshops on special topics, such as the Underground Railroad and African American history.

Looking to the future and the rollout of new social studies standards, Van West emphasized the importance of engaging students in the learning process and using primary sources in their education.

The conference is open to the public and will be held at Jackson State Community College. The registration link will be available online at a later date.