



# THE COUNTY CONNECTION

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



## *A Word from Mayor Hutto...*

November is here! The holiday season is upon us, and we are quickly entering the time of year when we take more time to reflect on what we are thankful for. As County Mayor, I am in a unique position as I not only get to see the “fruit” of the labor we put forth in county government, but I also get to witness all of the work that the public may not see. Wilson County Government is composed of several departments and fee offices. The people that work in each of these offices ensure the county itself runs smoothly. These men and women contribute so much more than the most citizens will ever see or know. They are always diligently working behind the scenes to ensure our citizens are safe and well equipped to live full lives in our community. *Continued on page 08.*

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Contact  
INFORMATION

Phone: 615-457-9546

## 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



## ATTENTION WILSON COUNTY VOTERS

### ON ELECTION DAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

#### Vote at any of these Vote Center Locations 7am - 7pm

St. Stephen Catholic  
14544 Lebanon Rd., Old Hickory, TN 37138

Lakeview Elementary School  
6211 Saundersville Rd., Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

Charlie Daniels Park  
1075 Charlie Daniels Pkwy, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

West Elementary School  
9315 Lebanon Rd., Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

The Church at Pleasant Grove  
555 Pleasant Grove Rd., Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

Rutland Elementary  
1995 S. Rutland Rd., Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

Gladeville Community Center  
95 McCrary Rd., Lebanon, TN 37090

LaGuardo Baptist Church  
8585 TN-109, Lebanon, TN 37087

Berea Church  
50 Berea Church Rd, Lebanon, TN 37087

Maple Hill Church  
102 Maple Hill Rd., Lebanon, TN 37087

Lebanon High School  
500 Blue Devil Blvd., Lebanon, TN 37087

First United Methodist Church  
415 W. Main St., Lebanon, TN 37087

Market Street Community Center  
321 East Market St., Lebanon, TN 37087

Southside Elementary  
1224 Murfreesboro Rd., Lebanon, TN 37087

Carroll-Oakland  
4664 Hunters Point Pike, Lebanon, TN 37087

Tuckers Crossroads  
5820 Big Springs Rd, Lebanon, TN 37090

Watertown Community Center  
8630 Sparta Pike, Watertown, TN 37184

Norene Community Center  
11770 Cainsville Rd., Lebanon, TN 37090

WILSON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
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FEDERALLY ISSUED PHOTO ID - IT IS REQUIRED



# LOCAL DONATES ARTIFACT COLLECTION TO VETERANS MUSEUM

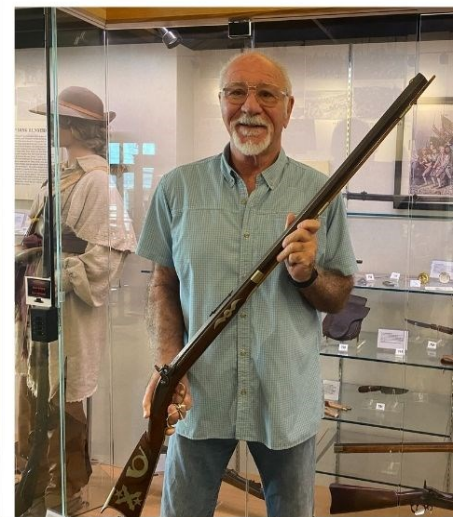
The Wilson County Veterans' Museum displays military items and artifacts for all ages to enjoy and learn about. Wilson County is proud to be home to over 10,000 veterans. Many of these artifacts were used by local veterans during their time in the service. The museum displays artifacts from the Long Hunters & early settlers up to the present day.

A local collector and artifact enthusiast, Mr. Michael Slarve, has loaned items from his collection to the Wilson County Archives and Veterans' Museum for years. Recently, he decided to donate items from his personal collection to the Veterans Museum. His collection contained various military artifacts ranging from periods during the Revolutionary War into later wars. These items were given permanently to the Veterans' Museum to use in their displays. These artifacts are extremely rare and compliment the displays that highlight the early times in our county. We sincerely thank Mr. Slarve for his generosity in sharing these artifacts so they may be seen by citizens and visitors of all ages!

The Wilson County Veterans' Museum is open from 8AM-4PM on Mondays thru Fridays. Contact the Wilson County Veterans' Museum by calling 615-444-2460. For more information on Wilson County's history, call Mrs. Linda Grandstaff, the Archives Director, at 615-443-1993.



Pictured (left to right): County Mayor Randall Hutto, Michael Slarve, Archives Director Mrs. Linda Grandstaff



## WATERTOWN RECEIVES TURNTABLE GRANT

The City of Watertown has received notice that the US Department of Transportation has approved partial funding for a \$2.4 million rail infrastructure project. The Watertown Rail Yard project will include installation of a rail siding, through a train turntable with additional storage tracks, on city-owned property adjacent to the Nashville and Eastern Railroad near S. Central Avenue.



Photo Credit: Andy Humbles/The Tennessean

The Watertown Rail Yard will enhance safety and create additional capacity for rail activity, as well as improve operations for the frequent excursion trains that operate between Nashville and Watertown.

"This is a great day for the City of Watertown, for Wilson County, and for the broader Middle Tennessee area," said Watertown Mayor Michael Jennings. "We are grateful to the many people who advocated for this project. We also benefitted from enthusiastic community support from our City Council, a local citizen's advisory committee, the Chamber of Commerce, and from Historic Watertown, Inc."

"The railroad is a key part of Watertown's history and identity, and the economic activity generated by the excursion trains is vital to our downtown business district," added Jennings.

The US DOT funding is provided through a competitive grant program under the Federal Railroad Administration's Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program. The grant to Watertown was one of 122 projects awarded across 41 states and the District of Columbia in the most recent grant competition.

Financing of the project includes federal CRISI funding of \$1.6 million that will be matched with \$800,000 from local governments and one or more private foundations.

For more information, contact Mayor Michael Jennings at [mjenningslaw@aol.com](mailto:mjenningslaw@aol.com).

## BURN PERMITS REQUIRED DURING AUTUMN SEASON

On October 15th, the Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry (TDF) announced that a free burn permit is required this season prior to burning leaves or natural vegetation, including debris generated by Hurricane Helene. Permits are only issued when it is safe to burn. When conditions are



unsafe due to hazardous conditions like high winds or extreme drought, TDF temporarily pauses the issuance of burn permits and resumes once conditions improve.

Burn permits are free and can be obtained at [www.BurnSafeTN.org](http://www.BurnSafeTN.org). Online permits are issued 7 days a week, 8 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. in Eastern or Central time zones, depending on your location. Although online applications are encouraged, residents with limited internet access may call 877-350-BURN (2876) to request a permit Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Central. Always obtain a permit on the day you intend to burn any size leaf, brush, or debris pile or conduct a prescribed fire. Each fire should be completely extinguished by the permit expiration and no fire should be left unattended at any time.

If you live inside city limits, check with your municipality for additional restrictions before you burn.

Visit [www.BurnSafeTN.org](http://www.BurnSafeTN.org) for additional tips to burn safely and to protect your community.

The Division of Forestry protects Tennessee's forests by fighting wildfires, coordinating hazard emergency response, providing prescribed fire guidance and contract services, as well as wildland fire training. Additionally, the Division promotes the responsible use of forest resources by assisting landowners, providing quality seedlings, monitoring insects and diseases, improving urban forests, managing state forests, protecting water quality, and collecting forest inventory data. The Division also works to promote primary and secondary forest industries to stimulate the state's economy. Visit [www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests](http://www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests) for more information.

# WILSON COUNTY CELEBRATES 225TH ANNIVERSARY

This was a very special October for us, as was it marked Wilson County's 225th year as a county! Wilson County was established on October 26, 1799 and was named in honor of David Wilson who served with distinction in the Revolutionary War. He was also a member of the Territorial Assembly and Speaker of the House of Representatives in 1794.

In honor of the 225th Anniversary, a three-day long celebration at Fiddler's Grove. For two days, 4th graders from Wilson County Schools and the Lebanon Special School District went on field trips to Fiddlers Grove to learn about the early years of our county. Some of the field trips' key topics were agriculture, manufacturing, day-to-day life, transportation, commerce.

On Saturday, October 26th, the official 225 commemoration event was held. The celebration was free for the public to attend and included music, food, public speakers, historic photographs and heritage craft demonstrators, such as broom makers and blacksmiths. A new exhibit about Native American agriculture was also unveiled. Representatives from Wilson County's local and state governments were present and spoke that morning. It was a truly wonderful event, and we thank everyone involved for making it possible for citizens and visitors alike! See photos from the event on the next page of this newsletter.



CLOSED FOR  
*Thanksgiving*

WILSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
OFFICES, CONVENIENCE  
CENTERS, AND LANDFILL WILL  
BE CLOSED ON

**THURSDAY & FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER 28 & 29**

CONVENIENCE CENTERS WILL  
OPEN ON SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 30TH. WILSON  
COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
OFFICES AND THE LANDFILL  
WILL RETURN TO THEIR  
REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS ON  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2ND.

*Live Music*  
**1<sup>ST</sup> DEC**  
Buy Tickets  
[QR Code]

*Cocktails*  
**WITH**  
**Santa**  
**& MRS. CLAUS**

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Lebanon, TN

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6 PM - 10 PM

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*Celebrating*  
**225**  
YEARS



# A Word from Mayor Hutto...

Continued from page 01...We have done some amazing things this year: Passed the FY24/25 budget with no tax increase, received AARP Age-Friendly Community Certification, held our 1st Mental Health Fair, passed a resolution that gave 1st responder status to our emergency dispatchers, purchased the county's 1st ladder truck, held the Looking into the Future Seminar Series, and so many more. These accomplishments are the work of average citizens who passionately strive to make Wilson County a better place without applause or recognition. I am grateful for all of the success we have had this year, but I am most grateful for the individuals that made all of our success possible. It is my hope that throughout this month we all take time to be a little more thankful each day. May we go into this holiday season grateful for not only our successes and 'wins', but for each and every individual who makes our life meaningful. 'Tis the season to be thankful! I wish you all a blessed and Happy Veterans Day and Thanksgiving later this month. Thank you for all that you do for Wilson County!



WISHING YOU A  
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*Happy*  
**VETERANS DAY**  
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THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR SERVICE,  
VETERANS!  
WILSON COUNTY  
GOVERNMENT OFFICES,  
LANDFILL & CONVENIENCE  
CENTERS WILL BE CLOSED ON  
**NOVEMBER 11TH**  
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WE WILL RETURN TO OUR  
USUAL SCHEDULES ON  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH.

# Compassionate Hands

Will you help us serve the homeless in Wilson County this winter?



Over 30 Wilson County churches work together to provide emergency shelter during the cold winter months through Compassionate Hands. If you are interested in serving, there are opportunities available in transportation, registration, overnight hosting, laundry, and breakfast. Register today! <https://prov.church/sign-ups/compassionate-hands/>

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](http://WILSONCOUNTYTN.GOV)  
NOW THRU NOV. 8, 2024!



For details, contact  
Sara Davenport  
615.444.1383

# WILSON COUNTY SERVICES OFFICE HOSTS 1ST ANNUAL VETERANS BALL

The Wilson County Veterans Services Office hosted its 1st Annual Inaugural Wilson County Veterans Benefit Ball on September 28th, 2024. “During the Ball, we had the honor of recognizing and celebration some of our hometown heroes, paying tribute to their incredible service and sacrifice for our great nation,” the Wilson County Veterans Benefit Ball Team stated. “It was a privilege to aware Quilts of Valor to two World War II veterans, Mr. Hasper Ralph Carey and Mr. Frank Michanowicz, as well as to Vietnam War veteran William Seay. In a truly special moment, we were also able to present a donated vehicle to a deserving veteran, William Waters. We are blessed to live in a community where our Veterans Service Office receives such strong support from our County Mayor, Commissioners, and the entire Wilson County Community.”

We’re looking forward to next year’s benefit ball! Until then, we sincerely thank those who made the event possible, as well as the many men and women who proudly serve our nation. Thank you to all who serve! *(See next page for photos from the event!)*

## TN RURAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The Tennessee Department of Human Services recently shared a link via the social media platform, “X.” Their post stated that Tennessee community members, organizations & leaders can now use the Rural Toolbox at <http://TN.Gov/Rural> to easily access information on state funding (grant) options, success stories, & partnership opportunities.





# FORESTRY PARTNERS INVITE PARTICIPATION IN WHITE OAK ACORN COLLECTION INITIATIVE

*TAKING PLACE NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 15TH*

Tennessee residents are invited to participate in a statewide white oak acorn collection project to aid in white oak restoration across the state. Called the Tennessee White Oak Initiative, it is a cooperative effort between the Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry (TDF), TDF's East Tennessee Nursery, the University of Tennessee Extension, and the Tennessee Forestry Association.



“White oaks are a critical element of Tennessee’s forests,” State Forester Heather Slayton said. “The roles they play in our ecosystems and economy are invaluable, which is why it is so distressing to see the dropping rates of white oak regrowth in our forests. This initiative is one part of a large-scale effort to address this challenge.”

Each year, TDF’s East Tennessee Nursery in Polk County grows a large crop of white oak seedlings, which are critical to white oak restoration efforts statewide. Unfortunately, over the last few years, seed suppliers have been unable to meet the nursery’s seed volume needs. Now in its fourth year, the white oak acorn collection program is designed to supplement the nursery’s seed supply to boost seedling production. This type of wild seed collection also tends to yield higher quality, larger, and stronger seedlings.

Individuals, civic organizations, forestry groups, landowners, and youth organizations that would like to participate should visit [www.tnforestry.com/white-oak-acorn-collection](http://www.tnforestry.com/white-oak-acorn-collection) to begin the process. This year’s collection program will open on October 15, 2024, and end on November 15, 2024.

Interested parties may reach out to their local TDF area forester for assistance in identifying the correct tree species and information on how to collect, store, and deliver acorns for inclusion in the program. Find your local TDF area forester at [www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests/staff.html](http://www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests/staff.html).

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](http://www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests) for more information.

# 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 5, 2024. 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 is a condensed list of the items collected (weight expressed in pounds):

- Flammable Liquids: 1,873
- Non-Hazardous Liquids: 4,042
- Corrosives: 1,162
- Poisons: 3,589
- Oil Based Paint: 1,600
- Aerosols: 857
- Fluorescent Tubes: 234
- Mercury: 25
- Medical Sharps: 47

In total, the event collected 13,611 pounds of hazardous materials, which cost a total of \$32,993.93 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 visit <https://www.tn.gov/environment/sw-mm-household-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](http://www.wilsoncountyttn.gov) or call 615-444-8360.

# JOSEPH'S STOREHOUSE CELEBRATES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY



Congratulations to Joseph's Storehouse Food Ministry on their 25th Anniversary! The ministry was first established in 1999 by Bob and Peggy Evans. Due to his deteriorating health, Bob retired in early 2017, before passing away in March of 2018. Peggy took the helm in 2017 until her retirement in June of 2020 when the board elected their son-in-law, Benny Nolen, as the new Executive Director. Their daughter, Lisa Nolen, runs the office. Their Board of Directors include Chip Smith (Vice President), Chris Johnson (Secretary), Tom Boyd (Treasurer), J.B. Copeland, Robin Hardin, and Johan McGregor.



*Pictured: Bob and Peggy Evans, Founders*

A celebration was held in their honor on October 24th. Susan Shaw in the Wilson County Mayor's Office attended the event on Mayor Hutto's behalf and presented the Executive Director, Mr. Benny Nolen, with a certificate of appreciation. It said, "We sincerely thank Joseph's Storehouse Food Ministry for their 25 years of faithful service to our county and our community!"



*Photos courtesy of the Joseph's Storehouse Facebook Page*



# Employee Halloween Costume Contest



# WILSON COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH FAIR

The Annual 2024 Employee Health Fair was held on Tuesday, October 29th at the East/West Building of the Fairgrounds. This year's event had a tremendous turnout! Nearly 400 employees and retirees were in attendance. There were numerous health vendors, and the employee clinic administered free flu shots. Breakfast and lunch were catered by Cracker Barrel. Employees received a Wilson County T-shirt and registered to win door prizes. Employees in Trustee, Circuit Court, Finance, HR, County Clerk, Sheriff, Road Department, Solid Waste, Wema, Ag, Planning, Register of Deeds and County Buildings were among the winners of the many prizes given away. Cigna insurance gives our benefits department the wellness funds to host this event for employees. We sincerely thank our benefits department, as they work diligently each year to put this fair on for our employees.





As always, we want to show our gratitude to our military heroes by offering

**FREE admission to our show**

**November 8-11!**

**and then enjoy \$5 off admission all season**

**\*\$5 off not good with any other coupons/discounts**

If you are currently serving, or have ever served in the past, we want to honor you and thank you for the sacrifices you have made that allow us the freedoms we have.

**God Bless you and God Bless the United States of America!**



[www.thedancinglightsofchristmas.com/special-events](http://www.thedancinglightsofchristmas.com/special-events)

Saturday, Nov 9th 1-6pm  
Downtown Lebanon + The Mill at Lebanon

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**WILSON COUNTY JOB FAIR**

Wednesday, November 6th 2024  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
415 Tennessee Boulevard Lebanon TN, 37087  
\*Inside the Lebanon TCAT!\*  
Parking available in the back!



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# WILSON COUNTY CERTIFIED BY AARP AS AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

Wilson County, Tennessee has received the Certificate of Commitment for becoming an Age-Friendly Community in the AARP network. Wilson County is 1 of only 2 counties in the state to achieve this certification. Wilson County has much to offer the senior population for social connections, senior transportation, civic participation, and other areas important to quality of life. To earn certification, the county demonstrated commitment to fostering age-friendly action plans which make Wilson County a happy, healthy “Place to Be” for residents of all ages.

The senior population is the fastest growing demographic in Tennessee. In Wilson County, almost 35,000 residents are age 60+. By 2030—within 6 years—over 45,000 residents will be over 60. This growth is due to people moving into Wilson County, but it is also organic, with local adults naturally aging into the senior segment.

Wilson County Mayor, Randall Hutto wrote a Letter of Support, and the County Commission signed a Resolution to demonstrate the level of commitment to making Wilson County age friendly. An Advisory Council of community leaders and partner agencies including GNRC, MCHRA, Home Instead, and the Jimmy Floyd Community Center met to identify the many ways our community supports senior adults. It has always been a priority for Mayor Hutto to ensure that quality of life exists for seniors.

The next steps are to conduct a community assessment survey and make an action plan, integrating current initiatives with new projects to develop the age-friendly livable community which is Wilson County. The county’s goals coincide with the TN Department of Health’s 2024-2026 state health plan’s goal to expand age-friendly communities across the state. As an age-friendly community, the motto “Wilson County, The Place to Be” holds true for residents of all ages!



Pictured (front row, left to right): Susan Shaw, Maggie Lea with Home Instead, Mayor Randall Hutto, Sara Davenport, Stacy Pennington, AARP Community Outreach Director (back row, left to right) Byron Kamp and Alex Major, Director of the Jimmy Floyd Center

# WILSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



**927 East Baddour Parkway  
Lebanon, TN 37087  
(615) 444-5325**

**REGULAR CLINIC HOURS  
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY  
8:00 a.m.— 4:30 p.m.**

The Wilson County Health Department provides a variety of basic health services to prevent and treat illnesses. Most services are by appointment. Based on need and provider availability, work-ins may be accepted. Please call ahead to determine your eligibility. The Health Department serves as a "safety net" for the uninsured, providing a sliding-scale fee based on income.

Please call for further information.

## **OTHER SERVICES**

- Vital Records: Birth and Death Certificates
- Health Education: provides health-related educational programs in the community.
- Environmental Health Services: Inspection of food service establishments, hotels, public swimming pools, bed and breakfast establishments, campgrounds, tattoo and body piercing studios, childcare facilities, and schools.
- Emergency Preparedness: Serves as a community partner in the protection against the onset of epidemics and other possible events.

## **ADULT SERVICES**

- Primary Care, including minor illnesses, physicals, pap smears, colorectal, and other tests to screen for cancer.
- Tuberculosis diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up.
- Immunizations against influenza (flu), pneumonia, and tetanus boosters.
- Confidential diagnosis, treatment, and counseling for Sexually Transmitted Diseases, including HIV/AIDS.
- WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Nutrition Program
- Family Planning
- Emergency and routine dental care

## **CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

- Well-child check-ups, including physical exams and screening tests
- Immunizations.
- WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Nutrition Program
- Children's Special Services (CSS)
- HUGS Home Visitation Program
- Dental care



*The mission of the Tennessee Department of Health is to protect, promote and improve the health and prosperity of people in Tennessee.*

**Adalberto Valdez**  
Public Health Director

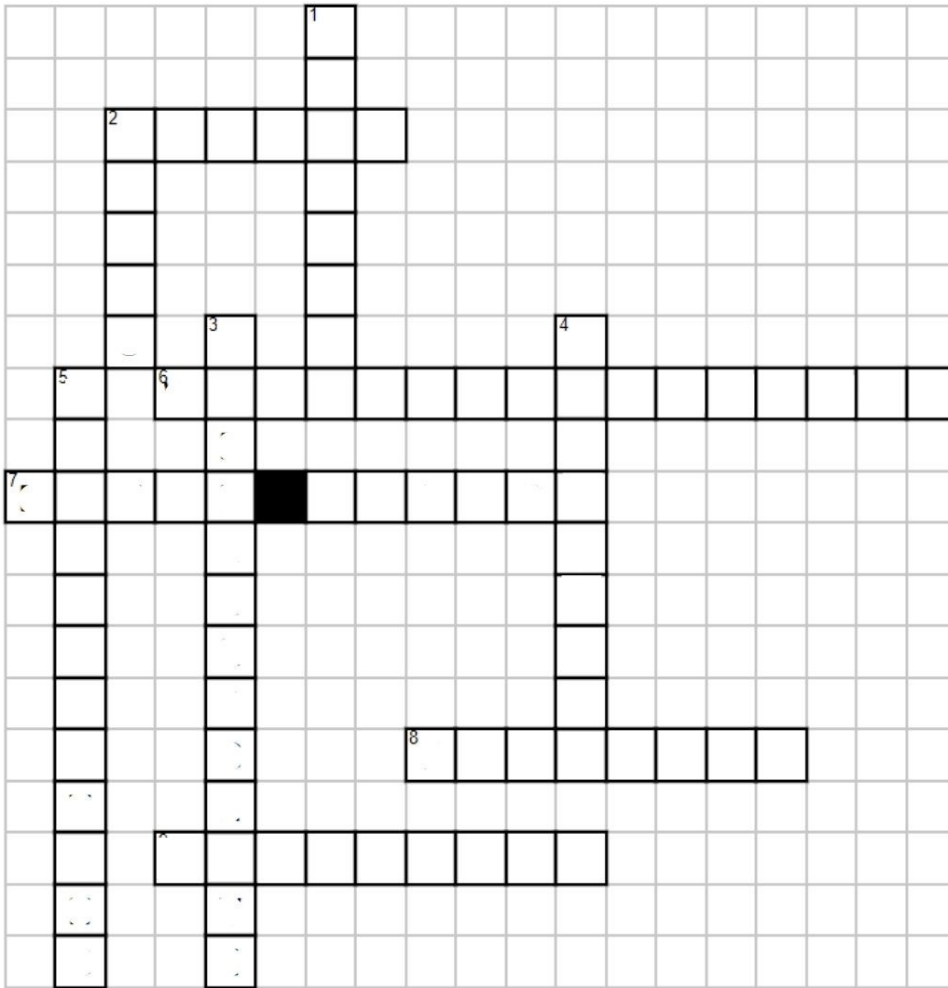
**Darlene Brown, R.N.**  
Supervisor of Medical Services

**Elesha Taylor**  
Supervisor of Administrative Services

For more information, please visit <http://health.state.tn.us>

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Complete the November newsletter-themed crossword puzzle to see how well you read the newsletter!



2. Thank you to everyone who attended the Employee \_\_\_\_ Fair!
6. In 2023, Wilson County Launched an ongoing Kindness Campaign called \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_.
7. Wilson County was named after \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_, who served with distinction in the Revolutionary War, was a member of the Territorial Assembly and Speaker of the House of Representatives in 1794.
8. AARP recently certified Wilson County as an age-\_\_\_\_ community.
9. The Governors \_\_\_\_ Stars Awards celebrates the outstanding individuals in our county who give back to others!

## Down

1. Wilson County is proud to be home to nearly 10,000 \_\_\_\_.
2. Compassionate \_\_\_\_ is a ministry which focuses on serving the unhoused and gives them a warm place to sleep during winter months.
3. Wilson County celebrated its 225th Anniversary at \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_.
4. The City of Watertown just received a grant for the train \_\_\_\_.
5. This month, we will be closed for Veterans Day and \_\_\_\_.

