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October is full of fun Fall activities in ‘Adventures in Murphry’s Burrow’

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – What would October be without pumpkins, trick-or-treating, full moons and owls? In this month’s ‘Adventures in Murphry’s Burrow,’ take a trip to the Wilderness Station in Barfield Crescent Park where Outdoor Murfreesboro Coordinator Rachel Singer showcases “Cooper,” an Eastern Screech-Owl. The October 2016 episode of “Adventures in Murphry’s Burrow” on CityTV is available on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/XZWoVn7CX78>.

Screech-Owls make even-pitched trill sounds and are common in Tennessee. Most people don’t regularly see them because they are small, camouflage themselves to look like tree bark, and are nocturnal or active at nighttime. Other owls common to Tennessee include the Barn Owl, the Barred Owl, and the Great Horned Owl. Learn more about the sounds owls make at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology at www.birds.cornell.edu.

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.

This month’s show features:

- A visit to the kindergarten classroom of Miss Andrea Pierce at Scales Elementary School to learn about short and long sounds in the letter “O.”
- Connecting the dots of an illustrated owl with Murph.
- Make a “simple owl” for a spectacular fall decoration with 2 paper plates, 4 pieces of colored construction paper, cups or lids to make circles, brown paint and paintbrush, scissors, pencil and glue.
- And read the book, *The Spooky Owl*, by Mark Phillips—the perfect story to get ready for Halloween.

You can also watch “Murphry’s Burrow” anytime online on the City’s website at 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.

Wilderness Station offers a host of fun activities in the Fall from guided hikes to campfire programs. Campfire Trips are scheduled Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m. and Nov. 12 at 5:30 p.m. The Barfield Bash, with a carnival, hayrides, and twilight and haunted trails, will be held Oct. 21-22 in Barfield Crescent Park from 5-7 p.m. Learn more about all the fun activities at the Wilderness Station at <http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/index.aspx?nid=176> or call 615-217-3017.

“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. Remember, Murph says to “Dream Big and Work Hard!”

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Photo caption: *Murph learns about the Screech-Owl at the Wilderness Station in Barfield Crescent Park.*

- 1. L/R Rachel Singer, Outdoor Murfreesboro Coordinator at the Wilderness Station, “Cooper” the Screech-Owl, and Murph.jpeg.*