



THE COUNTY CONNECTION

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



A Word from Mayor Hutto...

Oh, there's no place like home for the holidays! We'll have plenty of festivities to enjoy throughout this Christmas season. The Dancing Lights of Christmas are taking place at the fairgrounds, and the Cities of Lebanon, Mt. Juliet, and Watertown will each hold their annual Christmas parades. There's lots to do and plenty of opportunities to give back to the community this holiday season. You can even help make a difference once Christmas is over! Take your real Christmas tree over to Rockwood Sustainable Solutions to be recycled for FREE! (See page 04). Once processed by Rockwood, the recycled live trees will become landscaping mulch used to beautify, and enrich the soil at, commercial and residential properties across Wilson County. Wilson Farmer's Coop is the local retailer of Rockwood's range of mulch offerings. In addition to the environmental benefits of recycling live Christmas trees, doing so is much safer than breaking down and burning a live tree at a residence. Rockwood will also make a monetary donation to the Wilson County FCA for each tree recycled during the "Merry Mulching" initiative. 'Tis the season! My office staff and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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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**

HONORING LARRY'S BARBERSHOP'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

An honorary resolution was read during the November County Commission meeting to recognize and congratulate Larry's Barbershop on its 60th Anniversary. Larry's Barbershop has been a well-respected establishment since 1964. The barbershop represents other small businesses across the nation that are pillars of their communities. In an increasingly digitized world, it is important to recognize the small businesses that remind us of the human connections that define our community. By supporting these enterprises, we not only sustain local economies but also cherish the unique identities and relationships that make Wilson County home. Please join us in congratulating Mr. Larry & his team on this milestone!



Pictured: Larry Capps (owner of Larry's Barbershop) with wife, Mary Capps



EAT.
DRINK
and be
MERRY

JOIN US AT MAYOR HUTTO'S
ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

DECEMBER **5** 4PM - 6PM

228 E. MAIN ST. RM 104
LEBANON, TN 37087

615.444.1383
DAVENPORTS@WILSONCOUNTYTN.GOV



Merry CHRISTMAS

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wilson County Government Offices,
Convenience Centers, and the Landfill will
be CLOSED on the following days in
observance of the holidays:

- Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)
- Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Day)
- Tuesday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)
- Wednesday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

*We wish you all a blessed and joyful
holiday season with your loved ones!*

Let Every Day Be Christmas

a Poem by Norman Wesley Brooks

Christmas is forever, not for just
one day,
for loving, sharing, giving, are
not to put away
like bells and lights and tinsel,
in some box upon a shelf.
The good you do for others is
good you do yourself.

**The Dancing Lights
of Christmas**

Tennessee's Largest Drive Thru Light and Music Show

[Rates & Location](#)

Nov 8, 2024--Jan 4, 2025

ONLY \$35 PER FAMILY VEHICLE*

**\$31.89 plus \$3.11 sales tax=\$35
LIGHT SHOW ADMISSION INCLUDES
ADMISSION TO SANTA'S VILLAGE,
VISITING WITH SANTA,
AND PETTING THE ANIMALS
IN THE PETTING ZOO!**

*click rates and location tab for commercial/other vehicle rates

[Buy Tickets Here](#)

**The Dancing Lights of Christmas
is open rain or shine and on ALL holidays.
Open Sunday--Thursday 5-10 pm
Friday--Saturday 5-11 pm**

LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS FOR SEVENTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR



Merry Mulching
Live Christmas Tree
Recycling

Dec. 25th - Jan. 10th
Bin accessible 24/7

 **ROCKWOOD**
SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

510 Hartman Drive
Lebanon, TN 37087

For more information, visit
rockwoodrecycling.com

Rockwood Sustainable Solutions is pleased to announce the “Merry Mulching” initiative is back again for the 7th consecutive year providing Wilson County residents a convenient way to recycle, for free, live Christmas trees. Residents are invited to participate in “Merry Mulching” by dropping off their live Christmas trees in the designated recycling bin placed at the entrance of the Rockwood property. All decorations, including lights, ornaments and tinsel must be removed from the tree prior to being placed in the recycling bin. The bin is accessible 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. All lights must be removed but a separate bin will be onsite for the collection and recycling of Christmas lights.

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Rockwood Sustainable Solutions: Rockwood Sustainable Solutions is a progressive leader in preserving valuable resources through a responsible holistic approach to sustainable material management. Founded in 2014, the company is headquartered in Lebanon, Tenn., specializing in construction and wood recycling and serving businesses, manufacturers, distribution centers and municipalities across Middle Tennessee. To learn more visit rockwoodrecycling.com.

“We are honored to partner with Mayor Hutto and Wilson County to provide our neighbors free live Christmas tree recycling” said Lincoln Young, CEO of Rockwood Sustainable Solutions. “This is our seventh consecutive year to offer this service, and we are amplifying our efforts this year with the continuation of the ‘Merry Mulching’ initiative, encouraging every live tree owner in Wilson County to recycle.”



PROPERTY FRAUD ALERT TOOL OFFERED THROUGH REGISTER'S OFFICE

The Wilson County Register of Deeds Office is a busy office, as they provide numerous services to the public. Mrs. Jackie Murphy (the Register) and her staff often step up to the plate when going above and beyond for their customers. However, many property owners in Wilson County are not aware of some of the services that are offered to them at no cost. One such service is the Property Fraud Alert. This service offers property owners an extra layer of protection when it comes to the possibility of property fraud.

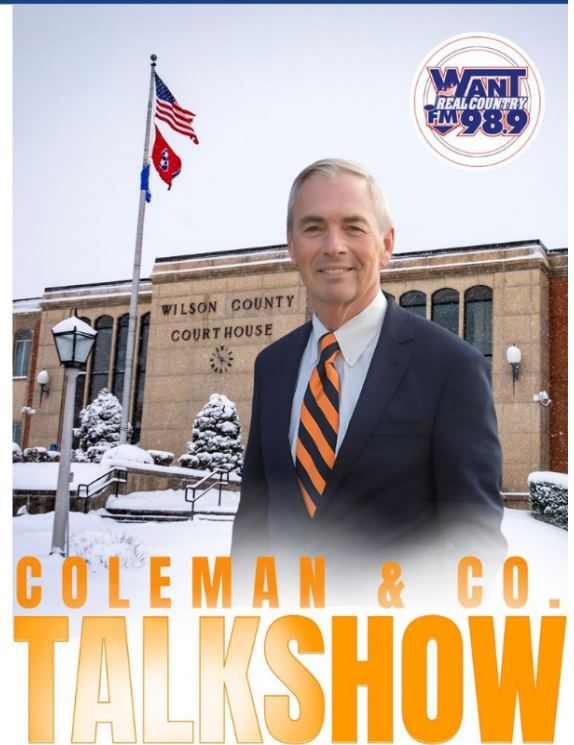
According to the FBI, property and mortgage fraud is one of the fastest growing crimes in the United States. In an effort to prevent these types of crimes, the Register of Deeds office is proud to offer their Property Fraud Alert service. This service allows your property owners to stay up to date with information filed in the Recorder's office. The service immediately notifies a user if a document is filed under their name or business, allowing them to immediately recognize and stop fraudulent transactions.

It only takes a few moments for a user to sign up for the Property Fraud Alert service. Citizens and property owners of Wilson County can simply visit the web page, enter their information, and they'll be immediately notified via email when documents are recorded that match their entered criteria. What are the Benefits?

The Property Fraud Alert service will provide local property owners and their families with timely information and peace of mind by allowing:

- Instant notification of document filings
- 24/7 monitoring
- Allows for monitoring of multiple names

For more information, call the Wilson County Register of Deeds office at 615-443-2611.



COLEMAN & CO. TALKSHOW

TUNE IN DEC. 16TH
AROUND 7:45AM!

GUEST, MAYOR RANDALL HUTTO

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

Live Music

1ST DEC

Buy Tickets

Cocktails WITH Santa & MRS. CLAUS

Tucker's Gap
2900 Callis Rd
Lebanon, TN

LIVE MUSIC/ Heavy Hors d'oeuvres/Drinks
| Silent Auction/Toy Drive
ENTRY \$75 individual/ \$140 couple
6 PM - 10 PM

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GIVEALITTLECHRISTMAS@GMAIL.COM

Guest Emcee
Darlas Rai from
95.5 Nash Icon

COURTHOUSE SPOTLIGHTS LOCAL STUDENTS' ARTWORK

We have some talented artists here in Wilson County! Each year, the courthouse showcases artwork from students enrolled in our high schools. Their artwork displayed in the commission room lobby during November's County Commission meeting.

This year's artists include:

- Ana Winsinger (GHHS)
- Elsie Sudduth (LHS)
- Ava Stayshich (WHS)
- Olivia Schultz (MJHS)
- Avery Hall (WCHS)
- Omina Khasanova (Barry Tatum Virtual Learning Academy)

Their artwork will be on display in the County Courthouse near the Trustee's office. Stop by during our regular business hours and see some of these beautiful pieces of art! We're very proud of our talented students!



DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

REMINDS TENNESSEANS OF MAY 7, 2025 REAL ID DEADLINE

The REAL ID Act of 2005, which requires anyone 18 years old or older to have a REAL ID or other federally issued photo ID, such as a passport, to enter certain Federal buildings, military bases and nuclear power plants or board commercial flights within the United States, will go into effect on May 7, 2025.

The Department of Safety and Homeland Security began issuing REAL IDs on July 1, 2019. Of Tennessee's 5.8 million valid credentials, 1.6 million are not currently REAL ID compliant. Tennesseans are encouraged to decide before the implementation date to avoid the potential influx of customers to Driver Services Centers.

To apply for a REAL ID, customers must bring proof of U.S. citizenship or legal presence, proof of your Social Security Number, and two proofs of Tennessee residency. If your name has changed, you must also bring a certified legal document supporting the name change. All documents must be*Continued on next page.*

★ REAL ID REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ★

All documents must be originals or certified. Photocopies will not be accepted.
Review the required documents needed from each section.

1 Proof of U.S. Citizenship or Legal Presence

These documents must show the applicant's legal name and full date of birth. Applicant must present one (1) of the following documents:

- U.S. birth certificate from State Office of Vital Statistics or equivalent with a raised and/or color seal
- Valid, unexpired U.S. passport or passport card
- U.S. certificate or consular report of birth abroad (FS-240, DS-1350 or FS-545)
- Valid, unexpired Permanent Resident Card issued by DHS or INS (I-551)
- Unexpired Employment Authorization Document issued by DHS (I-766 or I-688B)
- Unexpired foreign passport with valid U.S. visa and approved I-94 form
- Certificate of Naturalization issued by DHS (N-550, N-570, or N-578)
- Certificate of Citizenship issued by DHS (N-560 or N-561)

If there has been a name change from the Proof of U.S. Citizenship or Legal Presence presented, certified legal document supporting name change must be presented. This may require presentation of multiple documents. Examples of supporting documents:

- Marriage certificate
- Divorce decree
- Court order

2 Proof of Social Security Number

Applicant must present one (1) of the following approved documents showing applicant's name and full Social Security Number:

- W-2
- 1099
- Social Security Card
- Payroll check stub

3 Two Proofs of Tennessee Residency

These documents must show the applicant's name and physical address. Applicant must present two (2) of the following documents with one document dated within the last four (4) months:

- Home utility bill (i.e. Home or mobile phone, gas, electric, water from different providers)
- Current Tennessee vehicle registration or certificate of title (may use one, not both)
- Current Tennessee Voter Registration card
- IRS tax return
- Bank statement
- Payroll check stub
- Current rental/mortgage contract or receipt, including deed of sale for property; handwritten rental contracts or agreements must be notarized
- Current homeowner or renter insurance policy
- Current automobile, life or health insurance policy
- Receipt for personal property or real estate taxes paid within the previous year
- Installment loans, such as automobile, student loan, bank loans
- Current employer verification of resident address or letter from employer as long as it is on company letterhead with original signature; if employer does not have letterhead, then signature of employer must be notarized
- Current Driver License or ID or Handgun Carry Permit issued by the Tennessee Department of Safety to a parent, legal guardian or spouse of the applicant
- Applicant's Driver License, ID or Handgun Carry Permit issued by the Tennessee Department of Safety

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Federal law requires REAL ID applications to be made in person. If you have a Tennessee Driver License or ID, you can apply for a REAL ID at a Driver Services Center or a participating County Clerk. If you do not have a Tennessee Driver License or ID, you must apply for a REAL ID at a Driver Services Center.

Obtaining a REAL ID is optional. Regular Tennessee driver licenses will continue to be accepted for general identification purposes such as driving, purchasing alcohol or tobacco products, applying for federal benefits, voting, accessing hospitals, post offices, banks, federal courts, etc.

If you are getting a Tennessee license for the first time or it is time to renew your license, the cost to get a REAL ID is \$28.00. If you get a REAL ID outside of your renewal period, there is an additional duplication fee of either \$8 or \$12 depending on your license classification.

For more information about Tennessee REAL ID, visit trealid.gov.

REAL ID CREDENTIAL



REAL ID compliant driver licenses and Identification credentials have a black circle with a star in the right corner of the license to indicate it is REAL ID compliant.

STANDARD ID CREDENTIAL



Non-REAL ID driver licenses and identification credentials display the phrase, "NOT FOR REAL ID ACT PURPOSES" on the front of the credential.

TN AG DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS WARNS TENNESSEANS OF WEBSITE SCAMMERS POSING AS DEALERSHIPS

The Office of the Tennessee Attorney General urges consumers to be aware of scam websites posing as classic car and heavy equipment dealerships. Even though scammers answer the phones, send videos, and even fake business licenses, consumers will be swindled out of their money if they fall for these scams.

Leo's Luxury Motors claimed to sell and ship classic cars. However, the dealership is fake, and the photos of inventory featured on its website until it was recently taken down were merely copies from a licensed and legitimate dealership's website in Michigan.

Equipment Express is an authentic but small forklift dealer in Lebanon, Tennessee. They don't have a website, but scammers have created one for them, using the actual business's name and address. They say they'll sell and ship excavators and dump trucks for dirt cheap, but they aren't real. The scammers use pictures from the internet and take consumers' money.

It is recommended that consumers view the vehicle or heavy machinery in person before purchasing. However, if buying online, here are some tips to help ensure that you are purchasing from a legitimate source:

- **Watch out for too-good-to-be-true deals:** They are most likely scams. Scammers often steal consumers' personal information and money by offering them high-value goods at extremely discounted prices.
- **Third-party inspections:** If you can't inspect the car or equipment in person, have a neutral third party, like an independent mechanic, inspect it on your behalf before transferring any funds. Spending a few dollars to have a mechanic check out a tractor is better than losing thousands.
- **View the reviews:** Look for reviews, ratings, or complaints about the business. To get started, you can access the Better Business Bureau's website at www.bbb.org. When purchasing a vehicle, use a resource such as CARFAX, AutoCheck, or National Motor Vehicle Title Information System to get a vehicle history report.

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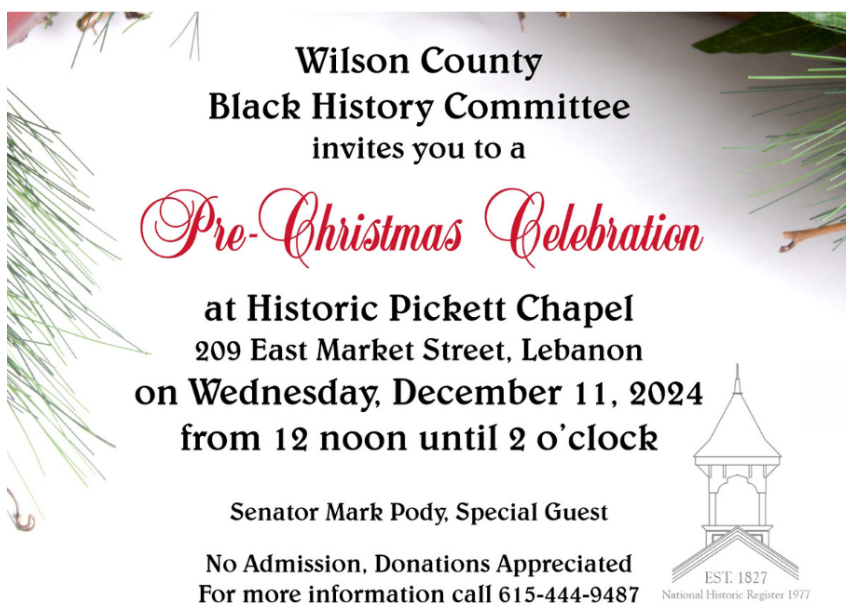
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- **Don't share your financial information:** Be cautious about wiring funds or completing bank-to-bank transactions. Scammers love this kind of transaction because you usually cannot get your money back once it is finished. Instead, make legitimate purchases by check or credit card.
- **Keep your personal information personal:** Be wary if a website asks for personally identifying information such as your social security number, and never buy anything from online sellers that accept payment only by gift cards, cryptocurrency, or money transfers through companies like Western Union or MoneyGram.

Stay in the know. Get news alerts about the latest scams and essential consumer information from the FTC sent to your inbox by visiting www.ftc.gov/scams.

Fraudulent business activity can be reported to the Attorney General's Office using the online consumer complaint form found at www.tn.gov/consumer and the Better Business Bureau at www.bbb.org/file-a-complaint. Complaints regarding internet fraud can also be submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3).




Wilson County
Black History Committee
invites you to a

Pre-Christmas Celebration

at Historic Pickett Chapel
209 East Market Street, Lebanon
on Wednesday, December 11, 2024
from 12 noon until 2 o'clock

Senator Mark Pody, Special Guest

No Admission, Donations Appreciated
For more information call 615-444-9487



EST. 1827
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*Pearl Harbor
Remembrance Day*

December 7, 2024

WILSON RIDES, INC. NEEDS VOLUNTEERS IN THE LEBANON AREA



Looking for a way to 'give back' this holiday season? We have the perfect suggestion, and it won't cost you anything - except your time!

Make a meaningful impact in our community this holiday season by volunteering as a driver for Wilson Rides! Wilson Rides, Inc. is a local 501c3 non-profit that provides rides to seniors 55+ who no longer drive or seldom drive in Wilson County, TN. The non-profit helps preserve the quality of life and foster a connected community for older adults residing in Wilson County by providing safe, affordable transportation to local destinations.

By providing essential transportation services, you will help seniors stay connected and independent. Volunteer Drivers offer personalized, scheduled ride services to fill the transportation gaps in our community.

And you'll only have to donate a small amount of your free time! Volunteer drivers usually provide a minimum of 1-2 round trips per month to support the mission. The seniors of Wilson County appreciate your willingness to help and eagerly await meeting you!

Volunteer drivers are especially needed in the Lebanon area, as most Wilson Rides volunteers come from the Mt. Juliet area. No matter which Wilson County community you live in, your contribution will make a meaningful difference.

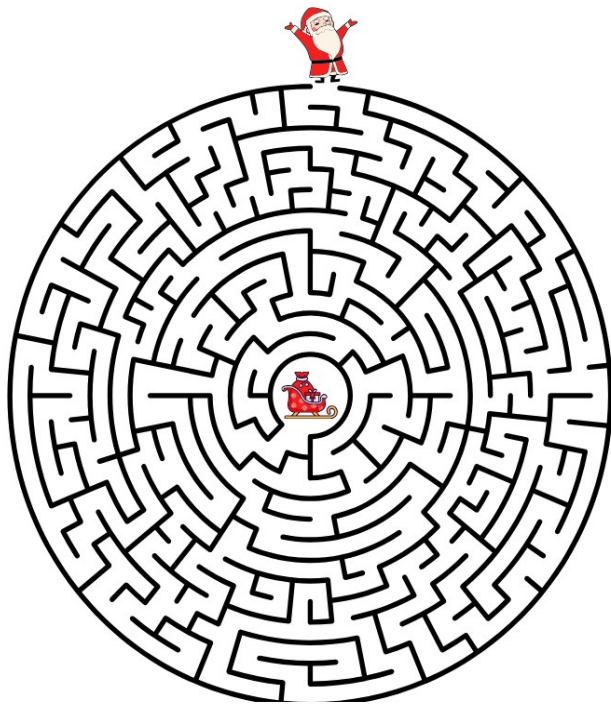
Apply to become a volunteer driver online at <https://wilsonridesinc.org/drive/>. For questions, call Ms. Gaye Lynn Wilson, the Executive Director of Wilson Rides, Inc. at 615-207-8117.

Take the first step today and join Wilson Rides in making a positive impact. Our seniors look forward to seeing you soon!



CHRISTMAS MAZE

Can you help Santa find his sleigh?

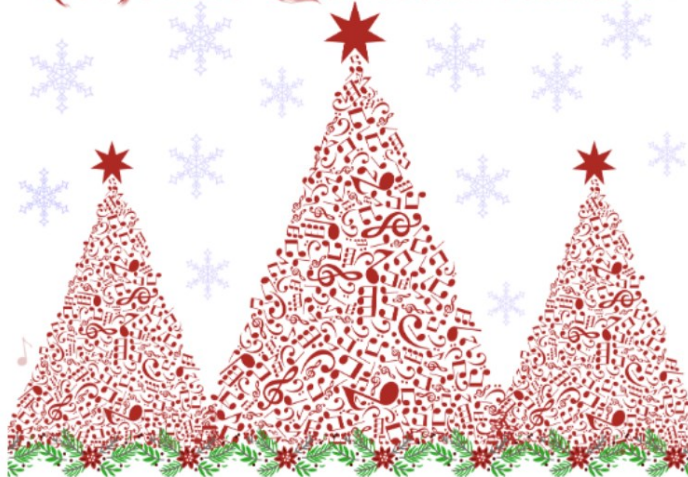


THIS COULD GET UGLY...

National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
Friday, December 20th, 2024

Send photos to brooke_cummings@wilsoncountyttn.gov to have them showcased in the January 2025 newsletter!

MT. JULIET CHRISTMAS PARADE



A MUSICAL CHRISTMAS

PARADE ROUTE: WEST WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOL OFF N. MT. JULIET RD. TO CHARLIE DANIELS PKWY., OFF N. MT. JULIET RD.

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 14TH, 2024

11 AM



- PRIZES:
- Best Decorated Boat (1st & 2nd Place)
 - Best Dressed Crew

DECEMBER 7, 2024

PARADE STARTS AT 6:30 PM

Food • Beverages • Music provided at ShipWreck Cove at Elm Hill Marina

\$10 per person w/Unwrapped Gift or \$20 per person w/o Gift
\$20 per boat Entry for Parade Contest

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LEBANON FIRE DEPARTMENT SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

For more info call Gary Clarke (615) 944-2628

All boats must be registered by Sunday, November 24, 2024



Christmas-themed Jokes for Kids



1. How did Joseph and Mary weigh baby Jesus at birth?
2. What do snowmen eat for breakfast?
3. Why is Christmas a mummy's favorite holiday?
4. Why did the Christmas tree go to the barber?
5. What did the wise men say after they offered up their gifts of gold and frankincense?

Answers: (1.) They had a weigh in the manger. (2.) Ice Krispies. (3.) They love the gift wrapping. (4.) It needed to be trimmed! (5.) Wait, there's myrrh.



GINGERBREAD COOKIES

National Cookie Day will be observed on December 4th! Here's a Christmas cookie recipe to get you inspired!

Instructions

1. In a large bowl, mix together the flour, baking soda, salt, ginger, cinnamon, allspice, and cloves. Set aside.
2. In a separate large bowl using a mixer, beat the butter for 1 minute on medium speed until completely smooth and creamy. Add the brown sugar and molasses and beat on medium high speed until combined and creamy. Next, beat in egg and vanilla on high speed for 2 full minutes.
3. Add the flour mixture to the wet ingredients and beat on low speed until combined. The cookie dough will be quite thick and somewhat sticky. Divide dough in half and place each onto a large piece of plastic wrap. Wrap each up tightly and chill for at least 3 hours or overnight.
4. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats. Set aside.
5. Remove the chilled cookie dough from the refrigerator. Generously flour a cutting board, as well as your hands and the rolling pin. Roll out dough until 1/4-inch thick. Cut into shapes. Place shapes 1 inch apart on prepared baking sheets.
6. Bake cookies for about 9-10 minutes. Allow cookies to cool on the cookie sheet for 5 minutes. Transfer to cooling rack to cool completely. Once completely cool, decorate as desired.
7. Cookies stay fresh covered at room temperature for up to 1 week.

Ingredients

- 3 and 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 Tablespoon ground ginger
- 1 Tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 2/3 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1 large egg, at room temperature
- 2/3 cup molasses
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

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Thank you

Thanks to everyone who made nominations for a
Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.
Stay tuned as we will announce winners soon.

Missed your chance to nominate? No problem.
We accept nominations year-round.



<https://tn-wilsoncounty.civicplus.com/349/Governors-Volunteer-Stars-Award>

