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**Period:** 3rd quarter 2015 (July, August and \*September)

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1. **EDUCATION:** Reducing illiteracy and preparing students for a place in society is a goal of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County public schools. July 27, 2015 focused on Rutherford County Schools, and Aug. 24, 2015, dealt with City School issues. It seemed that multiple languages spoken in area schools created challenges. Over 60 languages are spoken. 44% of Rutherford County residents are reading below the third grade level. The broadcasts featured City School Director Dr. Linda Gilbert and County School Superintendent Don Odum.

2. **Veterans:** More than 570,000 veterans are unemployed nationwide. Roscoe Brown, Inc. tells how they are participating in a special program to hire more vets. In addition, MTSU's Veteran's Director Lt. Gen. Keith Huber tells of a new program to help transition people from the military to college. This was covered July 10, 2015.

3. **JUVENILE COURTS:** Juvenile Court Judge Donna Scott Davenport interacts with the community on issues of successfully raising our youth. Broadcasts on July 7, August 4, 2015, focused on issues with today's youth.

4. **READING AND LIBRARIES:** Linebaugh Library Director Rita Shacklett interacted with the public about new technology now available at our local public system. This includes a new IT Center being constructed on Mercury Boulevard, next to Hobgood School. Shacklett told of computer classes, how the library has a 3-D printer and how the library assists with researching your family tree. The broadcast was on July 21, August 18, 2015.

5. **CITY OF MURFREESBORO GOVERNMENT:** On Sept. 29, 2015 the public had an opportunity to phone City Manager Rob Lyons with their concerns. Murfreesboro Mayor Shane McFarland took comments from local residents on July 8, Aug. 12, 2015.

6. **LOCAL HISTORY—COMMUNITY ROOTS:** This is one of the most followed subjects in Rutherford County. Geographically, we are surrounded by Civil War history. Now, pre-historic links have been proven with fossils discovered in the old Black Cat Cave, across from the VA Hospital. Another historical topic deals with the music that shaped the community. Historian Gloria Christy and Greg Tucker focus on these topics July 6, Aug. 4, 2015. Stones River

Battlefield's Gib Backlund shared information about their Hallowed Ground Cemetery Walks on July 22, 2015.

7. **CRIME, LAW AND ORDER:** Drugs continue to be the dominant factor in persons being incarcerated. In fact, most of the crimes that are committed have a link to drugs/alcohol. Murfreesboro Police Chief Glenn Chrisman interacted with the public on issues that concerned them on July 1, Aug. 5, and Sept. 2, 2015. Rutherford County Sheriff Robert Arnold spoke with constituents on July 15, Aug. 19, 2015.

8. **AT-RISK YOUTH:** Low-income and poverty level children face more dangers than those from more affluent families. In the summer months, drowning in area creeks, rivers and lakes is a major concern. On Aug. 11, 2015, Steve Reeves and Phil Barnett told about HOWARD'S HOPE and how it was started to teach area youth enough swimming ability to survive if you find yourself in an emergency situation in water. More nutritious food to help this segment of our younger population is another concern. On Aug. 31, 2015, Second Harvest's Taylor Loyal told how an emphasis on nutrition is being taught.

9. **CRIMINAL COURTS:** The majority of citizens are not aware of the criminal courts, grand jury indictments, cold cases, and sentencing. District Attorney General Jennings Jones, form DA Bill Whitesell and ADA J. Paul Newman update the public on what is on our Rutherford County court dockets. This quarter, that topic was covered July 3, Aug. 7, 2015.

These topics were broadcast 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 station's website, and other methods of getting public response on issues of importance.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bart Walker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and a stylized "W".

Bart Walker  
Chief Operator