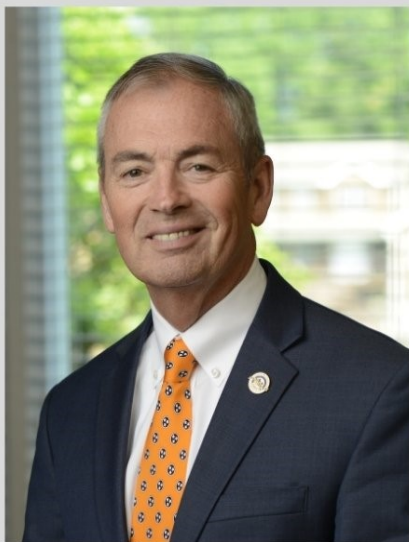




THE COUNTY CONNECTION

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



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A Word from Mayor Hutto...

Wilson County was founded over two centuries ago, on October 26, 1799. Since that time, we've become known for our traditions, schools, and businesses, as well as for having the most Century Farms in the state. There's something else that we're known for that we don't hear about every day in today's narrative. It doesn't cost a single penny, and that's kindness. Last month, my office joined with community partners to launch a campaign called "Wilson County Kind." The goal of Wilson County Kind is to spotlight the kind actions of others. In today's world, we often hear negative narratives. However, in our community, there are people working to make someone's day better, every single day. We're a community full of kindness, so help us share it on social media with the hashtag #WilsonCountyKind! *(Read more about this project on page 05)*. This month, we celebrate 224 years of traditions, family, community, and you guessed it - kindness. Happy 224th Birthday, Wilson County!

Commissioner Spotlight: Jerry McFarland District 5



Contact

INFORMATION

Phone: 615-547-4041

Additional Phone:
615-330-8474

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.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS
WASTE COLLECTION EVENT
DETAILS ON PAGE 04

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL
615.449.6684



WILSON COUNTY TENNESSEE

KINDNESS IS OUR THING!

Help us spread awareness of
kindness by doing these 3 things:

1. See it.

2. Do it.

3. Share it.



#WilsonCountyKind



October is



*Breast Cancer
Awareness Month*

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER STARS AWARDS

submitted by Sara Davenport

The Governor's Volunteer Stars Awards seek to honor and recognize outstanding volunteers throughout our county whom, without their dedication, many important and good works could not continue. This is a great way to honor someone's volunteer efforts and open opportunities for others to get involved.

Make your nominations online by visiting Wilson County, TN's website at www.wilsoncountyttn.gov. You can also contact the Wilson County Mayor's Office at 615/444-1383 to ask questions and learn more about the program. Applications open now thru November 9, 2023.

We can't wait to celebrate our volunteers!



Do you know someone who you think should be recognized for their volunteer work?

If so, nominate them today.

Applications are open now thru November 9th.



Oct. 2
World Farm Animals Day

Oct. 5
World Teacher's Day

Oct. 9
Indigenous Peoples Day & Fire Prevention Day

Oct. 11
Emergency Nurses Day

Oct. 12
Nat'l Farmers Day

Oct. 14
National Dessert Day

Oct. 16
World Food Day

Oct. 24
United Nations Day

Oct. 31
Halloween

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

WILSON COUNTY SOLID WASTE

October 7 (Saturday)

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

James E. Ward Agricultural Center

Please enter gate on Tennessee Blvd.



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Household Hazardous Waste is defined as corrosive, flammable, toxic, or reactive materials used in your home, car or truck, or garden and lawn that is unwanted/unusable.

Now you can dispose of your HHW for Free

You can dispose of all those leftover household chemicals, lawn and garden products and automotive materials that you've never known what to do with.

Household Cleaners

- Drain Openers
- Oven Cleaners
- Wood Cleaners & Polishes
- Metal Cleaners & Polishes
- Toilet Bowl Cleaners
- Disinfectants

Home Maintenance

Chemicals

- Paint Thinner
- Wood Preservatives
- Paint Strippers & Removers, Adhesives

Miscellaneous

- Fingernail Polish Remover
- Pool Chemicals
- Photo Processing Chemicals
- Medicines & Drugs
- Reactive Materials
- Aerosols (spray cans)
- Compressed Gas
- Mercury Thermostats
- Mercury Thermometers
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Needles/Sharps (in container)
- Lead

Lawn & Garden

Chemicals

- Herbicides
- Pesticides
- Fungicides
- Fertilizers

Automotive Products

- Fuel Additives
- Grease & Rust Solvents
- Air Conditioning Refrigerants
- Starter Fluids
- Body Putty
- Coolants
- Carburetor/Fuel Injector
- Cleaners
- Gasoline/Diesel Fuel

**For Questions Concerning:
Batteries, oil, paint, antifreeze and
electronics, please call 615-449-6684**

Visit TDEC's website for more information on HHW events scheduled and items that can be accepted at events here: tn.gov/environment/hhw

NO Medical or Infectious Waste (besides needles and sharps in puncture-proof containers), Explosives, Ammunition, Radioactive waste including smoke detectors, or any empty containers. Waste from NON-household sources such as Businesses, Schools, Farms, Churches, Etc. will be accepted BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Call 615-643-3170 to request a price quote and schedule an appointment.

PAINT AND ELECTRONICS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

MAYOR HUTTO & COMMUNITY PARTNERS LAUNCH COUNTYWIDE KINDNESS CAMPAIGN

It's no secret that we have a culture of kindness here in Wilson County, TN. While some things we may see and hear have a negative narrative, much of what people say and do is positive, helpful, and caring! Wilson County Kind is an ongoing campaign to put a spotlight on the kind words, deeds, and acts of others. We encourage you to get involved and help us spread the word!



“Wilson County Kind” is an ongoing campaign to put a spotlight on the kind words, deeds, and acts of others. It is a campaign from Mayor Hutto’s office to involve every person, business, non-profit, civic group, school and church—in fact the entire community—to put a spotlight on kindness. With that said, Mayor Hutto and community partners launched the “Wilson County Kind” campaign on September 22nd at the Wilson County School’s administration building. The event was open to the public and a large number of attendees were present. Speakers included County Mayor, Randall Hutto; 6th Grade Southside student, Lexi Potter; Realtor, Judy Cox; and Wilson County Mayor’s Office Special Projects Administrator, Susan Shaw. The launch included giveaways, refreshments, and kindness activity stations, where guests were invited to participate in various activities that represented kindness.

Overall, the event was a success! But, we need your help to keep the momentum. Here’s what we’re asking everyone to do:

- 1. See it.** (Look for acts of kindness - they're all around you!)
- 2. Do it.** (#BeKind to others.)
- 3. Share it.** (Share kindness, and tell us about the acts of kindness that you witness. Post your experience and use the hashtag #WilsonCountyKind.)

Thank you to everyone who attended the launch on September 22nd! We couldn’t have done it without our incredible sponsors, community partners and student volunteers.

SALES TAX HOLIDAY CONTINUES THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2023

Food and food ingredients (does not include prepared food, alcohol, dietary supplements, tobacco, or candy.)

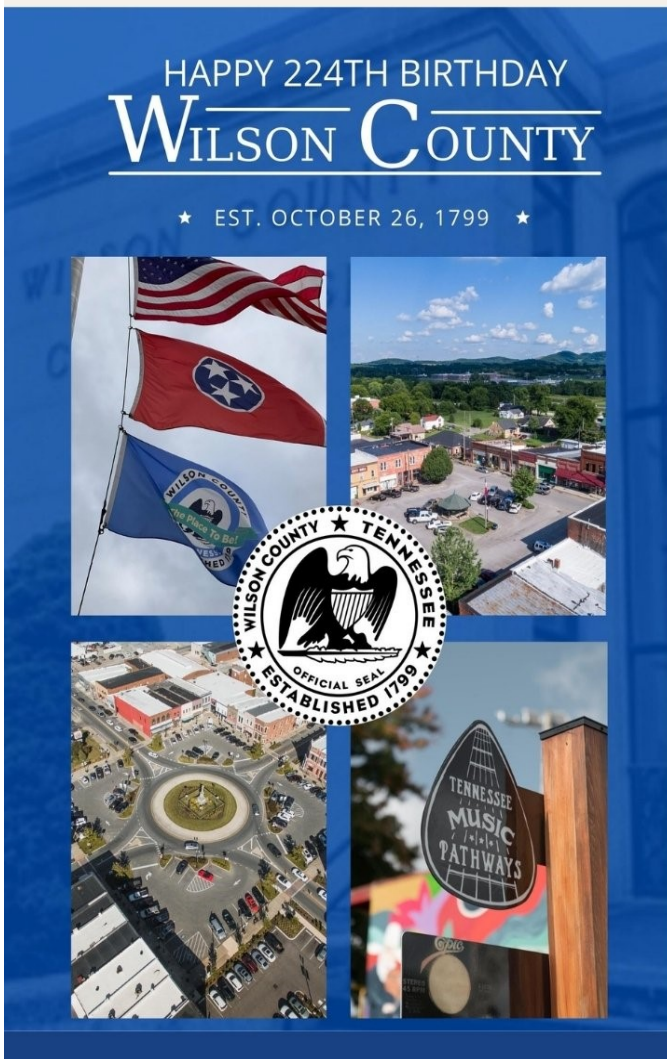
More details available on the TN Department of Revenue website at www.tn.gov/revenue.html

CITY OF MT. JULIET'S 2023 HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK-

Coming up on Saturday, October 21st from 11am-3pm.

Rainout date: TBD

FREE admission: Costume Contests, Hay Rides, Petting Zoo, Inflatables, Vendor Booths, and LOTS OF FREE CANDY!!!!





**LEBANON
WILSON COUNTY**
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

October 26, 2023
5:30PM - 8:00PM



Did you know?

The Taste of Wilson County proceeds fund the Chamber education programs in Wilson County.

Benefiting the organization's teacher grant program, the Books from Birth program, Tennessee Scholars program and other scholarships.

Over 674 Teacher Grants
awarded
to Wilson County Educators

Total Over \$280,000.00

Fact:
More than 24,600
Wilson County
children have benefited
from the Imagination
Library since the introduction
of the program in September 2005.

2005-2023
6,696
Wilson County
Tennessee Scholars Graduates

\$51,500.00
Awarded
in Scholarships

50+
Food & Marketplace
Vendors

Call 615-444-5503 to reserve your space

WHERE:
Wilson Bank & Trust West Lawn
623 West Main Street
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

TICKETS:
\$35 VIP | \$25 Adult
\$15 Teacher | \$8 Child
5 & Under: FREE

Visit
www.TasteOfWilsonCounty.com
for more information
Contact 615.444.5503

Title Sponsor
WILSON
Bank & Trust

JOIN US DURING THE NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME ON OCTOBER 3RD *submitted by Susan Shaw*

Mayor Hutto's office is building on the campaign Wilson County Kind to partner with the Cumberland University Community Arts Council (CUCAC) to bring chalk art to the 2023 Night Out Against Crime (NOAC). Children and families may come to the Pavilion to draw sidewalk chalk art for the theme "Kindness is My Thing". What does kindness look like to you? Wilson County Kind puts a spotlight on the words, deeds and acts of kindness in our community. CUCAC will provide chalk and resident artist Kim Gregg will be there to guide and draw with us. Take photos and post it to social media with #WilsonCountyKind to help spread kindness. NOAC is on Tuesday, October 3rd from 5:00-8:00PM at Don Fox Park in Lebanon. Follow the signs to Wilson County Kind and CUCAC!

You're invited!

TO THE
WILSON
COUNTY
EMPLOYEE
HEALTH FAIR

Join us for free food and prizes!

When: Tuesday,
October 17th
7am - 2pm

Where: East-West
Building at the James
E. Ward Agriculture
Center





Mt. Juliet SAFETY NIGHT

● THURSDAY ● OCTOBER 12TH ● SENSORY HOUR 5-6PM ●

No lights, No sirens, No music, or any other stimulating devices will be used during the hours of 5-6pm.

Come meet your First Responders
Police Officers and Fire Fighters are excited to talk to you and show you their cool equipment!

@ Charlie Daniels Park
1075 Charlie Daniels Pkwy

Bach To Rock Live 6-9PM
Volunteer State Bank is providing hotdogs, chips, and drinks.









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If you have additional questions/concerns, email dwiest@mjpg.org

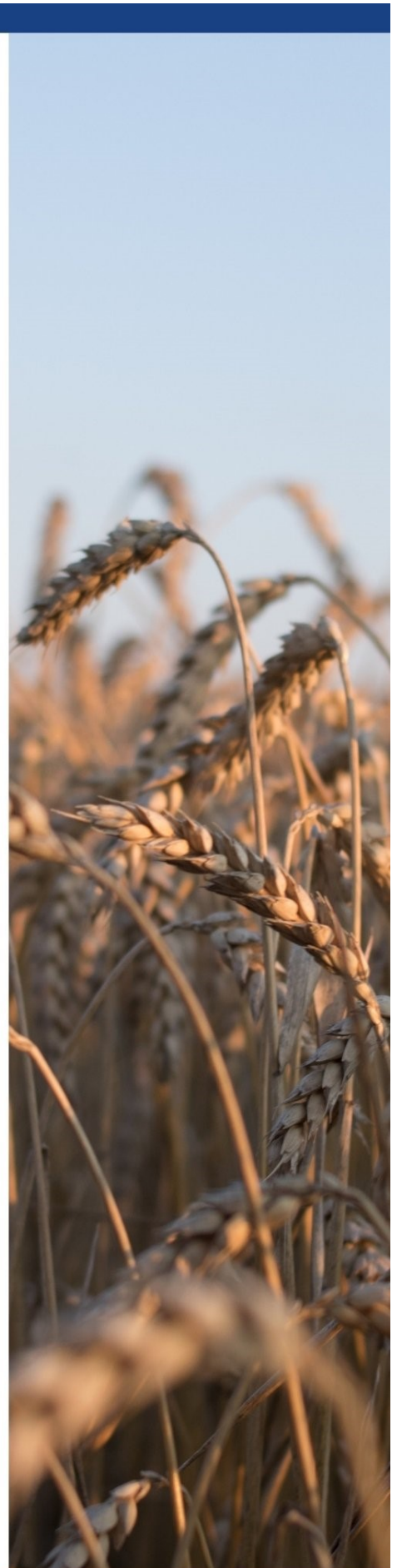
AGRICULTURAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION WINDOW ANNOUNCED

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) has announced the application dates for this year's Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program (TAEP) cost share program. This will take place during Oct. 1-7, 2023.

TAEP has supported agricultural production projects in every county in Tennessee through a cost share program for 18+ years and has invested over \$246 million in 80,860 producer projects.

Tennessee farmers who apply for cost share assistance for the first time and have farmed for less than 10 years may be eligible for the "Beginning Farmer" option under Application A to improve their operation.

Producers may qualify for up to 50% cost share in a variety of programs. Application A covers opportunities for hay, livestock, poultry growers, and row crop producers. Programs include dairy solutions, herd health, genetics, row crop solutions, hay equipment, livestock equipment, livestock solutions, working structures and fence-line systems, poultry grower, and swine producer. *Continued on page 11...*



VANDERBILT WILSON COUNTY HOSPITAL FINALIZES LEVEL III TRAUMA CENTER DESIGNATION *submitted*

Vanderbilt Wilson County Hospital (VWCH) has been certified by the state as a fully designated Level III Trauma Center — the first in Lebanon, Tennessee.

To become a trauma center in Tennessee, health facilities are required to operate under provisional status for one year. Since VWCH achieved its provisional status in June 2022, its ability to operate at the higher standards expected of a trauma center has been assessed. VWCH excelled in its final assessment in June 2023 and completed its certification.

Level III Trauma Centers can provide immediate care by emergency physicians and staff 24-hours a day, as well as trauma-trained surgeons and anesthesiologists on demand. As a trauma center, VWCH is also required to maintain higher quality standards in patient care, experience and satisfaction.

There are currently 18 accredited trauma centers in Tennessee, with VWCH being the latest addition.

Vanderbilt Health acquired the Wilson County hospital in 2019, making it a part of its growing system of hospitals and clinics. It is also a member of the Vanderbilt Health Affiliated Network, a collaboration among hospitals and health care providers that includes 60 hospital locations, 6,000+ clinical providers, and nearly 120 quick care options located across six states.



AGRICULTURAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION WINDOW ANNOUNCED

*Continued from page 09...*The hay equipment program is available this year, alternating with hay storage as an eligible program every other year.

Application B is for farmers with investments in agritourism, fruits and vegetables, honeybees, horticulture, organics, and value-added products.

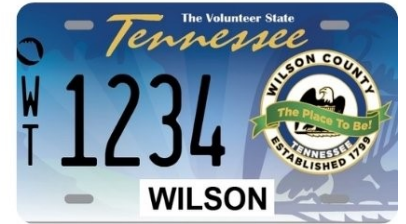
Approval notifications will be mailed mid-December. Program purchases can be made starting Oct. 1, 2023 and must be completed by the program's final reimbursement request deadline. Participants should make purchases and submit reimbursement requests in a timely manner to avoid processing delays.

Producers are encouraged to work with their local extension agent or a TDA representative to complete the application. For more information and program applications, visit www.tn.gov/taep or call 1-800-342-8206.



WILSON COUNTY SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES ARE NOW IN PRODUCTION!

We've got some wonderful news! We reached our goal of 1,000 signatures! The Wilson County Specialty License plates are now in production. Thank you to our generous sponsors, as well as to all of those who signed up.



The state will contact those registered when their Wilson County Specialty License Plate is ready.

This is a great way to support our county and show some Wilson County pride! For more information, visit: <https://wilsonridesinc.org/product/license-plate/>

FIRST TOUR AT 6:00PM

2 TROLLEYS RUNNING THIS YEAR!

LAST TOUR AT 9:00PM

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE & SAVE
ADULTS - \$10.00
6-12 - \$5.00
5 & UNDER FREE
RAIN OR SHINE

TICKETS AT THE DOOR
ADULTS - \$11.00
6-12 - \$6.00
5 & UNDER FREE
RAIN OR SHINE

FOOD
SPOOKY TROLLEY RIDE THROUGH THE WOODS

13TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
GHOSTS IN THE GROVE
AT FIDDLERS GROVE HISTORIC VILLAGE
OCTOBER 13 & 14
JAMES E. WARD AG CENTER
945 E. BADDOUR PKWY, LEBANON, TN
FIDDLERSGROVETN.COM

FAMILY FRIENDLY GHOST STORIES
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AMERICAN RED CROSS REMINDS US TO CHECK OUR HOME'S SMOKE ALARMS

October 9th is Fire Prevention Day. The American Red Cross reminds us that our homes may need new smoke alarms when:

- They don't work when tested.
- They are over 10 years old.

If you need smoke alarms installed in your home, visit <https://rdcrss.org/3PeKoWX> to sign up for a free installation from the Red Cross.

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.

Next Movie Date:

- October 6th- The Lost City- 6:45pm

Mt. Juliet Parks & Rec

FOOD & FLICK

Bring your blanket and chairs
Food Trucks Available

MOVIE FREE TO PUBLIC

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

PARKS & RECREATION
MT. JULIET
LETS PLAY IN MT.
FAMILY FITNESS AND MORE

EVERY HOME NEEDS
working smoke alarms.

Sign up for a **free installation** from the American Red Cross.

American Red Cross
SOUND THE ALARM
Save a Life



WILSON CO HIRING EVENT

EMPLOYERS

WILSON COUNTY CIVIC LEAGUE

321 EAST MARKET ST
LEBANON, TN 37087

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:

Sarah.Buckles@tn.gov,
Antonio.v.scott@tn.gov

- JOURNEYS
- FEDEX
- J.CUMBY
CONSTRUCTION
- STAFFMARK
- LEBANON POLICE
DEPT

AND MORE.....

9:00 AM-1:00pm
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023

American Job Center

Tennessee is not responsible for the participation of any advertised employers at our hiring and resource events. We solicit their participation in good faith that they may attend but acknowledge that unexpected events occur, which may prevent their attendance.

WE APPRECIATE OUR S.C.A.N. OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS!

The the Senior Citizens Awareness Network (SCAN) is a 501c3 non-profit organization and was developed by the Wilson County Sheriff's Office. Wilson County is blessed with numerous organizations and networks that serve our citizens, and this certainly is one of them! Under the leadership of Debbie Pare, the network's main goal is to address the needs of senior adults in Wilson County.



As Wilson County's senior population increases, so do issues related to addressing the needs of isolated, lonely, at risk and financially challenged seniors. Without generous volunteers, SCAN would not be possible. SCAN Volunteers go into the community to check on the safety and security of older citizens who have enrolled in the program.

SCAN Officers are uniformed representatives of the Sheriff's Office. SCAN Officers drive to the homes of these citizens to make personal contact, provide home security surveys, crime prevention information, and information related to local, social and community services.

To learn more about how you can become a volunteer or to enlist a senior into the program, please contact our SCAN office number at (615) 444-1412, extension 499.

FREE FOOD & MEALS IN WILSON CO. TN



FREE LUNCH ~ EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON ~ 3-4 PM
@ THE MINISTRY CENTER CHURCH OF GOD - 1007 Hartsville Pike Lebanon TN

FREE MEALS, SHOWERS, LAUNDRY & ID RESTORATION

@ COMPASSIONATE HANDS HOPE CENTER - 615-784-9897 - 214 College St. Lebanon
(Please call their office to confirm which days and hours they are open)

FREE FOOD (& SOME MEALS) IN **LEBANON** TN

(Please contact each organization before going to confirm days and hours)

- ALL FOR HIM MINISTRY - 319 College St. - 615-965-2300 - Mon-Fri 8-12 Noon
- COLLEGE HILLS CHURCH OF CHRIST - 1401 Leeville Pike - 615-444-9502 - Mon 9-11 AM
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST - 415 W Main St. - 615-444-3315 - Mon-Thur 9AM-4 PM & Fri 9-11 AM
- IMMANUEL BAPTIST - SALT & LIGHT - 220 Wildwood Ave. - Tue & Thur 9 AM - 3 PM
- LIFE CHURCH DREAM CENTER - 3688 Hwy 109 - 615-469-5190 - Every 3rd Sat 3-4:30 PM
- JOSEPH'S STOREHOUSE FOOD MINISTRY - 1960 Tater Peeler - 615-453-5777 - Mon-Thur 9-11 AM
- MAPLE HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST - 102 Maple Hill Rd. - 615-444-1544 - Tues & Thur 8 AM - 4 PM
- S.A.L.T. (SERVING AT THE LORD'S TABLE) - 7019 Hickory Ridge Rd - 615-965-5361 - (Call for days & hours)
- TN DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES - 155 Legends Dr. #G - 615-443-2746 - Mon-Fri 8 AM - 4:30 PM
- WESTLAND METHODIST CHURCH - 110 Dawson Lane - 615-444-0776 - Wed 6:15-7:15 PM
- WILSON CO. HELP CENTER - 203 High Street - 615-449-1856 - Mon-Fri 9 AM - 3 PM

Info on free food, meals, drinks, clothing, shoes, laundry, showers, personal hygiene products, diapers and more @ WilsonHelps.org
"People Helping People In Wilson County Tennessee"

FREE FOOD (& SOME MEALS) IN **MT. JULIET** TN

(Please contact each organization before going to confirm days and hours)

- CLOYD'S PRESBYTERIAN - 595 W Division - 615-758-7434 - Wed 9 AM - 12 Noon
- GREEN HILL CHURCH - 13251 Lebanon Rd. - 615-758-7238 - Thur 4-5 PM
- JESUS PROVISIONS - 505 Sunset Ct. - 615-424-9422 (by appt ONLY) - Mon-Fri 10 AM - 5 PM
- JOY CHURCH - 10085 Lebanon Rd. - 615-773-5252 - Thur 4-7 PM & Fri 1-4 PM
- MT. JULIET CHURCH OF CHRIST - 1940 N. Mt. Juliet Rd. - 615-758-2274 - Tues & Thur 9 AM - 2 PM
- MT. JULIET HELP CENTER - MT. JULIET - 615-754-4357 - Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

FREE FOOD (& SOME MEALS) IN **OTHER AREAS**

(Please contact each organization before going to confirm days and hours)

- DODSON CHAPEL - 4107 Dodson Chapel Rd. Hermitage - 615-889-0106 - 2nd & 4th Sat 9-11 AM
- FRIENDSHIP CHURCH - 15285 Lebanon Rd. Old Hickory - 615-758-5358 - Tue 6-7:30 PM & Thur 10-11:30 AM
- GOD'S FOOD PANTRY - 430 E Broad St. Smithville - 615-597-4540 - 1st & 3rd Fri 9 AM - 12 Noon
- HERMITAGE HILLS BAPTIST - 3475 Lebanon Pike - 615-883-5034 - Wed 6-7:30 PM & Thur 10-11:30 AM
- HERMITAGE METHODIST - 4250 Andrew Jackson Pkwy Hermitage - Every Sat 9:30 AM to 4 PM
- LASCASSAS METHODIST - 4750 E Jefferson Pike Lascassas - 615-890-1858 - 1st Sat after 1st Wed 7-9AM
- ROUND LICK BAPTIST - 745 W Main Watertown - 615-237-3052 - 1st & 3rd Wed 6 PM
- ST. STEPHENS CATHOLIC - 14544 Lebanon Rd. Old Hickory - 615-758-2424 - Free lunch on Thur 11 AM - 1 PM
- THE GLADE CHURCH - 9000 Stewarts Ferry Pike Gladeville - 615-444-9550 - Mon-Fri 9 AM - 4 PM
- TRUTH & GRACE CHURCH - 14825 Lebanon Rd. Old Hickory - 615-578-5465 - Thurs 12 Noon - 3 PM
- WAR MEMORIAL PLAZA - 301 6th Ave N. Nashville, TN 37243 - Sunday meal 8:30 AM

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"People Helping People In Wilson County Tennessee"

HOMECOMING COMMUNITY CONCERT

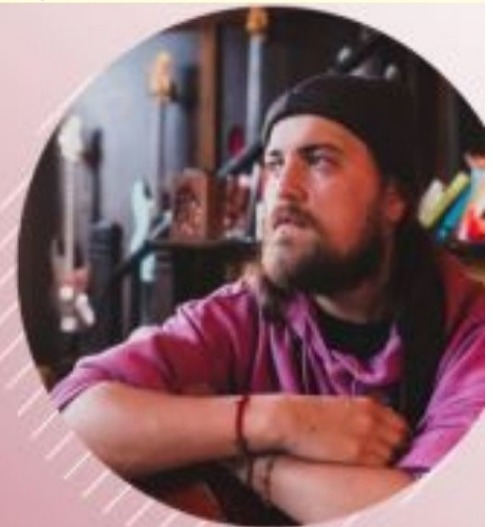
featuring

Top 8 American Idol Contestant & Wilson County Native

OLIVER STEELE

October 5 at 5:30 PM

FREE CONCERT | FOOD TRUCKS | YARD GAMES



Cumberland
UNIVERSITY

WATERTOWN COMMUNITY TRICK OR TREAT

on the square

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 • 6:00 P.M.

Costume Contest

6:30 • AT THE GAZEBO

Categories:

- PETS
- 0-3
- 4-8
- 9-12
- 13-17
- 18-99
- COUPLES*
- FAMILY/GROUPS*

Prizes: 1ST, 2ND, 3RD

HOSTED BY THE
WATERTOWN & EAST WILSON
CHAMBER-COMMERCE

*NEW CATEGORY

TRUNK OR TREAT

CANDY, PRIZES AND FUN

Come Join us at Breedens Orchard (631 Beckwith Rd, Mount Juliet, TN, on October 28th from 4:30 pm-8:00 pm for an evening of fun with the whole family. Come see Fire Trucks, Ambulances, and Police Cars as well as enjoy the food, candy, and bounce houses! A friendly Chili Cookoff will happen between the departments! come cheer them on!

HOSTED BY:

Logos include: Wilson County Emergency Services, Rebar 23, Mt. Juliet Police, Sheriff, Police, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, Tennessee State Trooper Association, and TDOT.

