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**Period:** 2nd quarter 2015 (April, May and June)

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1. **CRIME, LAW AND ORDER:** Despite an improved economy, burglaries and robberies still create problems in this community. Murfreesboro Police Chief Glenn Chrisman interacts with the public about ways to reduce crime in broadcasts on April 1, May 6, and June 3, 2015. Much of the conversation directly focused on avoid being a victim of crime. Rutherford County Sheriff Robert Arnold interacted with local residents about their concerns on April 15, May 12 and June 17, 2015. In addition, the Rutherford County District Attorney's office presents information on "cold cases" as well as an update on what is happening in our local courts on April 6, May 4, and June 9, 2015.
2. **JUVENILE COURTS:** Juvenile Court Judge Donna Scott Davenport brings a guest each month to addressing raising children, parenting and keeping youth safe and in school. This allows parents, relatives and concerned citizens an opportunity to talk directly to professionals on getting advice about youth. The broadcast was aired on April 7, May 5, and June 2, 2015
3. **GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** The Rutherford County delegation of elected leaders updated the public on issues before this law making group. It also allowed the public to phone-in with questions and concerns. On April 24, 2015 Senators Bill Ketron and Jim Tracy, along with Representatives Mike Sparks, Dr. Bryan Terry, Dawn White and Rick Womick fielded calls.
4. **EDUCATION:** Tennessee schools are making strong efforts to change this state's low rankings in student rankings. A series of broadcasts where the public can interact on this issue with leaders in the local teaching community have been very successful in getting out ways parents, grandparents and guardians can help area youth. Murfreesboro City School's Director Dr. Linda Gilbert interacted with the public on April 27 and June 22, 2015. Officials from the Rutherford County School Board were on WGNS May 25, 2015. Middle Tennessee State University told about higher education on April 20, May 18, and June 15, 2015.
5. **CITY OF MURFREESBORO GOVERNMENT:** On June 30, 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 April 8, May 13, and June 10, 2015.

6. **LITERACY:** The inability to read at the proper age level continues to be a challenge with 44% of Rutherford County residents reading below the third grade level. Linebaugh Library's Director Rita Shacklett interacted with listeners about new programs for all ages that are available at the public library on April 21, May 19 and June 16, 2015. Much interest was in the new total *electronic library* that's being built next to Hobgood School.

7. **CANCER:** On May 8, 2015, 25-year cancer survivor Lisa Mitchell talked about her bout with this dread disease and told of the strong local infrastructure to help those with cancer. She also talked about Relay for Life on May 29, 2015 at Middle Tennessee Christian School. In addition, guests from the YMCA told about their "Wig" and "After Breast Cancer" groups.

8. **CHILD ABUSE:** On May 15, 2015 the topic was on child abuse and sex trafficking, a problem that is dramatically on the increase. The Child Advocacy Center's Executive Director Sharon De Boer interacted with the public about warning signs as well as the "Darkness to Light" program. Along similar lines, on May 29, 2015, Black Bohanon and Shannon Payevr talked about "Youth Villages" for foster care children.

9. **SPRING FLING:** Murfreesboro earns much tourism income from sporting activities, and the largest of all is SPRING FLING. This is when all high school warm weather sports teams compete here for their state championships (baseball, softball, soccer, tennis and more). TSSAA Assistant Executive Director Matthew Gillispie share the history of the event along with Chamber of Commerce Vice President of Tourism Barbara Wolke.

10. **FOLK FEST:** On June 5, 2015, the topic was on an annual event that adds dramatically to this community's cultural diversity. Founder Steve Cates interacted with the public about INTERNATIONAL FOLKFEST which features groups from Mexico, Latvia and France this coming week.

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', with a stylized, flowing script.

Bart Walker  
Chief Operator