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### **T-Rex and ‘Earth Experience’ Natural History Museum featured in May ‘Adventures in Murphry’s Burrow’**

**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** – Digging in the dirt is more than kids play. Archaeologists search for and find dinosaur bones throughout the world, including places like Texas and Montana. On this month’s edition of “Adventures in Murphry’s Burrow,” Alan Brown shows off a cast replica of a full T-Rex skeleton on display at Murfreesboro’s Earth Experience. The special natural history museum can be found in our own back yard.

The May 2016 episode of “Adventures in Murphry’s Burrow” on CityTV is available on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/qBu5l8GtcN4>. Murph is an inquisitive rabbit who visits unique and interesting people and places in Murfreesboro and interviews guests that visit his burrow. When you’re with Murph in the Burrow, its one big adventure after another.

The Earth Experience museum, showcasing dinosaur bones, fossils, minerals, gemstones and shells, is located at 816 Old Salem Rd. in Murfreesboro. Open Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., admission is free for children under 12, and \$5 for adults.

This month’s show features:

- Alan Brown, founder of Earth Experience, Middle Tennessee’s natural history museum.
- The museum’s T-Rex is 38 feet long from nose to tail and has sharp teeth and short arms.
- T-Rex disappeared about 65 million years ago about the same time as other dinosaurs.
- Learn about minerals found in Tennessee in the Elmwood Zinc Mine in Carthage, Tenn. where zinc is used to make pennies for the U.S Mint. Brown explains how some minerals glow under ultraviolet light.
- Learn about the importance of nutrients in soil and the problem of soil erosion from some very bright students at Hobgood Elementary School.
- Teacher Jill Taylor teaches Sign language at Erma Siegel Elementary School.
- And make a great snack—dirt cake—with pudding, cool whip, chocolate cookies and milk.

You can also watch “Murphry’s Burrow” anytime online on the City’s website at [www.murfreesborotn.gov/murph](http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/murph) or watch CityTV (AT&T Uverse Channel 99/Comcast Xfinity in

Murfreesboro on Channel 3) Sun., Mon., Wed., Sat. at 9:00 a.m.; Monday – Friday at 3:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Past episodes can be viewed at our You Tube channel at [www.youtube.com/cityofmurfreesboro](http://www.youtube.com/cityofmurfreesboro).

For more information on Earth Experience, Middle Tennessee Museum of Natural History, visit [www.facebook.com/midtnmuseum](http://www.facebook.com/midtnmuseum).

“Adventures in Murphry’s Burrow,” is created by producer-writer Nancy Phillips. The program is directed and edited by CityTV’s John Padgett in the City of Murfreesboro Communications Department.

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**Photo caption:** *Murph learns about T-Rex at the Earth Experience, a natural history museum located at 816 Old Salem Rd. in Murfreesboro.*

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