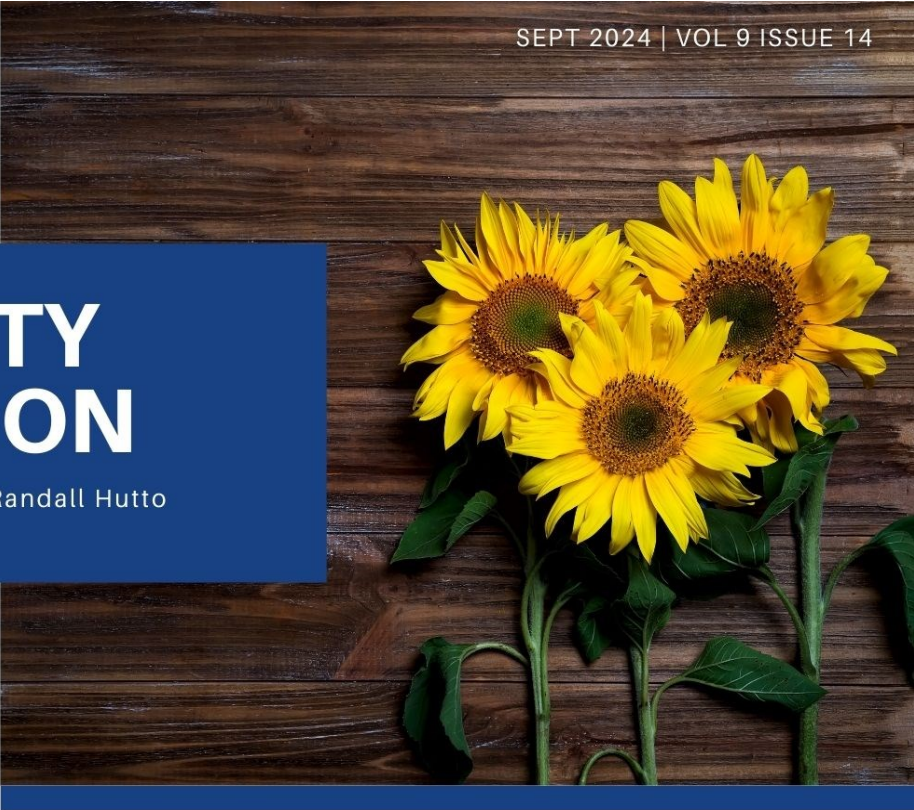




THE COUNTY CONNECTION

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



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A Word from Mayor Hutto...

The Wilson County/Tennessee State Fair was a success! We had another great fair, thanks to Wilson County Promotions and the many others. Overall fair attendance was 861,425. We sincerely thank all of the fair volunteers who helped make it possible, along with the first responders who were on site to make sure everyone got home safely. Our community is blessed with so many people and organizations that work to make a difference every day. However, the positive stories don't get the attention they should. That's why my office and I launched the Wilson County Kind campaign last year. The goal of the campaign is to shine a spotlight on the random kind acts of others. If you see a #WilsonCountyKind moment, share it with us on social media! There are so many kind acts happening all around us. All we have to do is share the stories so that others may be inspired as well!

**Commissioner Spotlight:
Diane Weathers
District 16**



Contact
INFORMATION

Phone: 615-202-5131

**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**

Do you know an outstanding community
volunteer who deserves statewide recognition?
Nominate them for our annual GVSA!

Governor's
VOLUNTEER
STARS *awards*



**APPLY ONLINE AT
WILSONCOUNTYTN.GOV
NOW THRU NOV. 15, 2024!**

For details, contact
Sara Davenport
615.444.1383

NEW DIAPER PROGRAM UNDER STRONG FAMILIES INITIATIVE ANNOUNCED

TENNCARE FIRST MEDICAID PROGRAM IN THE NATION TO COVER THE COST OF DIAPERS FOR CHILDREN UNDER TWO

TennCare, Tennessee's Medicaid program, will provide 100 diapers per month for children under two who are enrolled in TennCare or CoverKids healthcare coverage, as part of the Strong Families Initiative. The new diaper program will take effect on Wednesday, August 7th. TennCare is the first in the nation to offer this benefit.

TennCare is partnering with pharmacies across the state to ensure members have easy access to this benefit. To receive diapers, TennCare or CoverKids members may walk into any participating pharmacy and show their child's OptumRx TennCare pharmacy card or provide their child's social security number at the pharmacy.

TennCare will initially cover select lines and sizes of Huggies and Cuties diapers. Other brands, including Pampers and Luvs, will be added over time. Members should check with participating pharmacies to see what products are stocked at the store. The benefit will cover roughly 100 diapers every 30 days. To allow for varying package sizes, members may receive up to 200 diapers every 60 days.

For a list of participating pharmacies and more information on the diaper initiative, visit <https://www.tn.gov/tenncare/members-applicants/benefits-services/diapers.html>. TennCare will be updating the website frequently as additional diaper brands and participating pharmacies are added throughout implementation of the program. Members with questions should call OptumRx at 888-816-1680.

 Sips & Sounds
of September 

SEPTEMBER 27

at Rural Hill Farm

Rotary
Mt. Juliet Breakfast Club 



Details & Tickets:

wilsonridesinc.org/upcoming-events

With
Hit
Makers



Kelly
Archer



Emily
Shackelton



Karleigh
Schmidt

SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH IN WILSON CO.

Each September, the Wilson County Mayor, Randall Hutto meets with Mrs. Brenda Harper, Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network volunteer, to sign a proclamation which declares the month of September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. This year, Mrs. Susan Phillips of Volunteer Behavioral Health joined Mayor Hutto and Mrs. Harper for the proclamation signing. The proclamation declares September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Wilson County, TN.

After signing the proclamation, Mayor Hutto, Mrs. Harper and Mrs. Phillips designated a Remembrance Tree on the courthouse lawn. Remembrance Trees such as this one will serve as a temporary memorial. Ribbons will be tied to its branches in memory of lives lost to suicide. Those who would like to tie a ribbon to the tree in memory of their loved one are more than welcome to do so. Ribbons are in the front lobby of the courthouse, along with a marker to write a message, scripture, or their loved one's name. Remembrance Trees will be located throughout the county this month.

If you or someone you know are in need of help, you are not alone. There is hope. Call or text 9-8-8 for assistance. The Lifeline is a free 24/7, confidential, short-term crisis counseling line for those experiencing distress. It is a myth that 988 is only for suicidal individuals; it is available to everyone. Call, text, or chat 988 if you are overwhelmed, stressed, and need to talk with a trained counselor.





EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC

Tuesday, September 24, 2024 | 4PM - 7PM

Wilson County Judicial Center | 115 E. High Street, Lebanon, TN 37087

Find out if you have a path to clear your legal record during this unique expungement event. You **MUST REGISTER** by **September 3rd** so your records can be retrieved by the Court Clerk before the clinic. Please, use the QR code to register, or email for more info.

WILSON COUNTY RECORDS ONLY:

- Criminal Record Review
- Judge On-Site
- Expungement Advice & Preparation
- Meet 1:1 with an Attorney

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Mobile American Job Center
- Justice Bus
- Adult Education Resources
- Second Chance Employers

SCAN TO REGISTER
<https://tinyurl.com/vycuz2kab>



Supported by:



For more information email: Sarah.Buckles@tn.gov

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.

The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development is committed to principles of equal opportunity, equal access and affirmative action. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development; Authorization No. 332058. This public document was promulgated for electronic use.

Here's how to Be SMART and protect your family:

- S** **Secure** all guns in your home and vehicles
- M** **Model** responsible behavior around guns
- A** **Ask** about unsecured guns in other homes and vehicles
- R** **Recognize** the role of guns in suicide
- T** **Tell** your friends and neighbors to Be SMART

BeSMARTforKids.org



Mt. Juliet Parks & Rec

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Bring your blanket & chairs
Concessions Available for purchase

MOVIE FREE TO PUBLIC

TO THE FUTURE June 7th 8:30PM
NEMO July 12th 8:40PM
SHREK Aug. 2nd 8:20 PM
ZOOTOPA Sept. 13th 7:30 PM
THE GOONIES Oct. 4th 7:00 PM

MT. JULIET PARKS & RECREATION
LET'S PLAY AND LIVE
PARKS, FITNESS AND FUN

CINEMA
CINEMA

INTERNATIONAL SUDOKU DAY

SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

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REGISTER NOW!

SEPTEMBER 14TH AT 8 AM

623 W MAIN ST, LEBANON

Visit
www.sherrysrun.org
for more information!

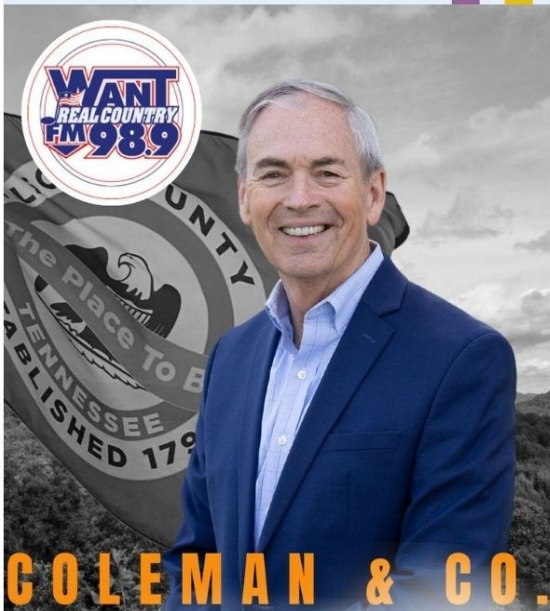
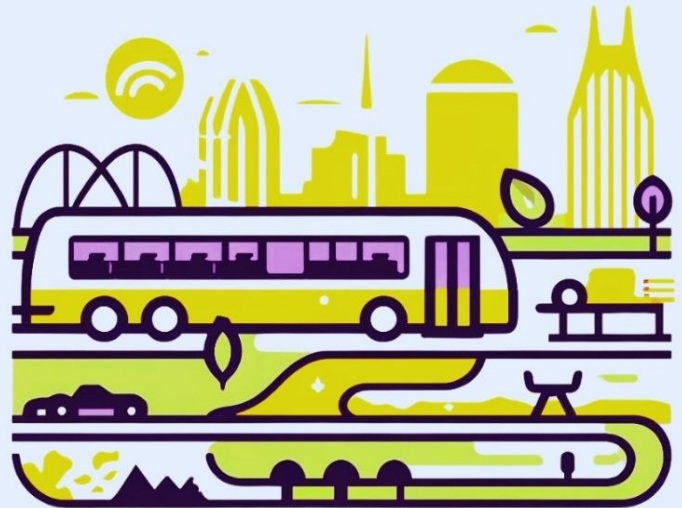
SAVE THE DATE

Breakfast for Better Mobility

Transit Alliance Annual Awards + Fundraiser

October 3

TRANSIT ALLIANCE
OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE



COLEMAN & CO.
TALKSHOW

WANT 98.9 FM / WCOR AM 1490
SEPT. 16TH | WITH COLEMAN WALKER

GUEST, MAYOR RANDALL HUTTO

SEPTEMBER 16 @ 5:30PM

WILSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

MEET &

With County Commissioners

GREET

Proclamation to follow at 7PM Commissioner's meeting



FAIR HONORS TENNESSEE CENTURY FARMS

The Tennessee Century Farms Program was created in 1975 by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture as part of our nation's bicentennial celebration. In 1985, the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University assumed the responsibility for the program. The program was originally designed and continues to be a recognition and documentary effort. The Tennessee Century Farms Program has a farm in all of Tennessee's 95 counties.



The primary focus of the program is to continue honoring and recognizing the dedication and contributions of families who have owned and farmed the same land for at least 100 years. Since its inception, the statewide and ongoing program has certified more than 2,170 farms. That number includes Pioneer Century Farms (farms founded in or prior to the year 1796, the year Tennessee became a state), farms on the National Register, farms that are a part of the Land Trust for Tennessee, farms with African American founders, and farms founded by women.

Families choose whether or not to submit an application and be a part of the program. The Century Farms Program places no restrictions on the farm and offers no legal protection.

During Fair Week, Mayor Hutto had the privilege of attending the Century Farms Luncheon. This luncheon honored families of Century Farms across Tennessee.

Out of all 95 Tennessee counties, Wilson County has the most Century Farms. Currently, there are 118 Century Farms in Wilson County, and 2 Pioneer Farms. Four new farms were inducted into the Century Farm program during this luncheon. These included the Christian Farm, the Triple B-Bates Farm, the Ashe-Bates Farm, and the Bone Hollow Farm. Congratulations to these inductees! The Wilson County/Tennessee State Fair brings with it a wonderful time to recognize and honor our agricultural community. Without our farmers, we would go hungry. Thank you to all our Tennessee farmers for all that you do!

For more information about the Century Farms program, visit www.tncenturyfarms.org/.

**CELEBRATING NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH
IN WILSON COUNTY**

SPEAKERS LIVE MUSIC FREE FOOD KIDS ZONE RESOURCES



Hope & Recovery
FEST

MATT MILLER



RONNIE CLARDY



**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 7
10 AM - 2 PM**

**CUMBERLAND UNIVERSITY ALUMNI HALL
212 LEEVILLE PIKE, LEBANON, TN**

TO CELEBRATE THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF RECOVERY WHILE FOSTERING MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS
TO BREAK THE STIGMA OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE.

THE LEBANON DRIVER SERVICE CENTER TEMPORARILY CLOSING FOR REMODELING

The Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security's Driver Service Center located on Maddox Simpson Parkway in Lebanon will be closed beginning July 15, 2024 and will reopen in January of 2025. This remodel will result in new flooring, fresh paint, an expanded parking lot, and additional building space.

To accommodate citizens during the remodel, resources are available such as nearby Driver Services Centers, the Wilson County Clerk's Office, nearby Self-Service Kiosks, Mobile Units, and online services. Teenagers between 15 and 17 years of age can take the knowledge test online under a parent or guardian's supervision via the Tennessee Proctor Identification (PID) app.

Nearby Driver Services Centers:

- Gallatin Driver Services Center - [855 North Blue Jay Way, Gallatin, TN](#)
- Murfreesboro Driver Services Center - [1035 Samsonite Boulevard, Murfreesboro, TN](#)
- Murfreesboro Express Driver Services Center - [3906 Blaze Drive, Murfreesboro, TN](#)

County Partnership:

- Wilson County Clerk - [129 South College Street, Lebanon, TN](#) - By appointment only

Nearby Self-Service Kiosks:

- Mt. Juliet Police Department - [1019 Charlie Daniels Parkway, Mt. Juliet, TN](#)
- Smith County Clerk's Office - [122 Turner High Circle, #104, Carthage, TN](#)
- Sumner County Clerk's Office - [355 North Belvedere Drive, Room #105, Gallatin, TN](#)

At a self-service kiosk, citizens are able to renew a handgun carry permit (Enhanced only), order a duplicate handgun carry permit (Enhanced, lifetime and concealed carry), upgrade to a lifetime handgun carry permit, pay full reinstatement fees (Partial payment plans are not accepted), reissue a driving privilege after reinstating (If customer has an ID, they must visit a Driver Services center for re-issuance), add emergency contacts, update, replace or renew their regular driver's license, change an address, voter registration, or advance a graduated driver license. Kiosks only accept credit or debit card payments.

Please Join Us For The

9.28.2024

WILSON COUNTY VETERANS BENEFIT BALL
VET GALA

5:30pm - 9:30pm

THE MILL
EDGERTON HALL
300 North Maple Street
Lebanon, TN 37087



Ticket Pricing: Veterans \$50 | Non-Veteran \$75 | Table Sponsor \$1000

Tickets Available in person at Wilson County Veterans Service Office | 304 East Main Street, Lebanon, TN |
Monday - Friday 8am -4pm

Formal Attire





WILSON COUNTY OPIOID REMEDIATION FUNDING COMMITTEE

APPLY FOR OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDING

Applications for funding will be made available and accepted beginning August 1st through September 30th, 2024.

Applications can be picked up at Wilson County Finance, and completed proposals must be submitted to Labraunya Horton at Wilson County Finance no later than 4:00pm on the last business day of September.

OVERVIEW

In response to the extensive damage and loss of life caused by the opioid crisis, a consequence of the unethical and over-prescribing of opioid medications, the state of Tennessee will be receiving settlement funds over the next 18 years from several large corporations. Wilson County has been allocated a portion of these funds, which will be received in the form of annual payments. The Wilson County Opioid Remediation Funding Committee has been established by the County to oversee the spending of these funds for the abatement and remediation of opioid use and misuse, exclusively for the benefit of Wilson County.

Applications will be accepted from community non-profit organizations and government agencies that serve residents of Wilson County within the approved Remediation Uses set forth by the TN Opioid Abatement Council. The Committee will dispense funds in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations that counties must adhere to when allocating funds to community organizations. After reviewing and scoring all applications received, organizations can expect to receive notice of award in January.



ELIGIBILITY



TYPES OF ORGANIZATIONS

- Non-profit charitable organizations with 501(c)(3) status
- Non-profit civic organization
- Government organization in Wilson County



REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Application for Opioid Settlement Funding
- Wilson County Budget Template
- Budgeted Annual Revenue and Expense (prior year)
- Actual Annual Revenue and Expense (prior year)

If applicable, the following documents must also be included

- 501(c)(3)
- State certification, licensure, or accreditation
- List of Current Board Members



APPROVED REMEDIATION USES OF FUNDS

- Primary Prevention
- Harm Reduction
- Treatment
- Recovery Support
- Education / Training
- Research & Evaluation



Labraunya Horton



WCOpFund@wilsoncountyttn.gov



Wilson County Finance
228 E. Main Street
Lebanon, TN 37087

WILSON CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE



2024 CITIZENS ACADEMY

SEPTEMBER 17 – NOVEMBER 5, 2024

An 8 week course meeting every Tuesday from 6–9 p.m. The academy is designed to give the citizens of Wilson County an in-depth look at our agency and the training our officers receive through interactive training.

Participants who complete the program will receive a certification of completion at the Citizens Academy Graduation. However this is not a program to become a sworn officer.



- Corrections & Patrol Operations
- Criminal Investigations
- Identify Scams & Frauds
- Dangerous Drug Awareness
- Situational Awareness & Defensive Tactics
- Firearms Safety
- S.W.A.T. Operations & Live Scenarios
- Building Communication

Requirements:

Applicants must be 18 and live or work in Wilson County. You must also pass a background check. No physical requirements are required to attend the Citizens Academy.

“Don’t miss this opportunity to engage with your community and gain valuable insights into the operations of the Wilson County Sheriff’s Office. It is our goal to create a bridge of communication between our officers and the community“

HOW TO APPLY:

WCSO95.ORG
APPLICATIONS CAN
BE MAILED, FAXED, OR
HAND DELIVERED TO THE
SHERIFF’S OFFICE

**FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT
CPL. MATT BUSH
AT 615-444-1412 EXT. 272
OR MBUSH@WCSO95.ORG**

WILSON COUNTY RESOURCE FAIR

Bring your family and meet your local community agencies who can get you connected with resources such as job placement assistance, physical and mental health aid, education information, school supplies, resources for seniors, pet care assistance and more!



WHO WILL BE THERE?



AND MORE!

WHEN AND WHERE?

August 9th: 5pm-7pm
 August 10th: 8am-12pm
 415 Harding Dr. Lebanon, TN 37087

September is Suicide Prevention Month throughout the State of Tennessee.

Join us for our annual NEVER ALONE EVENT

as we honor our friends and loved ones touched by suicide.

Sponsored by:



And other community partners.

Tuesday @ 11 A.M., September 10, 2024
 Cumberland Cafe Patio/Veranda

WILSON COUNTY FAIR

TEDDY BEAR FESTIVAL 2024



SEPTEMBER 6-8

GREAT COUNTRY, BLUEGRASS & GOSPEL MUSIC WITH ARTISTS FROM ALL OVER THE US & CANADA

FRI 5PM-9PM • SAT 10AM-9PM • SUN 10AM-2PM

3 days of great music benefiting St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

BRING A NEW TEDDY BEAR

in lieu of a ticket to give to a terminally ill child.

One day tickets are \$10 and a three-day pass is \$25. Donations are gladly accepted.

To donate or purchase tickets: www.ticketleap.events/tickets/coltrecords.com



St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Thank you to our wonderful sponsors!



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AUG 20
 THRU SEPT 17
 TUES & THUR
 9AM-3PM

IBC SALT & LIGHT HOUSE
 220 WILDWOOD AVE | LEBANON

3 MEANS FREE!
 3 COATS, GET CHICK-FIL-A COUPON!



WILSON COUNTY KIND

SPOTLIGHT *submitted by Susan Shaw*

We made new friends through the Wilson County Kind campaign to put a spotlight on kindness! In a search for a donation of bottled water, we met Eddie Robertson of Cash Saver's and learned of the many ways he gives back to people in the community such as providing Thanksgiving dinners and food for families at Christmas. He introduced us to Matthew Black and his team at Black's Buildings. While they sell handmade buildings as their business, Matt Black loves to help the community and he does so often with Eddie Robertson. Stop by Cash Saver's for a great grocery shopping experience and go take a look at Black Buildings on Briskin Lane if you want to see some beautiful custom made buildings! These men donated bottled water which we will have labeled Wilson County Kind at the Suicide Prevention Awareness event September 10th on Cumberland University Campus.



Pictured: Mr. Eddie Robertson of Cash Saver Lebanon (center), Susan Shaw (left) and Sara Davenport (right) of the Wilson County Mayor's Office



Pictured above: Mr. Matthew Black (centered left), Mayor Randall Hutto (centered right), along with staff members of Blacks Buildings & the Mayor's Office



Bourbon Tasting \$150

VIP Tasting \$250

FRIDAY **October 25th, 2024** 5:30PM-10PM

Bourbon Tastings • VIP Tastings • Cigar Bar • Cash Bar
Hors d'Oeuvres • Live Auction • Silent Auction
Music • Networking • and More!



Benefiting & Hosted by: **Rotary** Club of Lebanon, TN

Tucker's Gap Event Center
2900 Callis Road · Lebanon, TN 37090

Scan for more info!

Curated by: **Cheers** WINE & LIQUOR

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

FREE EVENT

2nd Annual

Live Like Ambria Day

8:00 AM Kickoff | 5K Walk/Run | Pickleball Bash
Tom's Coffee Truck Opens

12:00 PM Volleyball Tournament Begins
Food Trucks Open

2:00 PM Free Activities for Kiddos & Local Vendors
Petting Zoo | Inflatables | Foam Party | Face Painting | AND MORE!

4:30 PM Live Music Begins

6:00 PM Kids Activities Close
Join us for the Balloon Release!

SUNSET Balloon Release



Volleyball Tournament Registration



Pickleball Bash Registration



5K Walk/Run Registration

Event Details, Ticket Sales, & Sponsorship Information:
www.TheGreatBourbonSocial.com

LEBANON WILSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CHARTER DAY PICNIC

Cumberland University Lawn

Lebanon Wilson County Chamber of Commerce is turning 100! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets, gather your friends and family, and join us as we celebrate this milestone!

SEPTEMBER 5, 2024
4-7PM

100-YEAR PROCLAMATION
WITH CITY OF LEBANON MAYOR RICK BELL

BLUEGRASS BAND

Live performance by Fiddlers Grove
Historic Village Back Porch Stage's
bluegrass musicians

GAMES & CHAMBER HISTORY

LIVE MUSIC



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Charter Day Sponsor

celebrating 100 YEARS
LEBANON WILSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
CONNECT. GROW. BELONG.

Food Trucks

The Grilled Cheeserie

MAIN STREET
Meranda's Creamery
LEBANON, TN

Rusty Lemon
FRESHLY SQUEEZED LEMONADE

Just Fish
FRESHNESS TAKES OVER

ROASTED COCONUT
BY PROD. EAT. TASTE.

THE DOG HOUSE
A POTATO COMPANY

NO ADMISSION - COMMUNITY EVENT

September 21st



FREE EVENT



Charlie Daniels Park

9-11-01
PATRIOT DAY
WE WILL NEVER FORGET