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**ON THE COVER:** *The City of Franklin is excited to light up the square for the 2023 Christmas Tree Lighting on the Square. The event details are found on page 6. From the staff and associates of Berry Farms Local, we wish you a safe and happy holiday season! Photo by Jeff Bryant.*

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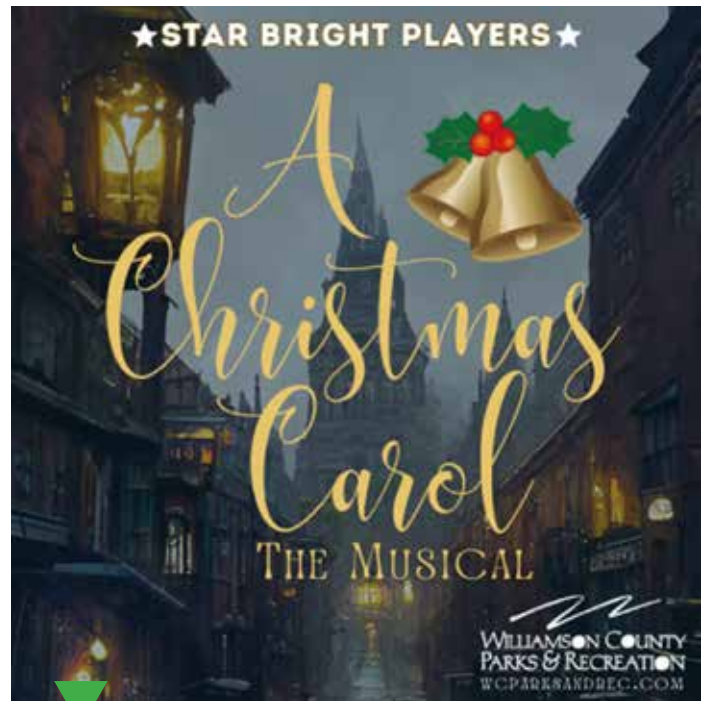
## CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING ON THE SQUARE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
PERFORMANCES WILL START AT 6:40 PM  
DOWNTOWN FRANKLIN SQUARE

[WWW.FRANKLINTN.GOV/OUR-CITY/CHRISTMAS-TREE-LIGHTING-ON-THE-SQUARE](http://WWW.FRANKLINTN.GOV/OUR-CITY/CHRISTMAS-TREE-LIGHTING-ON-THE-SQUARE)

The City of Franklin is excited to light up the Square for the 2023 Christmas Tree Lighting on the Square. The headliner, Matthew West, is a five-time GRAMMY® nominee, ASCAP's 2023 Golden Note Award recipient, and NSAI's 2022 Songwriter-Artist of the Year. Opening for Matthew will be a Franklin favorite Quintavious Johnson, who appeared on America's Got Talent at just 12 years old. He reached the semifinals and finals, where he finished fifth place. Also, The Freedom Intermediate School choir, led by Director Candace Adams, will return this year to sing holiday favorites. Free photos with Santa will be provided by Williamson Health, and Mars Petcare is offering a pet-friendly photo opportunity on the Square.

The Franklin Art Scene will also have the Art Crawl the same night, happening in many stores from 6:00–9:00 pm. The Franklin Noon Rotary will hand out complimentary refreshments provided by the City of Franklin.



## A CHRISTMAS CAROL THE MUSICAL

DECEMBER 1, DECEMBER 3, DECEMBER 8  
DECEMBER 9 MULTIPLE SHOW TIMES  
WILLIAMSON COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
125 EVERBRIGHT AVENUE, FRANKLIN  
[WWW.WCPACTN.COM](http://WWW.WCPACTN.COM)

The Star Bright Players Fall 2023 production is A Christmas Carol—the Musical, the spectacular adaptation of Charles Dickens' most well-known story by Broadway heavy hitters Alan Menken and Lynn Ahrens. Tickets are on sale now.

## FRANKLIN CHRISTMAS PARADE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 8 PM  
DOWNTOWN FRANKLIN  
[DOWNTOWNFRANKLINROTARY.COM](http://DOWNTOWNFRANKLINROTARY.COM)

Winding through the streets of Historic Downtown Franklin, the Franklin Christmas Parade is a community celebration. It has been a Franklin holiday tradition for over 30 years. The Kiwanis Club of Franklin has presented the parade since its inception. Beginning this year, the Downtown Franklin Rotary has been entrusted with this legacy event and will be presenting the parade.



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St. Paul's Episcopal Church will host a Charitable Gifts Fair on Sunday, December 3 from 8:00 am to noon and 3:30 to 5:30 pm in Otey Hall community room on the corner of Fair Street and 6th Avenue North.

It's an opportunity to donate to very worthwhile, local non-profit organizations in a family member's or friend's name(s) and receive a beautiful, decorative card with a personalized holiday envelope for easy delivery to them. A wonderful way to buy once and give twice.

The organizations that will be represented cover a diverse group of needs and include Davis House, Gigi's Playhouse, Healing Housing, Meals on Wheels, My Friend's House, and Williamson County Homeless Alliance. Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 3 and see how far your compassion, kindness, and generosity can go. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, founded in 1827, is located at 510 Main St., Franklin.



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DOWNTOWN FRANKLIN  
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Everything in Jon McLaughlin's life makes its way into his music, whether he's conscious of it or not. The artist, raised in Indiana and based in Nashville, brings his experiences and beliefs into each song he creates, which is especially true now that he's the father of two young girls. He wants to translate his experiences and ideas into music that reaches fans everywhere. His passion for music and playing is evident in each note he plays.

## LEIPER'S FORK CHRISTMAS PARADE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2 PM  
LEIPER'S FORK

The annual Leiper's Fork Christmas parade is one of the most entertaining parades in the area. Horses, bands, kids, floats, and much more! This year's grand Marshals will be Wynonna Judd and Cactus Moser. Plan to arrive early. The parade route will be closed at 1:50 pm.



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## JAMIE O'NEAL + TY HERNDON: MERRY CHRISTMAS BABY THE HOLIDAY SHOW

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## THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION 38TH ANNUAL DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 9 AND 10  
DOWNTOWN FRANKLIN  
[WILLIAMSONHERITAGE.ORG/EVENTS/DICKENS-OF-A-CHRISTMAS/](http://WILLIAMSONHERITAGE.ORG/EVENTS/DICKENS-OF-A-CHRISTMAS/)

The Heritage Foundation of Williamson County, TN's 38th Annual Dickens of a Christmas is historic Downtown Franklin's annual Victorian-themed outdoor street festival. Dickens of a Christmas recreates the time of Charles Dickens using historic downtown Franklin's charming architecture as the backdrop. A variety of musicians, dancers, and Dickens' characters will fill the streets. Expect to see and interact with the nefarious Fagin from *Oliver Twist*; Jacob Marley, Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim, and the rest of the Cratchit family from *A Christmas Carol*; and of course, a Victorian Father and Mother Christmas with treats for children. The celebration typically attracts 100,000+ visitors throughout the weekend.

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## THE ISAACS CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 8:00 PM  
FRANKLIN THEATRE  
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The Isaacs have been performing for 50 years. The Isaacs were officially inducted as members of the Grand Ole Opry on September 14, 2021. In 2020, the Isaacs were inducted into the GMA (Gospel Music Hall of Fame). The Isaacs have won 9 Dove Awards, and their latest 3 albums have received Grammy nominations. The Isaacs have a non-profit organization called The Isaacs Foundation that blesses the less fortunate in America. They also have a branch called the Fishman Isaacs Israel Initiative that has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to bless Israel, specifically Holocaust Survivors, Israeli "Lone" Soldiers, and orphans.



## 6TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WITH THE KING: A HOLIDAY TRIBUTE TO ELVIS

DECEMBER 16 – DECEMBER 17, MULTIPLE SHOW TIMES  
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Nashville Elvis Festival presents the 6th annual Christmas With the King: A tribute to Elvis, A special 2-hour show starring world champion Elvis tribute artist Cote Deonath ([www.CoteAsElvis.com](http://www.CoteAsElvis.com)). A Franklin tradition, the show features costume changes, a visit by Santa Claus, and some of the King's biggest hits, plus Christmas classics synonymous with Elvis, including "Here Comes Santa Claus," "Winter Wonderland," "I'll Be Home for Christmas," "Blue Christmas," "Merry Christmas Baby" and so many more. Christmas With the King is a holiday concert event for the whole family. All shows will be backed by the Infinit-E Tribute Band — the premiere Elvis tribute backing band and the official house band of Nashville Elvis Festival.



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### **DIRECTIONS:**

*Preheat oven to 350 degrees.  
Line skillet with one pastry crust.  
Stir cinnamon and sugar in separate bowl.  
Alternate layers of apples and layer of sugar mixture.  
Add melted butter last.  
Add top sheet of pastry crust.  
Cut slits in top crust to allow steam to escape.  
Bake on middle rack of oven with foil on the bottom rack to catch spills.  
When pie has baked for 20-30 minutes, cover the edges with aluminum foil to keep them from becoming too brown.  
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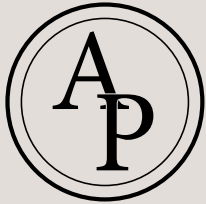
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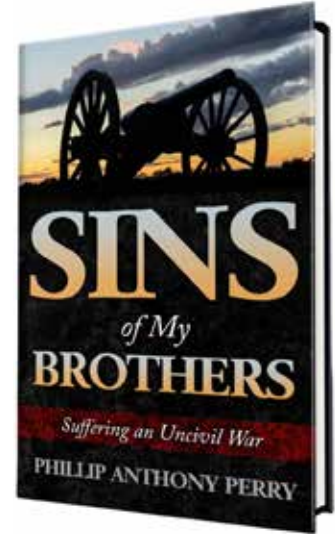
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# COMMUNITY SNAPSHOTS

## RESIDENTS OF BERRY FARMS CELEBRATED HALLOWEEN WITH SCARY FUN FOR ALL!



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## LOCAL AUTHOR PHILLIP PERRY RELEASES HISTORICAL NOVEL

A historical non-fiction novel set in April 1865 has recently been released by Fork in the Road Press. *Sins of My Brothers: Suffering an Uncivil War*, Perry's debut novel tells the true story of greed, corruption, and incompetence at the close of the American Civil War.

Captured Union mapmaker Robert Sneden must endure confinement at the notorious Andersonville Prison to tell his horrifying experience. Illinois drummer boy Epp McIntosh must not only survive the nightmares of Andersonville but also the worst maritime disaster in U.S. history. A government-chartered paddle-wheel steamboat, the *Sultana*, is criminally overloaded with former POWs on her doomed journey north on the flood-swollen Mississippi River.

After a decade of research, Perry has uncovered new and interesting details, bringing his readers along on a historical journey. With a focus on the catastrophic events that occurred during April 1865, he creates a lateral timeline where story vectors are on a collision course of destiny – events that forged and forever changed a nation.

Phillip Perry grew up playing at the nearby Union Civil War Camp, Fort Granger, in Historic Franklin, Tennessee. He graduated from Franklin High School in 1976 and holds two degrees from Aquinas College in Nashville. He is retired from local power utility, NES, after 36 years of service. His hobbies include gardening and music. He and his wife Lesa still reside in Williamson County.

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## 1. Hydration is Key:

The colder weather tends to strip your skin of its natural moisture. Combat this by staying well-hydrated from the inside out. Drink plenty of water to maintain your skin's elasticity and suppleness. Additionally, consider incorporating hydrating foods into your diet, such as fruits, vegetables, and soups.

## 2. Gentle Cleansing:

Opt for a mild, hydrating cleanser to avoid further drying out your skin. Harsh cleansers can strip away essential oils, leaving your skin more susceptible to winter woes. Cleanse your face with lukewarm water, and pat it dry gently with a soft towel.

## 3. Moisturize, Moisturize, Moisturize:

Invest in a rich, emollient moisturizer to create a protective barrier against the elements. Look for ingredients like ceramides, hyaluronic acid, glycerin, and shea butter to lock in moisture. Apply your moisturizer immediately after cleansing to maximize its benefits.

## 4. Sunscreen is Non-Negotiable:

Even in winter, UV rays can still cause damage to your skin. Apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen with at least SPF 30, especially if you're spending time outdoors. Don't forget to cover often-neglected areas like your neck, ears, and the back of your hands.

## 5. Protect Your Lips:

The delicate skin on your lips is particularly susceptible to winter dryness. Keep your lips soft and supple by using a nourishing lip balm with ingredients like beeswax, shea butter, or coconut oil. Reapply throughout the day, especially if you're exposed to the cold wind.

## 6. Stay Mindful of Hot Showers:

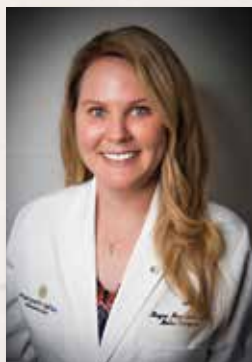
While a hot shower may be tempting in the winter, it can actually strip your skin of its natural oils. Opt for lukewarm water instead, and limit your shower time to avoid excessive dryness.

By incorporating these simple tips into your December skincare routine, you can keep your skin healthy, hydrated, and radiant throughout the winter season. Remember, consistency is key, so make these practices a part of your daily skincare ritual for a glowing complexion all season long.

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