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**Period:** 4th quarter 2015 (October, November and December, 2015)

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1. **Bullying:** This has become a major classroom problem, and studies show that it is a major factor in the increasing teen suicide rate. State and federal educators, as well Murfreesboro City and Rutherford County school officials are working on program to detect bullying and zero in on it quickly. Local counselor Karen Potratz interacted with resident' phone-ins about identifying bullying and being aware of its dangers. This was covered Oct. 5, 2015.
2. **Homeless:** This issue continues to increase as Rutherford County grows. The job market success is a magnet that attracts unemployed and underemployed, and often they are unable to hold a job and become a part of the growing homeless population. Oct. 16, 2015 Cliff Sharp told how Greenhouse Ministries helps the homeless with computer skills to complete a resume and then to make a good first impression at job interviews. On Nov. 27, 2015, Rutherford County Veterans Services Officer Dominick Grimaldi told of programs for local homeless veterans.
3. **Juvenile Court System:** Juvenile Court Judge Donna Scott Davenport interacts with the community on issues of successfully raising our youth Oct. 6, Nov. 3, and Dec. 1, 2015, focused on issues with today's youth. She also talked with parents about *Walk-In Wednesday*, where they can drop by the Juvenile Center any Wednesday for guidance on child raising problems.
4. **Flu Season:** The new strain of flu hit the baby population, along with school age children and senior citizens. On Oct. 13, 2015, Dr. Jason Greene told about the 2015 and how it is comparing to previous years. Listeners had an opportunity to phone and talk with Dr. Greene.
5. **City of Murfreesboro:** On Dec. 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 Oct. 9, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9, 2015.

6. **Local History:** Nov. 13, 2015, State Senator Bill Ketron told about the committee that was established to study the name of MTSU's ROTC building and how it honors Civil War General Nathan Bedford Forrest. MTSU President McPhee has given the committee until April to formulate their decision, which then goes before the Board of Regents.

7. **MFRD ISO Fire Rating:** One of the best ISO (Insurance Service Office) fire department ratings in the south is held by the Murfreesboro Fire Department. Dec. 23, 2015, new MFRD Chief Mark Foulks told of plans to improve the department to the highest ranking. The rating assures residents and businesses that the area offers superb fire protection, and the #2 rating gives Murfreesboro one of the lowest insurance rates in the nation.

8. **Fisher House for Veterans:** On Dec. 7, 2015, Fisher House Board Chair Phil Barnett and several families who have used the local facility shared with the community how this has helped many families of injured and ill veterans who are undergoing medical procedures. He told of plans for the program. This is located at the Alvin C. York VA Medical Center in Murfreesboro.

9. **153<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Stones River Battle:** Park Ranger Gib Backlund and Jim Lewis shared what was happening in Murfreesboro 153-years ago. Northern troops were marking here from Nashville, while the Confederates encircled the city. Later canons were aimed at the courthouse as the small city of a couple of thousand, swelled to over 80,000 persons. The battle raged from Dec. 31, 1862 through Jan. 2, 1863.

10. **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 Oct. 4, Nov. 6, and Dec. 4, 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 long, sweeping underline.

Bart Walker  
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