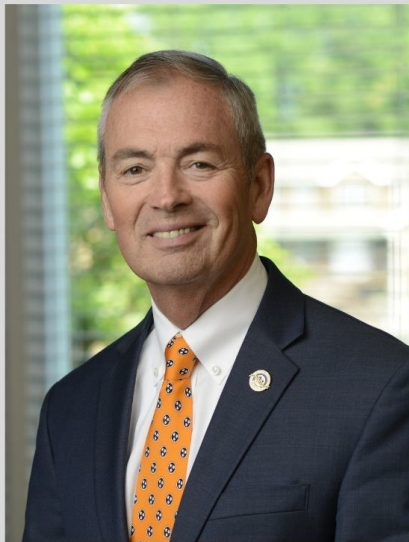




THE COUNTY CONNECTION

A Monthly Newsletter from Mayor Randall Hutto
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A Word from Mayor Hutto...

Our hearts break when we see the turmoil happening around the world. As Middle Tennesseans, we are truly fortunate to live in an area in which we have so many blessings. Of course, no place is perfect, but we take a lot of pride in our country and in our community. None of that would be possible without the brave service members who defend our nation. When you see a veteran this month, please thank them for their service. November brings us a holiday in which we give thanks, and no matter what you may be facing, I pray that you can still be able to count your blessings. I wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Commissioner Spotlight: Beth Bowman District 6



Contact INFORMATION

Phone: 615-476-8192

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.

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE
CALL 615.449.6684

VETERANS DAY



Wilson County Government Offices,
Convenience Centers and Landfill will be
closed on

FRIDAY | NOV. 10TH

in observance of the Veterans Day weekend.
The Convenience Centers will re-open at their regular
business hours on Saturday, November 11th. County
Offices and the Landfill will return to their regular
business hours on Monday, November 13th.



HONOR,
DUTY, AND
ABOVE ALL
FREEDOM.



Clocks fall back an hour
starting November 5th.

A TRIBUTE TO FORMER LEBANON

MAYOR, BERNIE ASH *by Mayor Randall Hutto*

Veterans Day is fast approaching, and for Wilson County, this Veterans Day weekend will be missing an integral member of our community. Former Lebanon Mayor, Bernie Ash, was the Director of the Wilson County's Veteran Services Office for many years. A veteran himself, he dedicated his career to helping our local service members.

I first met Bernie when he was the budget chairman on the county commission. I always enjoyed his leadership in that position, and then when our Veteran's Services Officer retired, Bernie applied. We made the right choice for the office, but better than that, we made the right choice for our veterans. At that time, the V.S.O. was right next to my office. Bernie and Mrs. Carol Dedman, who also worked in that office, were right next door to me. We had such a good time working together over the years.

When the new Veterans Services building was completed, my office was renovated, and we combined their space with ours. When Bernie became the Lebanon Mayor, we worked together closely as well. It was an honor and a privilege to serve the community alongside him.

Bernie was a great leader and always did what was in the best interest of our citizens and veterans. He was the definition of a great American, and he will truly be missed. On Veterans Day, we will remember his service to our country and our community.

The Veterans Day parade will take place on Saturday, November 11th at 10:15am on Main Street. The parade will begin at the library and make it's way toward the Veterans Plaza. From there, a service will be held at the Veterans Plaza at 11:00am. Details can be found on page 13 of this newsletter. We wish you all a safe and Happy Veterans Day weekend. Please continue to keep Bernie Ash's wife and family in your prayers.



November 10
**U.S. Marine
Corps Day**

November 11
Veteran's Day

November 13
**Caregiver
Appreciation Day
&
World Kindness
Day**

November 14
**Operating Room
Nurse Day &
World Diabetes
Day**

November 20
**Universal
Children's Day**

November 23
Thanksgiving

November 25
**Small Business
Saturday**

WILSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFERS FREE FLU SHOTS STARTING NOVEMBER 1ST FOR FIGHT FLU '23 *submitted*

The Wilson County Health Department will participate in the statewide Fight Flu '23 effort on Nov. 1, 2023, and provide free flu shots to all Tennesseans who are eligible, six-months and older.

“We want to protect as many people as we can in our communities from the flu,” Public Health Director, Adalberto Valdez, said. “Getting an annual flu shot is the best way to protect yourself and everyone around you.”



Wilson County Health Department will provide free flu shots on Nov. 1, 2023.

LOCATION: Wilson County Health Department

ADDRESS: 927 E. Baddour Pkwy

HOURS: 8:00am to 4:30pm

An appointment is not needed to receive a free flu vaccine at the Wilson County Health Department's Fight Flu '23 event. Also, the flu vaccine will remain free to anyone eligible to receive it at all local health departments across the state throughout flu season.

The flu vaccine is safe and effective and can protect individuals against the most common types of flu, and the virus's worst symptoms and outcomes.

The flu virus is very contagious. Pregnant women, infants, the elderly, and people with certain medical conditions are at the highest risk of severe complications from the flu. Annually, more than 7.5 million illnesses, 400,000 hospitalizations, and 22,000 deaths could be prevented in the U.S. if more people chose to get the flu vaccine.

To prevent spreading the flu virus to others, follow precautions such as proper hygiene and handwashing, cover your coughs or sneezes with a tissue or your elbow, and stay home if you are sick.

For more information about the flu virus and Fight Flu '23, visit tn.gov/health/fightflu. For information about getting a free flu shot, contact the Wilson County Health Department at (615) 444-5325.

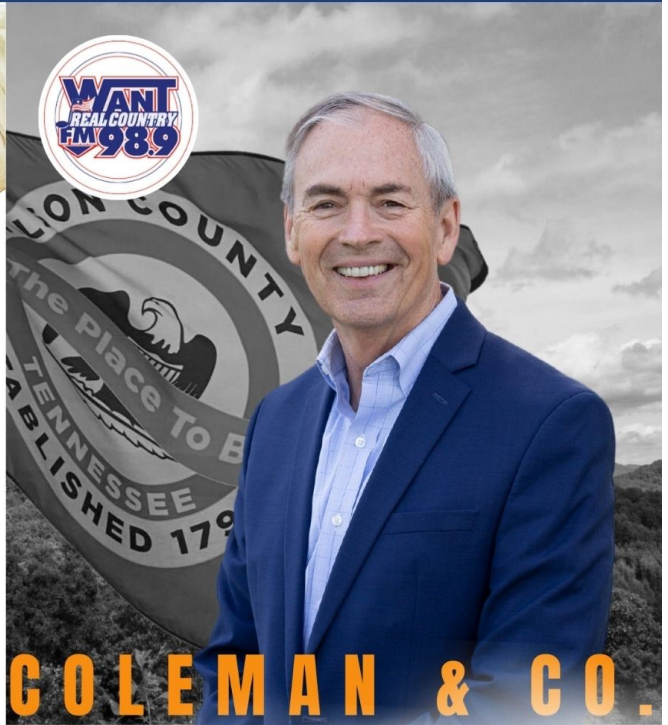


Happy Thanksgiving

Wilson County Government Offices, Landfill and Convenience Centers will be closed on

Thursday & Friday | Nov. 23rd & 24th

in observance of Thanksgiving. Convenience Centers will return to their regular business hours on Saturday, November 25th. Offices and the landfill will return to their regular business hours on Monday, November 27th.



COLEMAN & CO. TALKSHOW

TUNE IN NOVEMBER 20TH
AROUND 7:40AM!

GUEST, MAYOR RANDALL HUTTO

WANT 98.9 FM / WCOR AM 1490
NOV. 20TH | WITH COLEMAN WALKER

WHAT IS UNCLAIMED PROPERTY?

- bank accounts
- unclaimed wages
- checks
- gift certificates
- refunds
- stock certificates

Search ClaimItTN.gov for your name today!



Don't move a pan that catches fire.

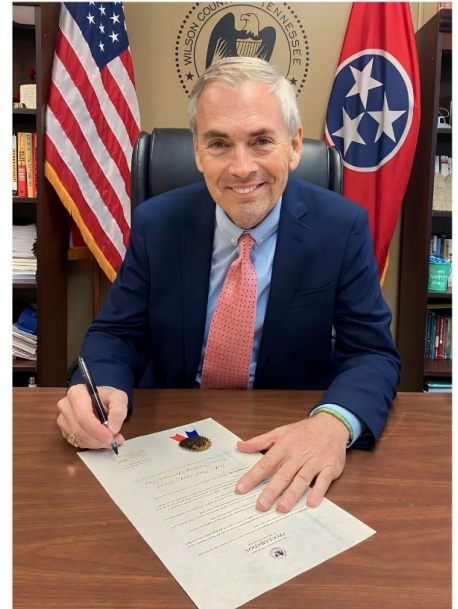


Slide a cookie sheet on top to put out the fire, and turn the heat off.



MAYOR HUTTO PROCLAIMS PINK & PEARL LUNG & BREAST CANCER SCREENING AWARENESS DAY

Early detection of both lung and breast cancer can make it easier to treat, and whether it be by our own cancer screening or encouraging the screening of a friend or a family member, we all have a role to play. With that said, Mayor Hutto signed a proclamation declaring November 3, 2023 as “Pink & Pearl Lung & Breast Cancer Screening Awareness Day.” Citizens are encouraged to join in this worthy observance by wearing pink and pearl(s) on November 3rd to encourage Tennesseans to schedule a breast and/or lung cancer screening.



HELP US CELEBRATE LOCAL VOLUNTEERS!

We can't wait to celebrate our volunteers! Make your nomination today by visiting our website at wilsoncountyttn.gov.

For questions, call Mrs. Sara Davenport in the Mayor's Office at 615-444-1383.



NOMINATIONS OPEN
NOW - NOV. 9TH

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.

*We can't wait to
celebrate our volunteers!*

WEMA RECEIVES NEW LADDER TRUCK

submitted by Fire Chief Jeremy Hobbs

Wilson County will be taking ownership of its first ladder truck at the end of this month! The new truck is a Pierce 107 ascendant built by Siddons Martin out of Appleton, Wisconsin. This fire apparatus is a custom-built pumper that can extend to heights up to 107 feet. This is beneficial for keeping firefighters out of collapse areas while still getting the reach to extinguish fires in larger facilities and containing fires that are in hard-to-reach areas. The ladder can also be used to down-grade to a negative 10 degrees for swift water related events or low angle rescues. The truck carries 500 gallons of water, along with a 30-gallon onboard foam system and multiple state of the art firefighting functions and capabilities. One of the best features is a handheld remote that controls the waterway. This feature provides increased safety, as firefighters do not have to be put on the tip in a hazardous environment or when transitioning into a defensive mode.

This fire apparatus is a huge blessing and can cut hours off a fire scene. The newer construction burns a lot faster than homes that were built years ago, and it only takes a few minutes for the roof to collapse in. Being able to work from the ladder will help increase our firefighter's safety. A lot of people were behind this project and making this happen. Director Cooper and I would personally like to thank Commissioner Jerry McFarland, Mayor Randal Hutto, Commissioner Justin Smith along with the Emergency Management Committee, Budget Committee, Wilson County Commission, and the Wilson County Firefighter Association for seeing this need and asset for its citizens and public safety. The truck is in Nashville at EVS getting radios installed, tools mounted on shelves, and waiting on some loose equipment items to be delivered. It will leave Nashville and come home to Wilson County in the next week or two. Siddons Martin will do in-service training, not only for the truck's operators, but for all employees and shifts for safety, set up, and deployment procedures. Director Cooper and I along with the employees of Wilson County Emergency Management agency are very excited to see this happen and we are very proud to say we work for a proactive public safety government that puts the life safety of citizens and employee's first. **Congratulations, WEMA, on this amazing new piece of equipment!**





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

Residential Burn permits are REQUIRED for the county, October 15 through May 15. This is for ANY open burn. Call the TN State Forestry Department at 1-877-350-2876 or visit their website at burnsafetn.org. We ask you notify our dispatch with your information and burn permit number. Doing so will prevent us sending emergency equipment to your property for a controlled burn. Commercial permits have to requested from the Fire Marshals office.





**FIRE PREVENTION
BEGINS WITH
YOU!**



**BURN PERMITS REQUIRED
OCT 15 - MAY 15**

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT A SUCCESS

The Wilson County Solid Waste Department held a Household Hazardous Waste Collection event at the James E. Ward Ag Center on October 7, 2023. This event was sponsored by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC). Residents were encouraged to bring household waste, from pesticides to diesel fuel, to the Ag Center to dispose of it safely, and free of charge.

The following totals were collected (weight expressed in pounds):

- Flammable Liquids: 970
- Non-Hazardous Liquids: 2,869
- Corrosives: 720
- Poisons: 1,755
- Oil Based Paint: 575
- Aerosols: 402
- Fluorescent Tubes: 384
- Mercury: 33
- Medical Sharps: 71

In total, the event collected 7,808 pounds of hazardous materials, which cost a total of \$17,095.15 to safely dispose of. Since the program's inception in 1993, more than 370,000 Tennessee households have properly disposed of more than 24 million pounds of material. Household hazardous waste materials are considered flammable, toxic, reactive and/or corrosive and should not be placed with regular garbage. Typical items to dispose of include cleaning fluids, pesticides, mercury thermometers and thermostats, fluorescent lamps, lithium and button batteries, aerosols, adhesives, medications, brake fluid, swimming pool chemicals, paint thinner and used needles in sturdy containers.

A person does not need to live in the county to participate in a Household Hazardous Waste Collection event. For more information on the household hazardous waste mobile collection service, please call TDEC at 800-287-9013 or <https://www.tn.gov/environment/sw-mmhousehold-hazardous-waste-program.html>.

The Wilson County Solid Waste Department manages both the Wilson County Landfill and the Wilson County Convenience Centers. Hours of operation for the landfill are 7:00am-3:00pm. Loads must be tarped and checked in 30 minutes prior to closing due to scheduled maintenance. The Wilson County Convenience Centers are located at various points throughout the county with the following hours: Friday through Tuesday: 7am-5pm; Wednesday and Thursday: 7:30am-5:00pm. For information on convenience center rules and recycling, visit www.wilsoncountyttn.gov or call 615-444-8360.



Please RSVP to Debbie McChurch
 mcchurchd@wcschools.com
 by November 3, 2023

**WILSON COUNTY SCHOOLS
 FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
 FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL LUNCHEON
 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2023
 11:00AM-12:00PM
 WILSON CENTRAL HS LIBRARY-2ND FLOOR**

Tennessee Pink & Pearl Campaign

#TNPINKANDPEARL

MADE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TN COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM, TN BREAST AND CERVICAL SCREENING PROGRAM, TN CANCER REGISTRY, AND TN TOBACCO USE PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM



**Pink is the ribbon color for
 Breast Cancer Awareness**

**Breast Cancer is the most
 common type of cancer in
 female Tennesseans**

**Every day in Tennessee
 14 people are diagnosed
 with Breast Cancer**



**Pearl is the ribbon color for
 Lung Cancer Awareness**

**Lung Cancer is the 2nd most
 common type of cancer in female
 Tennesseans**

**Every day in Tennessee
 17 people are diagnosed
 with Lung Cancer**

SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT EXCEEDS STATE MANDATED GOAL

The Wilson County Solid Waste Department works hard to manage waste while limiting the impact on our environment. By diverting over a third of the items received to a recycling facility, the Wilson County Landfill effectively manages the space at the facility, but also helps save resident's tax dollars.

The State of Tennessee requires every county to divert a certain percentage of waste from landfills each year. This diversion can be acquired by residential, commercial, and industrial waste. Wilson County has a minimum state mandated goal to divert 25% of waste from landfills. Each year, the Wilson County Landfill submits a required report to the state outlining the diversion rate. Wilson County usually averages around a 35% diversion rate, which is above the 25% required. Mayor Randall Hutto and Solid Waste Director, Cindy Lynch, are pleased to announce that Wilson County's region achieved a 39% diversion rate based on the 2022 data. By effectively recycling more than the required rate, Wilson County Solid Waste saves money on tipping fees which in turn saves taxpayer dollars.

"My hat is off to the employees of the Solid Waste Department and the tremendous job they do for our county," said Mayor Randall Hutto. "Like many, our solid waste department is limited on the quantity and materials that can be accepted in our landfill and convenient centers. I'm impressed how year after year our employees, with the help and cooperation of our citizens, are able to exceed state expectations. Keep up the great work everyone."

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FALL BULBS YIELD SPRING BLOOMS

submitted by Lucas Holman

We have two main categories of bulbs that we can plant in Tennessee. Fall planted bulbs will yield spring blooms, while spring planted bulbs will generally flower in the summer months. Now is an excellent time to plant our spring flowering bulbs. When selecting a site, select one that has well-drained soil that doesn't pool water in the winter months. Most fall planted bulbs are easy to grow provided they have good growing conditions. Select an area that some sun also, they will need some sun after flowering to store energy for the next season's blooms. The rule of thumb when planting is to plant them two to three times the height of the bulb.

Daffodils are the easiest bulb to grow in Tennessee. It's easy to spot an old home site because the daffodils will still bloom every spring. They are easily naturalized in an area and can remain in the same spot for decades. There are hundreds of cultivars available and it's best to see what the locals are growing. For more information be sure and check out the Middle Tennessee Daffodil Society. Daffodils are resistant to deer and voles, so this may be a saving grace for some of you looking to add some flowers to your garden.

Tulips are generally treated as annuals. When you visit the large botanical gardens and they have thousands in bloom, they are replanted every fall. Many of the newer hybrids just don't have the longevity as some of the species. We have better luck with the species type such as *Tulipa clusiana* and *Tulipa batalinii*. The blooms on the species types are just a little different, but they have a better chance of returning each year. The one main hiccup that tulips have in Tennessee is that they are adored by deer.

When it comes to fall bulbs that have the most fragrance, hyacinths are at the top of the list. They are short, so make sure and plant them in the borders of your flower beds. Hyacinths are also easily forced to bloom inside. Plant some in containers and set the containers outside for a few months. After about three months, bring the container inside. The sudden change in temperature will force the hyacinths to start growing and flowering. They will assume that winter is over, and spring is upon us.

If you have any questions regarding horticultural matter in your garden or lawn, feel free to contact Lucas Holman, Horticulture UT-TSU Extension Agent, Wilson County at 615-444-9584 or Lholman1@utk.edu.

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VETERANS

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23

DAY

NOVEMBER 11



PARADE STARTS AT 10AM AT LIBRARY ON WEST MAIN
ENDING AT THE WILSON COUNTY VETERANS PLAZA
CEREMONY AT PLAZA STARTS AT 11AM
PLEASE WEAR YOUR DOG TAGS IF YOU HAVE THEM!!

FOR PARADE INFO PLEASE EMAIL BILL MOSS
INFO@VFWPOST5015.ORG

WHAT A GREAT NIGHT AT THE TASTE OF WILSON COUNTY!

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Taste of Wilson County to support our teachers. The event is a fundraiser for education and is hosted by the Lebanon/Wilson County Chamber of Commerce. Each year, Mayor Hutto participates in the "Grill Master" challenge, and this year, he regained his title as the "Grill Master!" There were some delicious entries, so Mayor Hutto says that he couldn't have done it without his helper, Ms. Berkley Hunter. She's a Wilson County student who dreams of becoming a chef someday. Congratulations on the win, Mayor Hutto! And thank you, Berkley, for helping him win the challenge!



TENNCARE RENEWAL REMINDER

submitted by Shana Watkins

Health Care Matters!

Over 860,000 Tennesseans rely on TennCare (Medicaid) for health care insurance. Most of these individuals are children. People living with disabilities may also rely on TennCare for their safety.

Usually, TennCare determines recipients' eligibility on an annual basis by sending a packet of questions to the household, then they may ask for additional documents. This annual review was paused for three years because of COVID. This pause has now been lifted, so all TennCare recipients now return to annual renewals. This transition back to annual renewals creates a breeding ground for confusion, misinformation, and lack of awareness. All of these are threats to TennCare recipients' continued health coverage!

TennCare recipients need to open and respond to all mail from TennCare. If a TennCare client has changed addresses in the last three years, they must immediately update their address through <https://tenncareconnect.tn.gov/index.html>. They can do this online or over the phone. They must respond or they could lose your health insurance.

I missed my renewal date! What do I do now?

Call The Tennessee Justice Center at (615) 255-0331! You might be within the time limit to regain your coverage with no gaps, but you must act NOW. We can help.


I was terminated from TennCare. What do I do?

You can file an appeal if you feel you were wrongfully terminated. TennCare makes mistakes from time to time, so it's not unheard of for someone to be wrongfully terminated. At this point, 112,000 Tennesseans have been disenrolled strictly for procedural reasons – this means they lost their coverage because of paperwork even if they might still be eligible. You can read more about appeals and find the appeal application here: [How to file an eligibility appeal? \(tn.gov\)](#)

What if I'm no longer eligible for TennCare?

Some folks are not eligible for TennCare because they don't meet the income threshold or because of their immigration status. Those individuals may be eligible for a low-cost plan through the Affordable Care Act's Marketplace. Some plans are as low as \$10 per month.

But don't wait! The Marketplace only enrolls during specified enrollment periods. This year's **Open Enrollment Period is November 1, 2023, to January 15, 2024!** Visit Open Enrollment is Nov 1 - Jan 15. Are you ready? | [HealthCare.gov](#) to explore your eligibility and find an assister.



**HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR
TENNCARE RENEWAL PACKET?**

NEED HELP?

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT TENNCARE RENEWALS?

REACH OUT TO US! (615) 255-0331

www.tnjustice.org

FARM AND FORESTRY BUSINESSES HAVE OPTIONS FOR FINANCIAL INCENTIVES

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) announces cost share opportunities for agricultural and forestry businesses made possible by the State of Tennessee's American Rescue Plan.

The new Tennessee Urban Farm and Forestry (TUFF) cost share program aims to increase agricultural and forestry production in disadvantaged areas in Tennessee's urban communities.

The second round of funding from the Tennessee Forestry, Agriculture, and Rural Markets (FARM) program provides cost share dollars for projects that expand and strengthen the supply chain.

The TUFF program is for urban farm and forestry businesses that are planning new projects or improvements to their operations. They may apply for reimbursement for up to 50 percent of the expenses with a maximum award of \$250,000 in TUFF cost share dollars. TUFF program funds are available through a competitive application process. Each application will be evaluated to determine if the project aligns with priorities of the program and funding availability.

The program funds projects that will aid in expanding agricultural commodities and forest products from urban small businesses or promote the health of urban communities by meeting nutritional needs and providing education about healthy food.

Applications for the first of three funding rounds will be accepted online from **Nov. 1 until Nov. 15, 2023.**

TUFF funds are subject to federal procurement and uniform guidance standards. In each round, there is \$1.34 million available with a total of \$4 million for the program. TUFF cost share details can be found online at www.tn.gov/TUFF.

Applicants for FARM cost share must be an agricultural, food, or forestry business; or nonprofit agricultural entity in Tennessee; or have a project based in Tennessee.

The application period for the second round of FARM funding is **Nov. 1 until Nov. 30, 2023.** Applications must be submitted online at www.tn.gov/FARM.

Financial assistance received from TUFF and FARM programs are not loans and do not need to be repaid. Both cost share funding opportunities are reimbursement based. Contact TDA's Business Development Division at business.development@tn.gov with questions.

FORESTRY GRANTS AVAILABLE TO PROTECT PRIVATE FORESTLANDS

Last month, the Division of Forestry issued a press release about grant opportunities through their partnership with the U.S. Forest Service. A special round of Forest Legacy Program (FLP) funding is giving landowners an opportunity to ensure forest conservation benefits for generations to come.

FLP is a conservation program administered by the U.S. Forest Service in partnership with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture's Division of Forestry to protect privately-owned forest lands from conversion to non-forest uses through conservation easements or land purchases. Federal grant funds pay for conservation easements that restrict development and allow landowners to continue to own and manage their land.

Project proposals may be submitted now through Jan. 19, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. CST. Applications that offer significant natural carbon sequestration benefits or provide benefits to underserved populations will be prioritized.

Keeping Tennessee land in traditional forest uses contributes to improved water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, timber, fuel wood, other forest products, and recreation opportunities through active forest management. FLP in Tennessee currently conserves 53,315 acres valued at \$59 million across the state.

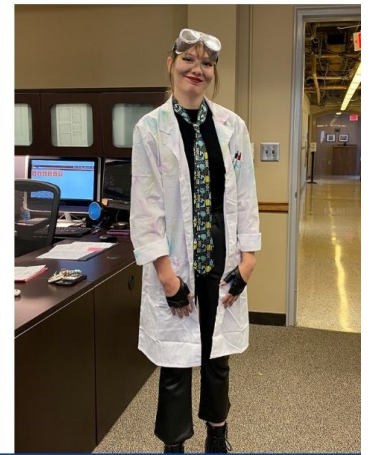
Find the request for proposal package and more information about Tennessee's FLP at www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests/protection/legacy.html. For questions about FLP, contact Assistant State Forester Heather Slayton at 615-837-5432 or heather.slayton@tn.gov.

The Division of Forestry protects and promotes the responsible use of forest resources in Tennessee. Focus areas include assisting landowners with a variety of services, providing quality tree seedlings, supporting forest health programs, collecting forest inventory data, assisting forest industries, and fighting wildland fires. Visit www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests for more information.





2023 Halloween Costume Contest



WE INVITE YOU TO THE

*Mural unveiling for the
Election Commission
Building!*

NOVEMBER 13TH

11:00 AM

230 E GAY ST, LEBANON

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SUDOKU # 03

INSTRUCTIONS

Use the numbers 1 to 9 to complete the Sudoku.
Only use each number once in each row, column
and grid.

5				2		7		
4		2			9			6
		9		8	1		4	2
		5		7			3	
2	6		4			9	8	
	4			6	5		7	
	3	1	5					7
7				3	2		6	
	2				7	8	5	

A Thanksgiving Poem

by Paul Laurence Dunbar



*Thou hast, with ever watchful eye,
Looked down on us with holy care,
And from thy storehouse in the sky
Hast scattered plenty everywhere.*

*Then lift we up our songs of praise
To thee, O Father, good and kind;
To thee we consecrate our days;
Be thine the temple of each mind.*

*With incense sweet our thanks ascend;
Before thy works our powers pall;
Though we should strive years without end,
We could not thank thee for them all.*

Thanksgiving Jokes for Kids

Who helped the squash cross the road? *The crossing gourd*

How Do you fix a broken pumpkin pie? *With a pumpkin patch!*

Why was the Thanksgiving vegetable side dish so expensive?
It has 24 carrots!

Why shouldn't you tell a secret on Thanksgiving? *Because the potatoes have eyes, the corn has ears, and the beans stalk.*

How does a turkey travel? *By gravy train.*

What did the turkey say to the turkey hunter on Thanksgiving Day?
Quack, Quack!

What happened to the turkey that got in a fight? *He got the stuffing knocked out of him!*