



THE COUNTY CONNECTION

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

As Christmastime approaches, my office and I would like to extend our warmest wishes to all our Wilson County residents and friends. This time of year reminds us of the values we hold dear—unity, generosity, and hope for the future. December is filled with opportunities to come together and celebrate the birth of our Savior, and we encourage you to explore the community events highlighted in this newsletter.

We are delighted to invite you to our Annual Christmas Open House, which will be held on Friday, December 5th, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. We're changing it up this year and have breakfast on the menu. We hope to see you there!

From my office to all of you, we send warm wishes for peace and joy during this holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Commissioner Spotlight: Terry Scruggs District 7



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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.

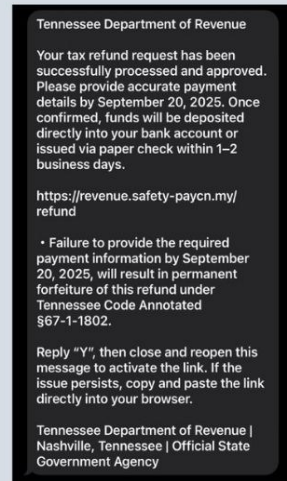
FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE
CALL 615.449.6684

SCAM ALERT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

The Department of Revenue announced that another text message scam is circulating. The text message claims to be a message from the Tennessee Department of Revenue about tax refunds.

It directs users to a fake website for payment details. The Department of Revenue says to immediately delete the message and report it as spam.

TEXT SCAM!



DELETE AND REPORT AS SPAM.



WILSON COUNTY CVB BRANCH OF THE NORTH POLE POST OFFICE!

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As you may know, the Wilson County CVB is in the Historic Federal Post Office building, located at 203 E. Main St., Lebanon, TN, just a block from the Historic Lebanon Square. The CVB is proud to call it home and this Christmas season we are sharing that pride with our community.

Early last month, we started conversations with some of Santa's staff with the North Pole Postal Service and we are happy to announce that we have been granted (unofficially) the title of Wilson County Branch of the North Pole Post Office. Come by and visit our beautifully decorated lobby, write a letter to Santa, stamp it, and send it on its way to the North Pole!

Come by and see our beautifully decorated Historic Post Office and mail your letter to Santa. Wilson County North Pole Post Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8a-4p. Additionally, we will be open during some of our community's many wonderful Holiday events such as the Lebanon Christmas Parade (Dec. 7) and Christmas on the Square (Dec.13).



LEBANON ★ MT.JULIET ★ WATERTOWN

"The certification wasn't easy", says Tourism Director, Jason Johnson. "Luckily, the postage side of things was much easier than what our postal workers must go through. Especially since we're only mailing to one address, but the North Pole/Christmas side of our training was a little stressful. Naming all eight reindeer on the spot, listing all the gifts on the Twelve Days of Christmas, knowing to watch out, not pout, not cry... I'm just glad they graded the cookie baking on a curve; I still struggle with a good gingerbread recipe. Now that we are getting close, there are logistics that I didn't even think about. A reindeer landing pad on the roof for the Express Mail!?! And, speaking of reindeer, Edwards Feed here in town had to go through six different distributors to find us a North Pole Reindeer Blend feed. Deer corn blended with candy canes, who knew?"

KINDNESS TAKES A SEAT: WHATABURGER AND WILSON COUNTY KIND DEDICATE BUDDY BENCHES FOR WILSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Wilson County celebrated World Kindness Day last month. Whataburger and Wilson County partnered together to dedicate buddy benches at six Wilson County Schools. These benches create safe spaces where students can find friendship, support and a sense of belonging. The dedication ceremony was held on Thursday, November 13, 2025 at the Wilson County Schools Administration Training Complex. Community leaders and residents were invited.

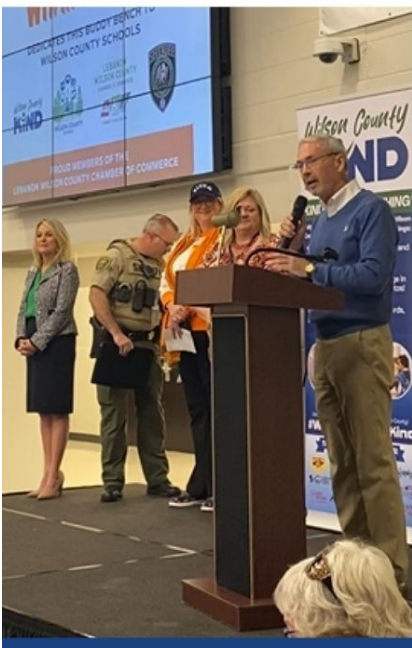
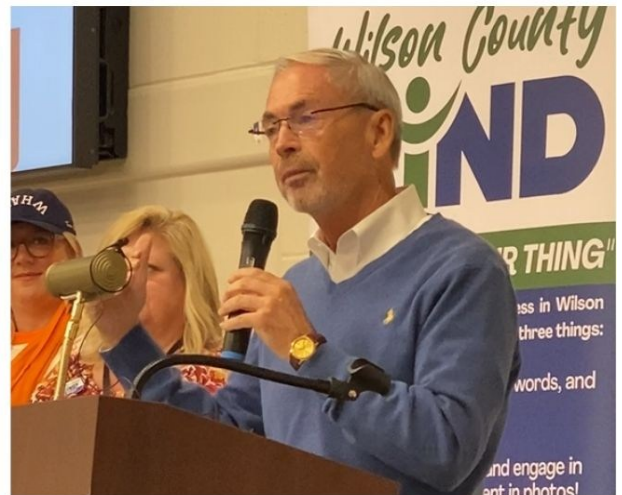


The Buddy Bench idea began at Rutland Elementary by their wonderful School

Resource Officer Theresa Fuller, who passed away four years ago. These benches are especially useful for the younger children while at recess. If a child is having trouble making friends or just having a rough day, they can sit on the bench. Other students will see them and ask them to play. Teachers and school counselors also keep an eye out for students sitting on the bench. Rutland Elementary even has an illustrated book that explains the importance of the Buddy Bench.

During the dedication ceremony, Mayor Hutto, local leaders, and community advocates took to the stage to discuss the Buddy Benches and Wilson County Kind initiative. The dedication ceremony also included complimentary refreshments from Whataburger, giveaways. The Lebanon Wilson County Chamber of Commerce, Sheriff's Office and School Resource Officers proudly stood alongside educators and students to offer encouragement and connection to those who need it most.

Join us in making a difference, one bench, one smile, one friend at a time! If you see an act of kindness, share it on social media using the hashtag #WilsonCountyKind. Wilson Bank & Trust proudly sponsors Wilson County Kind initiatives. More photos are on the next page!



WILSON COUNTY COMMISSION HONORS EMPLOYEES WITH 30+ YEARS OF SERVICE EVENT SPONSORED BY RACKLEY ROOFING



The Wilson County Commission proudly honored 29 dedicated employees for reaching 30 or more years of service with Wilson County Government during its meeting on Monday, November 17, 2025. The recognition ceremony, generously sponsored by Rackley Roofing, celebrated employees from a wide range of departments whose decades of hard work and commitment continue to strengthen county operations and enhance services for residents. Honorees and their families enjoyed a reception prior to the commission meeting, providing an opportunity for fellowship and reflection on their many years of contribution. During the meeting, the Commission also recognized Wilson County retirees, thanking them for their lasting impact and continued connection to the community.

Mayor Randall Hutto praised the honorees for their exceptional service, stating, “These employees are the backbone of Wilson County. Their dedication, loyalty, and passion for serving others are what make this county such a remarkable place to live and work. They embody what true public service looks like—going beyond the job description, treating every interaction with compassion, and creating a workplace that feels more like a family than just a place to collect a paycheck. Their commitment shows in the way they care for our citizens and for one another, and we are incredibly grateful for everything they have given—and continue to give—to our community. We look forward to honoring more of our long-term employees in 2026.”

Wilson County extends sincere appreciation to Rackley Roofing for supporting this special event and helping the county celebrate the individuals who have devoted their careers to public service. *(More photos coming soon!)*





National Cookie Day

December 4th

KEY FEATURES OF 988



SKILLED, CARING SUPPORT 24/7:
988 counselors are trained to provide emotional and mental health support and crisis intervention.



MINIMAL LAW ENFORCEMENT INVOLVEMENT:
98% of contacts are managed without involving the police.



CONNECTION TO LOCAL RESOURCES:
988 counselors provide referrals to local mental health and/or substance use treatment services for follow-up care.

988 | SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE



WILSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT OFFICES
AND THE LANDFILL WILL BE

Closed

- Wednesday, December 24th
- Thursday, December 25th
- Friday, December 26th

Offices and the Landfill will resume to their regular schedules on Monday, December 29th, 2025.

Convenience Centers will be CLOSED

- Wednesday, December 24th
- Thursday, December 25th

We wish you all a blessed and Merry Christmas!



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.**



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MAYOR HUTTO AT THE POWER OF 10 SUMMIT

Cumberland Region Tomorrow's Power of 10 Summit was held on Wednesday, November 12, 2025. Mayor Hutto was honored to be a part of the Mayor's Panel and discuss the State of the Region. Special thanks to Demetria Kalodimos and the CRT team for hosting such an informative and impactful event!



WATERTOWN Christmas PARADE

Started 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 | WATERTOWN & EAST WILSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | learn more online at: WatertownTN.com

JOIN US FOR

Mayor Hutto's CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

DECEMBER **5** 7:00AM-9:30AM

CHICK-N-MINIS • FRUIT • MUFFINS • COFFEE • JUICE
and more!

228 E MAIN ST. ROOM 104
 LEBANON, TN 37087
 (615) 444 - 1383

MAY THE CHRISTMAS SEASON BRING ONLY
 HAPPINESS AND JOY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!



PICK TN PRODUCTS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Did you know that hundreds of thousands of poinsettias are grown in Tennessee? Even when you buy from a big box store it likely came from Tennessee. Look for the Pick TN Products logo on the pot.



TN FARMER OF THE YEAR

Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation and the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture are proud to announce the newly revamped Tennessee Farmer of the Year program. While the program has strong roots since 1990 with 32 farmers recognized, this new vision will honor the state's rich agricultural history across all three regions of Tennessee while recognizing the state's top farmers. This will include naming one top producer in each of the three grand divisions of the Volunteer State, and from these regional honorees, one exemplary producer will be named the Tennessee Farmer of the Year. To view eligibility requirements and make a nomination, visit tnfarmbureau.org/tennessee-farmer-of-the-year.



THE Voice of Agriculture®





Lebanon's Christmas Parade
Winter Wonderland



City of Lebanon Tennessee
Sunday, December 7, 2025

LEBANON WILSON COUNTY
 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
 CONNECT. GROW. BELONG.



UGLY SWEATER DAY

Attention County Employees!
DECEMBER 16, 2025
 SHOW US YOUR HOLIDAY SPIRIT!
 SEND PHOTOS TO BROOKE IN MAYOR HUTTO'S OFFICE TO HAVE THEM PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSLETTER.
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City of Mt. Juliet
CHRISTMAS EVENTS

STARTING NOVEMBER 18

Event	Date	HOURS
Christmas Tree Lighting at Veterans Park	November 18	5-7 pm
Small Business Saturday	November 29	-
Christmas Across Mt. Juliet (Home Lighting Contest)	November 30-December 8	-
Christmas In The Park	December 1-January 8	-
Christmas Parade	December 13	11 am
BPAC Christmas Lights Walk	December 15	6 pm

More information:
www.mtjuliet-tn.gov





We wish you a Merry Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

OUR MESSAGE TO THOSE WHO ARE FACING THE HOLIDAYS WITH HEAVY HEARTS

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, my office staff and I want to extend our heartfelt love and prayers to those in our community who are facing this season with heavy hearts.

Christmas is a time of joy, but we know it can also be a time of deep reflection and sorrow for those who are grieving. Whether you are mourning the loss of a loved one, facing a difficult season, or simply feeling the weight of the year, please know that you are not alone.

May the light of Christ bring you comfort, and may His peace surround you in the quiet moments. Even in sorrow, there is hope—and in the birth of our Savior, we are reminded that love endures, even through the hardest days.

From our hearts to yours, we wish you a calm, grace-filled Christmas.

