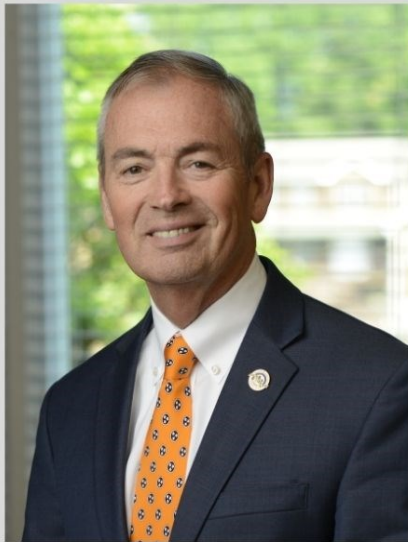




THE COUNTY CONNECTION

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



A Word from Mayor Hutto...

We're in full Christmas mode here in Wilson County! The Dancing Lights of Christmas are taking place at the fairgrounds and the Christmas parades are just around the corner. You can feel the excitement in the air! There's lots to do and plenty of opportunities to give back this holiday season. If you're looking for a way to help someone in need, there's plenty of wonderful organizations in our county to choose from. Then after Christmas, there's one easy way to help make a difference. Take your real Christmas trees over to Rockwood Sustainable Solutions to be recycled for free! See the next page of this newsletter for details. The recycled live trees will become landscaping mulch used to beautify properties across Wilson County. In addition to the environmental benefits of recycling live Christmas trees, doing so is much safer than breaking down and burning a live tree in a residential fireplace. Rockwood will also make a monetary donation to the Wilson County FCA for each tree recycled during the "Merry Mulching" initiative. 'Tis the season! I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Contact
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Phone: 615-237-0565

**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**



**MERRY
MULCHING**

LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

DEC. 25 - JAN. 10

510 HARTMAN DRIVE - LEBANON, TN 37087

**PLACE LIVE TREE IN BIN LOCATED AT ENTRANCE
NO DECORATIONS • NO LIGHTS • NO TINSEL**

**FINANCIAL DONATION TO WILSON COUNTY FCA FOR EACH RECYCLED TREE
MORE INFO AT ROCKWOODRECYCLING.COM**

'TIS THE SEASON OF GIVING!

'Tis the season of giving, and we're known for being #WilsonCountyKind! Thus, it only seemed fitting to do something special on November 13th's World Kindness Day. To celebrate, the Wilson County Mayor's Office partnered with WCS and LSSD Family Resource Centers to host a food drive. The donations went to benefit local students and their families. On the day of the food drive, school buses parked near the Wilson County Courthouse and the Two Rivers Ford Ball Park in Mt. Juliet to accept the donations and deliver them to the family resource centers. Mayor Hutto is pictured below delivering the food items to the bus parked at the courthouse. The Wilson County Mayor's Office would especially like to thank Anne Barger (WCS), Beth Petty (LSSD), and the Mt. Juliet League for helping to make this all possible. If you would like to make a donation to the WCS or LSSD Family Resource Centers, contact the school administration buildings. Wilson County Schools can be reached at 615-444-3282 and LSSD can be reached at 615-449-6060.



December 7
**Pearl Harbor
Remembrance
Day**

December 10
**International
Children's Day**

December 13
**Nat'l Guard
Birthday**

December 15
Bill of Rights Day

December 18
Bake Cookies Day

December 20
**Universal
Children's Day**

December 24
Christmas Eve

December 25
Christmas Day

December 30
Bacon Day

December 31
New Year's Eve

**Safe Toys
& Gifts Month**



Please join us for a
"Mayor-ee" Christmas

Open House

December 7th from 4-6PM

*The Wilson Co. Mayor's Office
228 E. Main St. Rm 104
Lebanon, TN 37087*

*RSVP
615-444-1383*

MURAL UNVEILED AT ELECTION COMMISSION BUILDING

The latest mural unveiling took place last month at the Wilson County Election Commission Building. The mural illustrates a few key identifiers of Wilson County and says, "I Voted!" This is a great way for citizens to take pictures with their voting stickers and encourage others to vote. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible!



WEMA RECEIVES NEW LADDER TRUCK

The Wilson County Emergency Management Agency received its new ladder truck! This was an exciting moment for everyone involved, as it is Wilson County's very first ladder truck. The Pierce 107 built by Siddons Martin will be an asset to our public safety department and our citizens. Congratulations, WEMA!



WILSON COUNTY COMMISSION HONORS TENNESSEE TITAN COLTON DOWELL

Last month, the Wilson County Commission signed a resolution which recognized Tennessee Titan and Wilson County native, Colton Dowell. Colton Davis Dowell was born on April 19, 1999 to Chris and Tracy Dowell of Lebanon, Tennessee. Dowell attended Wilson Central High School and played for Coach Brad Dedman. During his high school career, Dowell guided the Wildcats to a 8-3 record with a playoff berth in 2016. He graduated from Wilson Central High School in 2017. Dowell was a two-star recruit and received offers from numerous FCS teams, as well as two FBS teams. He initially committed to play for the Chattanooga Mocs, before later switching to the UT Martin Skyhawks. When Dowell was a true freshman at UT Martin in 2017, he redshirted. The following year, he appeared in 11 games and recorded 10 catches for 138 yards and three touchdowns. Dowell was named to the HERO Sports Sophomore All-American team and was named Second-Team All-Conference. In the spring 2021 season that was postponed due to the 2020 pandemic, Dowell started all seven games and recorded 40 receptions for 459 yards and four touchdowns and was named First-Team All-Ohio Valley Conference. *Continued on next page...*



WILSON COUNTY COMMISSION HONORS TENNESSEE TITAN COLTON DOWELL

Continued from previous page... Dowell was named first-team All-OVC and to The Bluebloods All-Conference first team his senior year after tallying 67 receptions for 1,036 yards and six touchdowns. He became the fourth player in program history to eclipse 1,000 receiving yards in a season. Dowell finished his stint at UT Martin as their all-time leader in receiving yards, 2,796, while additionally tallying 177 receptions and 19 scores. He graduated from Tennessee-Martin with a degree in Exercise Science in December of 2021. Dowell, a wide receiver, was selected by the Titans in the seventh round (228th overall) of the 2023 NFL Draft. The County Commission were very pleased to recognize and congratulate Dowell on all his achievements and wish him the best in his football career and in all his future endeavors.



Dowell pictured with family outside the County Commission room after the November 2023 Commission meeting.



GET YOUR UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATERS READY!

Baby, it's cold outside and Ugly Sweater Day is just around the corner! Be sure to break out your fuzziest, ugliest holiday sweater and wear it on Friday, December 15th. This could get ugly...



THIS COULD GET UGLY...

Ugly Christmas Sweater Day | December 15, 2023



Starting At
Round Lick Baptist Church
745 West Main Street

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

PLUS VISIT THE HISTORIC TOWN SQUARE FOR:
SHOPPING • TREE LIGHTING • MUSIC
SANTA • TROUBADOURS • and MORE!

Visit www.WatertownTN.com for event times and to learn more about this community event.

Watertown
Tennessee



learn more online at:
WatertownTN.com

TENNESSEE CHRISTMAS PARADE

DECEMBER 9TH, 11 A.M.

PARADE ROUTE: TWO RIVERS FORD PARK (MT. JULIET LEAGUE) OFF OF LEBANON RD. TO EAST DIVISION STREET OFF OF N. MT. JULIET RD.

THOUSANDS CELEBRATING

80 FLOATS

GRAND MARSHAL:
RETIRED POLICE CHIEF
JAMES HAMBRICK

2023 LEBANON CHRISTMAS PARADE

A Rockin' Christmas

DECEMBER 3RD 2:00 P.M.

PRESENTED BY:

City of
Lebanon
Tennessee

LEBANON
WILSON COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Be Healthy KIDS



FREE

1st - 5th Graders
December 1st & 2nd, 2023
Cumberland University
Students may attend one or both days.

GARDENING

NUTRITION

HANDS-ON
ACTIVITIES

Scan here
to learn
more!



Register by Friday, November 17th. Space is limited.

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



HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR
TENNCARE RENEWAL PACKET?

NEED HELP?

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT TENNCARE RENEWALS?

REACH OUT TO US! (615) 255-0331

www.tnjustice.org

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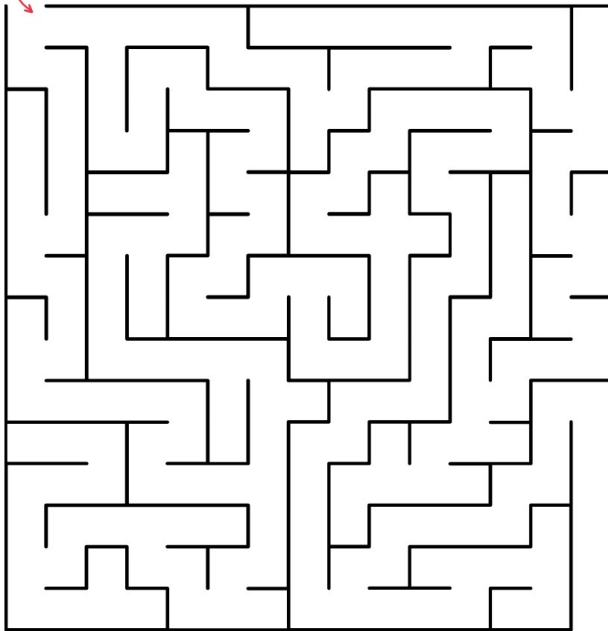
Pearl Harbor
Remembrance Day

December 7, 2023



CHRISTMAS MAZE

Help Santa to find the way through to the gifts.



Christmas Jokes for Kids

- What is a Christmas tree's favorite candy? *Orna-mints!*
- What do you call Santa when he stops moving? *Santa Pause.*
- What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire? *Frostbite.*
- What's Frosty's favorite dessert? *Ice Krispie Treats.*
- What does an elf work on after school? *His gnomework.*
- Why did Santa Claus get a parking ticket on Christmas Eve? *He left his sleigh in a snow parking zone.*
- What do gingerbread men use when they break their legs? *Candy canes.*

MERRY

Christmas



AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From Mayor Hutto's Office



Christmas Spirit

by Kelly Roper

*The smell of pine boughs fills the air,
 Pretty silver bells tinkle everywhere.
 Sparkling snow covers the ground,
 Christmas spirit is all around.*

MERRY Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



Wilson County Government Offices and the Landfill will be closed on the following days in observance of the holidays:

- Monday, December 25th
- Tuesday, December 26th
- Friday, December 29th
- Monday, January 1, 2024

Wilson County Convenience Centers will be closed on:

- Sunday, December 24th
- Monday, December 25th
- Sunday, December 31st
- Monday, January 1st