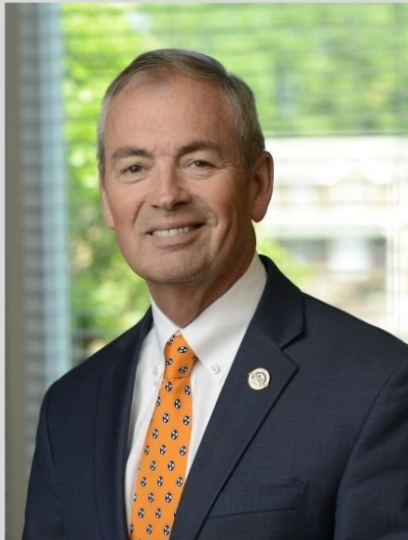




THE COUNTY CONNECTION

A Monthly Newsletter from Mayor Randall Hutto
Mt. Juliet | Lebanon | Watertown



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A Word from Mayor Hutto...

The first organized celebration of Independence Day took place in Philadelphia on July 4, 1777 with a fireworks display and a ship's cannon fire. Since then, fireworks displays have become an American tradition. This 4th of July, Watertown, Lebanon and Mt. Juliet will celebrate the 4th of July with their annual fireworks displays. Details about the festivities can be found on pages 7 & 8 of this newsletter. This Independence Day, let freedom ring! I wish you all a safe and Happy 4th of July!

Commissioner Spotlight: Rick Brown District 2 Commissioner



Contact INFORMATION

615-506-4828
3016 Cairns Drive W
Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

Wilson County LANDFILL

MONDAYS - FRIDAYS
7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

ALL LOADS MUST BE
CHECKED INTO THE
SCALE HOUSE BY
2:30 P.M.

CLOSED 4TH OF JULY

PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS
TO 615.449.6684

Fun For All Ages!

June 1-30, July 3-14
NEON REMIX BUS

Inman Court - 11:10-11:30
Upton Heights - 11:40-12:00
Don Fox Park - 12:15-1:30

FREE FOOD/BOOKS ON THE REMIX!
Visit four times & enter to win one of 40 REFURBISHED Kindles!

This institution is an equal
opportunity provider.



NEON BUS

Head Homes - 10:00-10:15
Bluebird Road - 10:30-10:50
Peyton Road - 11:00-11:15
Tater Peeler - 11:35-11:50
Weatherly - 12:05-12:25
Greentree - 12:50-1:20

FREE FOOD ON THE NEON!

FREE for all 18 & under - children must eat their meal on the bus or within sight of TEAM NEON

¡Diversión para todas las Edades!

1-30 de junio, 3-14 de julio
NEON REMIX AUTOBÚS

Inman Court - 11:10-11:30
Upton Heights - 11:40-12:00
Don Fox Parque - 12:15-1:30

¡COMIDA/LIBROS GRATIS EN EL REMIX!
¡Visite cuatro veces y participe para ganar uno de los 40 Kindles RENOVADOS!

Esta institución es un proveedor
de igualdad de oportunidades.

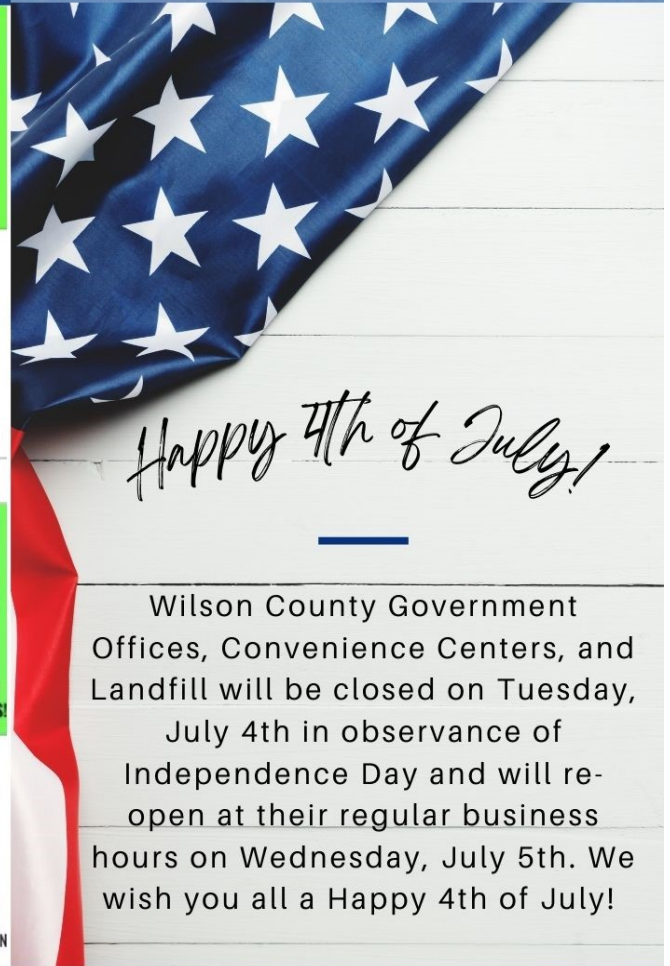


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¡COMIDA GRATIS EN EL NEÓN!

GRATIS para todos los menores de 18 años: los niños deben comer en el autobús o a la vista del TEAM NEON



Happy 4th of July!

Wilson County Government
Offices, Convenience Centers, and
Landfill will be closed on Tuesday,
July 4th in observance of
Independence Day and will re-
open at their regular business
hours on Wednesday, July 5th. We
wish you all a Happy 4th of July!

SCHOOLS PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL THINK GREEN, THINK CLEAN "LITTER CLEANUP CHALLENGE" *submitted*

The City of Lebanon Stormwater department collaborated with the Wilson County Stormwater Department and Mount Juliet Stormwater Department to host this year's Think Green Think Clean "Litter Cleanup Challenge" with schools within the participating municipalities. The goal of the event was to cleanup as much litter as possible, encouraging environmental stewardship and awareness with local students.

A total of 6 schools participated in this year's event with over 200 total participants. A total of 222 bags of trash were collected over the course of the event, which took place Saturday, April 29th, 2023.

Each participating school received a prize check of at least \$750, except for Winfree Bryant who received \$500 for their participation in the t-shirt contest, where the submitted around 50 student designs (some of which are shown on the next page.) The three participating schools who gathered the most bags of trash receiving prize checks of \$1000, \$1500, and \$2500. Sam Houston Elementary, located within the City of Lebanon, received ...continued on page 12 ...

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| W.A. Wright Elementary | 10 | 6 | \$750 |
| Winfree Bryant Middle | | | \$500 |
| Totals | 202 total participants 222 total bags of trash collected | | |



July 1
**National Postal
Worker Day**

July 4
**Independence
Day & Nat'l
Country Music
Day**

July 25
**National Hire a
Veteran Day**

July 26
Aunt & Uncle Day

July 27
**National Korean
War Veterans
Armistice Day**

July 28
**National Buffalo
Soldiers Day
& System
Administrator
Appreciation Day**

July 29
**Army Chaplain
Corps
Anniversary**



Mayor Hutto
OUT AND ABOUT



Mt. Juliet Parks & Rec

FOOD & FLICK

Bring your blanket and chairs
Food Trucks Available

MOVIE FREE TO PUBLIC

June 2nd 8:30PM
 July 7th 8:40PM
 Aug. 4th 8:15 PM
 Sept. 8th 7:40 PM
 Oct. 6th 6:45 PM

CINEMA

PARKS & RECREATION
MT. JULIET
 LET'S PLAY IN RE
 FAMILY FITNESS. BIG FUN.

MT. JULIET MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK

Coming up soon! Shown at the Charlie Daniels Park amphitheater. Bring your own blanket or chairs to sit on. Concessions available for purchase.

Following Movie Dates:

- July 7th- SHAZAM! Fury of the Gods- 8:40PM
- August 4th- Ticket to Paradise- 8:15PM
- September 8th- Turning Red- 7:40PM
- October 6th- The Lost City- 6:45pm

FIELD OF FLAGS JULY 1-4, 2023 LEBANON, TENNESSEE

BENEFITING:
 American Legion Post 15,
 Veterans of Foreign Wars
 Post 5015, Vietnam Veterans
 of America, Chapter 1004,
 and Associates Vietnam
 Veterans of America,
 Chapter 1004. Inc.

Thank you for
supporting this
important cause

PICKLEBALL PALOOZA; WILSON COUNTY CELEBRATES A PICKLEBALL DAY EXTRAVAGANZA JULY 1, 2023 *submitted*

The Farm Bureau Expo Center will host the first Pickleball Palooza on July 1, 2023 from 9am-2pm, This is a community-wide event to provide instruction for the newest player as well as open play for pickleball enthusiasts at levels 3-4.5 Habitat for Humanity is the designated charity for the event this year. **The event this year is free of charge to all participants.** All contributions and/or donations are encouraged to benefit Habitat for Humanity Wilson County 2023 Women's Home Build.

Pickleball is noted to be the fastest growing sport in the United States, it has taken off in Wilson County with indoor and outdoor facilities in Mount Juliet Department of Parks & Recreation, The City of Lebanon Recreation Department, local churches fitness centers and private facilities.

The Pickleball Palooza in Wilson County is a delightful opportunity to learn more about the game as well as enjoy some competitive level matches! There will be 3 courts dedicated to new players and 9 other courts open for play for levels 3.0; 3.5; 4; &.4.5 July 1, 2023 from 9am-2pm (registration opens at 8am).

Farm Bureau Expo Center, Wilson County Fairgrounds:

*Ages 18 & Up

*Indoor Event

*BEGINNER INSTRUCTION (3 courts)

*OPEN PLAY—LEVELS 3-5 (9 courts)

*Limited Seating Availability

***FREE!** Charity event to benefit: Habitat for Humanity Wilson County 2023



CITIES WILL HOST FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS & FIREWORK DISPLAYS

The first organized celebration of Independence Day took place in Philadelphia on July 4, 1777 with a fireworks display and ship's cannon fire. Since then, fireworks displays on the 4th of July have become an annual tradition. It's one of the things we look forward to the most on Independence Day!

Each of our three cities will host their annual fireworks displays this month. The City of Watertown's is mentioned on the next page of this newsletter. The City of Lebanon will host their 4th of July celebration at the Wilson County Fairgrounds on Independence Day. The City of Mt. Juliet will host their celebration at the Circle P Ranch. Festivities for both events will begin late in the afternoon. There will be food trucks, music, and family-friendly activities galore! The fireworks will begin later that evening once the skies are dark - the best way to watch fireworks. Details can be found in the flyers below.

Have a wonderful 4th of July!

4th of July Fireworks

Wilson County Fairgrounds - Midway
Tuesday, July 4th • 5pm-9:30pm

Kids activities • Bands • Food Vendors
Fireworks at 9pm

City of Lebanon Tennessee

US Community CREDIT UNION

4TH OF JULY

Circle P Ranch

LARGEST FIREWORKS SHOW IN WILSON COUNTY'S HISTORY

PRESENTED BY

Needham's NURSERY & LANDSCAPING
MT. JULIET, TENNESSEE

FOOD TRUCKS LIVE MUSIC INFLATABLES
563 E MAIN ST, MT. JULIET, TN 37122
4-9 P.M.

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WATERTOWN TO HOST ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

The Watertown Chamber of Commerce will host their annual parade in Watertown in honor of Independence Day, the Fourth of July! They are quickly becoming known for their tradition of 'getting wet' and they will continue again this year! Bring your squirt guns because it's time for "Stars, Stripes and Squirt Guns"! *No water balloons allowed. Details listed on their website.* Later that evening, the fireworks display will take place in the fields behind

Three Forks Park, so grab a lawn chair and join your neighbors! The start time depends on the weather and the darkness - the show is best enjoyed in the dark! Once again the Watertown fireworks are sponsored by the City of Watertown and the Watertown Chamber of Commerce - and this year Historic Watertown has also joined to make this year's annual show the best ever!

WATERTOWN'S ANNUAL JAZZ FESTIVAL COMING UP JULY 15TH

This years festival is currently scheduled for Saturday July 15, 2023. As always, this festival will be FREE to attend with great regional food vendors and lots of vendors, artists, and pop-up markets around the square. Come and enjoy this great jazz opportunity in a small town atmosphere. Learn more about this event at: WatertownMusicAndArts.com



STARS STRIPES AND SQUIRTGUNS PARADE

Starting At **Round Lick Baptist Church**
745 West Main Street

Ending At **Jewel's Market AND Pizza**
East Main Street/Hwy 70

JOIN THE WATERTOWN / EAST WILSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON MAIN STREET FOR OUR ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE! THEN DON'T MISS OUR FIREWORKS DISPLAY OVER THREE FORKS COMMUNITY PARK AFTER DARK!

Watertown Tennessee

WATERTOWN & EAST WILSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

learn more online at: WatertownTN.com



WATERTOWN TENNESSEE

JAZZ 2023

FESTIVAL

JULY 15TH 2023 1PM-10PM

Visit WatertownJazz.com for Sponsors and Performers!

DON'T MISS OUT - BRING A LAWN CHAIR AND JOIN US IN HISTORIC WATERTOWN, TENNESSEE!

brought to you by WATERTOWN & EAST WILSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

WEGO STAR RUNS 4TH OF JULY TRAIN FOR MUSIC CITY CELEBRATION

Tickets for the July 4th WeGo Star train from Lebanon to downtown Nashville for the Music City celebration at Nashville's Riverfront Park are now on sale.

The train will depart from Lebanon Station at 4 p.m., Hamilton Springs at 4:08 p.m., Martha at 4:15 p.m., Mt. Juliet at 4:25 p.m., Hermitage at 4:35 p.m., Donelson at 4:45 p.m. and arrive at Nashville's Riverfront Station at 5 p.m. The return train to Lebanon leaves one hour after the conclusion of the Nashville fireworks.

An allotment of 650 tickets is available to the general public. Round-trip tickets cost \$15 plus a \$2 processing fee and are available for purchase through ticketsnashville.com with a credit card. Tickets will be on sale until 24 hours prior to departure or until they are sold out, whichever comes first. Tickets will not be for sale July 4th on the platforms. Parking is free at all of the outlying stations. Anyone needing special accommodations to board should call 615-862-5950 prior to their trip. Masks are required onboard the train.

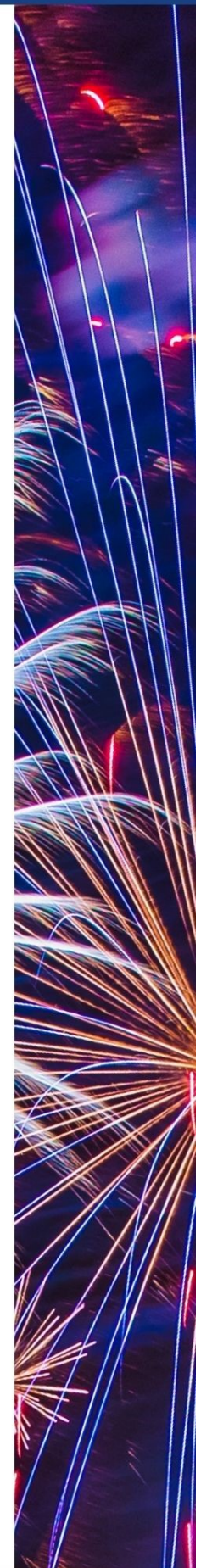
Customers will receive only one ticket for the round-trip and will need to show the ticket to train personnel when boarding. Upon boarding, each customer will receive a colored wristband in place of the ticket, which will serve as their train ticket. Customers must show the wristband to the conductor for the return trip.

Children age 4 and younger will not need a ticket to board; however, they are required to sit in a parent or guardian's lap. Children age 5 and older will need a ticket. Weekday Star tickets and monthly passes are not accepted on the July 4th train.

Folding chairs will be allowed onboard. Any items that will not fit underneath the seat, such as bikes and wagons, are not permitted on the train. Coolers of any size are not permitted on the train or at the event.

Passengers will not be able to return to the train during the July 4th festivities.

For more information, contact Customer Care at 615-862-5950 from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sundays.



TN STATE MUSEUM PRESENTS 2ND ROSENWALD SCHOOLS EXHIBIT

Building a Bright Future: Black Communities and Rosenwald Schools in Tennessee, presented in partnership with Fisk University's John Hope and Aurelia E. Franklin Library, is now open at the Tennessee State Museum.

What are commonly referred to as Rosenwald Schools were the result of an initial partnership between Sears, Roebuck, and Co. president Julius Rosenwald, Tuskegee Institute president Booker T. Washington, and Black Communities throughout the South. Between 1912-1937, that partnership resulted in the construction of almost 5,000 schools for Black children across 15 southern states, including 354 in Tennessee. Rosenwald schools drove improvement in Black educational attainment and helped educate the generation who became leaders of the Civil Rights movement.

Building a Bright Future: Black Communities and Rosenwald Schools in Tennessee leads the visitor through the development of Rosenwald Schools and their legacies by first tracing the history of education for Black Tennesseans beginning with the Reconstruction period. It explores early partnerships between churches, schools and agencies like the Freedmen's Bureau, and the work of Black leaders, residents, parents, and teachers to improve educational opportunities for Black students. Featured exhibit topics include Black Education before 1912, Black Tennesseans and Rosenwald Schools (1912-1960s), and the Legacies of Rosenwald School Communities.

Partnering with The John Hope and Aurelia E. Franklin Library at Fisk University was essential to developing the exhibit. Fisk University librarian Arnaud "Arna" Wendell Bontemps acquired the Julius Rosenwald Fund Archives on behalf of the university in 1948. The collection documents the history of the Rosenwald Fund, including the school building program. It is now preserved by the John Hope and Aurelia E. Franklin Library, Special Collections & Archives.

The Library and Museum teams travelled across the state, making stops in all three Grand Divisions and connecting with many Rosenwald School communities. They met with Rosenwald School alumni and descendants who shared their stories and experiences. The 4,000 square foot exhibit is a culmination of those visits, together with personal alumni and educator accounts, in an effort to highlight 16 of the more than 350 Rosenwald communities in Tennessee. It aims to engage visitors in understanding the history and significance of these schools and... *continued on next page...*

TN STATE MUSEUM PRESENTS 2ND ROSENWALD SCHOOLS EXHIBIT...CONTINUED

...continued from previous page...the surrounding communities along with current preservation efforts. Schools, communities and Grand Divisions represented in the show include:

- Dunbar Rosenwald School, Loudon County, East Tennessee
- Hohenwald Rosenwald School, Lewis County, Middle Tennessee
- Lincoln School, Bledsoe County, East Tennessee
- Manassas High School, Shelby County, West Tennessee
- Multiple Schools, Maury County, Middle Tennessee
- Multiple Schools, Sumner County, Middle Tennessee
- Polk-Clark School, Gibson County, West Tennessee
- Smyrna Rosenwald School, Rutherford County, Middle Tennessee
- Tanner School, Cocke County, East Tennessee
- Townsend School, Franklin County, Middle Tennessee
- Trenton Rosenwald School, Gibson County, West Tennessee
- Ward School, Trousdale County, Middle Tennessee
- Wareld School, Montgomery County, Middle Tennessee
- Webb School, Carroll County, West Tennessee
- West Bemis Rosenwald School, Madison County, West Tennessee
- Wilson County Training School, Wilson County, Middle Tennessee

Building a Bright Future: Black Communities and Rosenwald Schools in Tennessee will run now through February 25, 2024. Additional information regarding the creation of the exhibit can be found at <https://www.tn.gov/museum/news/2023/6/7/-building-a-bright-future--black-communities-and-rosenwald-schools-in-tennessee--to-open-at-tennessee-state-museum.html>.



SCHOOLS PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL THINK GREEN, THINK CLEAN “LITTER CLEANUP CHALLENGE” *submitted*

...continued from page 03... the first-place prize for collecting the most bags of trash, a total of 130 bags.

In addition to a prize check, each school had the opportunity to design their own t-shirt for the event, which were printed and passed out along with the winning checks.

Turn to the next page to see some of the amazing t-shirt designs from the student t-shirt contest!

BE READY TO HELP IN TIMES OF DISASTER



In partnership with Wilson County EMA, the Volunteer Network will act as the leading volunteer management hub for Wilson County in times of disaster. Additionally, the Volunteer Network will be the launching point for community leaders and organizations to coordinate long-term recovery for the community.

To be notified when the Volunteer Network needs disaster-response volunteers, be sure to check YES when asked if you want to help in a disaster and make sure you keep your Skills Profile up-to-date.



volunteernetworktn.org/disaster-volunteer

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THINK CLEAN

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST



RECYCLE



Think Green, Think Clean
Castle Heights Elementary
2023



JULY 15, 4 P.M. **CHARLIE DANIELS PARK**

Celebrate
Mt. Juliet

Volunteer State Bank

CRUISE-IN **FOOD TRUCKS & INFLATABLES**



Download the app
TODAY!

Explore Wilson TN is a new, exciting and modern tool to help residents and visitors easily navigate and fully experience EVERYTHING Wilson County has to offer. This is your "one-stop-shop" for Lebanon, Mt. Juliet and Watertown! After downloading the App, you will have access to city/county resources, job listings, community events and local restaurants and businesses...all at your fingertips. Download the Explore Wilson TN App today to experience Wilson County like never before.

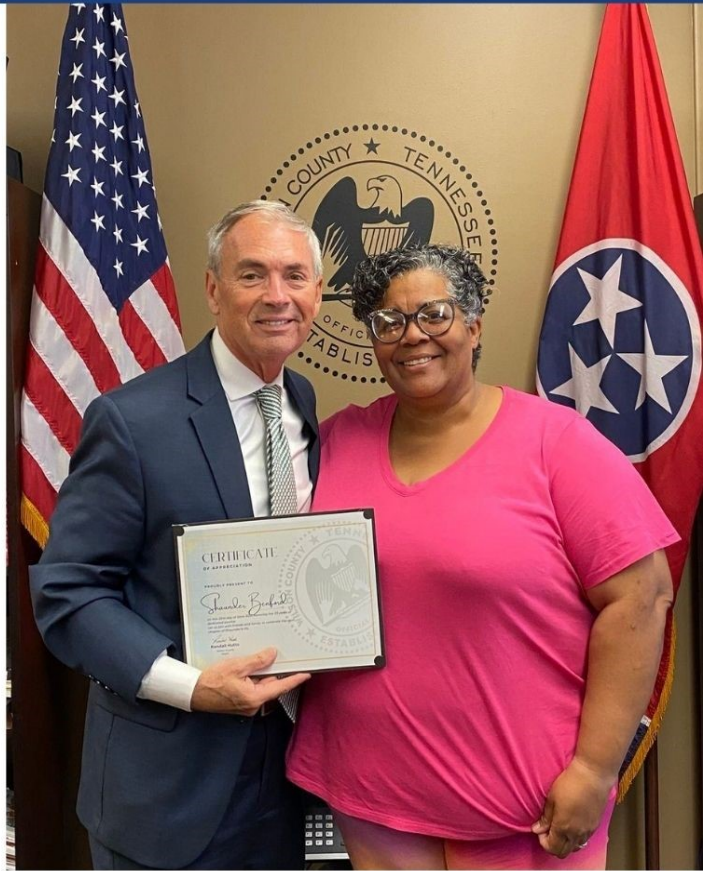


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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



WISHING SHAUNDER BENFORD A HAPPY RETIREMENT

Mayor Hutto recognized Shaunder Benford on June 21st for her 33+ years of outstanding service with the Wilson County Sheriff's Office. Shaunder made a positive impact on countless lives through her work in the Drug Court Program. We sincerely thank Shaunder for her dedicated service to our community, and we wish her all the best as she begins this next chapter of her life!



MUSIC CITY MARATHON TRAIN EARNS \$1,200+ FOR ST. JUDE

Each year, the Wilson County Mayor's Office partners with WeGo Transit and the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to promote the St. Jude Rock 'n Roll Marathon train. Ticket proceeds from this year's marathon train were donated to benefit St. Jude. This year, R.J. Corman Railroad Co. made a contribution of \$1,215.00 to the St. Jude Children's Hospital! We sincerely thank R. J. Corman , WeGo, and the marathon train riders and supporters who made this possible!



Pictured: Randall Hutto, Terry Bebout, Eric Hosey & Jordan Turri

TDOT ANNOUNCES JULY 4TH TRAVELERS IN TENNESSEE WON'T BE DELAYED BY ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION

Road construction won't slow motorists across Tennessee over the July 4 holiday. The Tennessee Department of Transportation will suspend all construction-related lane closures on interstates and state routes beginning at midnight on Saturday, July 1 through 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 5 to provide maximum roadway capacity for holiday travelers.

AAA predicts record travel in Tennessee this year, with over one million Tennesseans taking a trip and 968,411 of them driving.

Motorists will still encounter some long-term lane closures on construction projects. While lane closure activity will be stopped, workers may be on-site in zones, and reduced speed limits in work zones will still be in effect. Drivers convicted of speeding through work zones where workers are present face a fine of \$250 to \$500, plus court fees and possibly increased insurance premiums.

*From your desktop or mobile device, get the latest construction activity and live streaming SmartWay traffic cameras at www.TNSmartWay.com/Traffic.

Travelers can also dial 511 for statewide travel information. As always, drivers are reminded to use all motorist information tools wisely and Know Before You Go! by checking travel conditions before leaving for their destination. *Drivers should never tweet, text, or talk on a cell phone while behind the wheel.*



START TODAY!

OUR CHANCETM
Where dreams are built together

FOR MANY, THE AMERICAN DREAM FEELS LIKE IT'S FAR FROM REACH.

We know families across Middle Tennessee have dreams. We know how important a little extra support can be. With rising costs for just about everything and the impossible situation some families face when striving for the American Dream, we believe the benefits cliff is the greatest problem keeping many families from getting ahead.

Eligible Families

Have a household income of \$0-\$55,000?

Have 1 to 4 children aged 17 or under?

Are enrolled in 1 or more public benefits: TANF, SNAP, Medicaid (TennCare), Housing Choice Vouchers/PublicHousing/PBRA, or Free/Reduced Lunch?

Want to work and are willing to work towards gaining employment or increasing their pay/employment?

Are U.S. Citizens?

Live in Davidson, Dickson, Maury, Montgomery, Rutherford, Sumner, or Wilson Counties?

Our Chance TN, an initiative by TAEM, supports families in moving beyond the benefits cliff. The Tennessee Alliance for Economic Mobility is a public-private partnership comprised of 32 organizations and counting that has developed an innovative approach to transforming Tennessee's safety net and ultimately improving low-income families' economic mobility and well-being.

Eligible families receive support for 2.5 years that includes:

- Individual coaching
- Financial counseling
- Customized resources

Catholic Charities
Diocese of Nashville
411 W Main St
Lebanon TN, 37087

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*Our Chance TN, an initiative of the Tennessee Alliance for Economic Mobility, is a part of a study funded by the Tennessee Department of Human Services which is being conducted to determine how these pilot programs help people improve their economic well-being and become self-sufficient. During the study, all new eligible applicants will be selected by lottery into one of two three groups that receives a different mix of program services.