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Friends of Williamson County Animal Center (FOWCAC) will host its annual “An Evening with Friends” fundraiser on Thursday, September 15 at The Factory at Franklin, starting at 6:00 p.m. in Liberty Hall.

All proceeds from the event directly benefit programs and services at Williamson County Animal Center as well as other animals in middle Tennessee. Tickets are available to purchase on the FOWCAC website: [www.friendsofwcac.org/](http://www.friendsofwcac.org/)

Winning bidders will take home exclusive items and experiences donated for live and silent auctions while all guests will enjoy dinner, wine and beer from an open bar, and live music.

“Our community understands how important our furry family and friends are,” said FOWCAC Board Chair, Edie Lynn Hoback. “Mars Petcare, the Presenting Sponsor, and all of our supporting partners have rallied to make this a fun event that, more importantly, helps and saves a lot of pets.”

FOWCAC is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to improving the lives of all animals in Williamson County.

*For more information visit the FOWCAC website, email [scott.pieper@williamsoncounty-tn.gov](mailto:scott.pieper@williamsoncounty-tn.gov), or call (615) 790-5590.*



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# SPRING HILL TO HOST TWO FESTIVALS IN ONE GREAT WEEKEND

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## THE WHOLE HOG FESTIVAL

Spring Hill's "Whole Hog Festival" gets bigger and better every year with more pork-themed events, added attractions for kids and adults, and more craft vendors, food, and live music.

Organizers will bring back the Antique Tractor Show, the chance to win free-bacon-for-a-year, and the old-fashioned cake walk they introduced last year. But they're also adding a new bacon-eating contest, a children's circus troupe, and the chance to ride, not a mechanical bull, but a mechanical pig.

"You've seen those bucking horses or cows that people ride to see if they can do it without falling off," says Sally Sassen, Chief Executive Officer of The Well Outreach. "We're going to have a bucking pig called Porkchop. Each year we try to add new things

and some surprise elements, as well."

The bacon-eating contest will also be a big deal. It's a timed contest to see who can eat 2 pounds of bacon the fastest, provided by Hitman Smoked Products. The winner receives \$100.

The popular festival, scheduled for Saturday, October 8th, marks its 15th anniversary this year. Originally called The Country Ham Festival, it started in 2005 but took a break in 2018. Then, John Maher Builders brought it back in 2019 with a new name and a partnership with "The Well Outreach," a local food pantry that serves families in crisis.

"This is one of three fundraisers for us each year, and this one, is very important to us," Sassen explains. "It lets us love on our community and share a little bit about the story of The Well." Organizers have spent months working to bring this year's festival together. There will be live music from start to finish featuring

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entertainers including Brother Maven, King Cotton, Herrick, and others, playing everything from progressive bluegrass to rock to country. However, the music does stop for a short time midday to allow everyone to gather for the popular hog-calling contest. (You couldn't have a whole hog festival without it.)

Food trucks will offer barbecue, brisket, bacon, hot dogs, hamburgers, kettle corn, shaved ice, doughnuts, and much more.

Look for lots of craft vendors – even more than last year.

The Whole Hog Festival takes place Saturday, October 8th, from 10 am to 6 pm at Historic Oaklawn Plantation, 3331 Denning Lane in Spring Hill. Tickets are \$5 per person, with children under five admitted for free.

For more information go to [www.springhillwell.org](http://www.springhillwell.org)

### UAW FALL FESTIVAL

Members of UAW Local 1853 are gearing up for their big Fall Festival on Sunday, October 9th. It's an outdoor, family-oriented event that brings union members, their families, and the general public together for a jam-packed day full of fun.

"I'm excited because it's the first time in three years we've had it," says Cathy Busbee, UAW Local 1853 President. "We had to shut down for a couple of years because of COVID, then the year before that (2019), we didn't have it due to the strike."

They seem determined to return better than ever with all kinds of attractions. A group of select committees within the local autoworkers' union has been working hard for months - to bring it all together.

There will be live music, plenty of food, a car show, craft vendors, some direct-sales business vendors, a beer tent, and plenty of

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things for the kids.

“We have a really good kids’ zone,” Busbee says. “We have bounce houses, face painting, and a magic show. There’s a guy who dresses up like Black Panther and another one who dresses like Spiderman, and they walk around and talk to the kids. We’ll have a lot of other things, as well.”

And those who like homemade crafts will appreciate the large number of artisans selling and showcasing their wares.

“We’ll have handmade crafts like wood crafting, jewelry, and much more. We also have a lady who is going to do some spinning of wool. She’ll be demonstrating that.”

There will be many different types of food available. People attending the festival are advised to ‘come hungry.’

“We’re bringing in a variety of food trucks,” says Busbee. “One I’m looking forward to is The Spice is Right. It’s a local truck (Maury County), and everybody loves their food. So, I’m really happy

they’re coming. We’ll also have our typical hot dogs, hamburgers, and things like that.”

The fall festival starts at 10 am and goes until 6 pm in the evening, and admission is free for everyone (both union members and the general public).

“It’s for our members and an outreach to the community,” Busbee says. “There’ll be something here for everybody. You should come.”

The location is the UAW Local 1853 Union Hall at 125 Stephen P. Yokich Parkway, Spring Hill, Tennessee.

For more information, visit their fall festival Facebook page at @uawfallfest.

UAW Local 1853 is an Amalgamated Local with approximately 4500 members. It’s made up of a diverse workforce covering different companies. They include General Motors, Adient, American Food & Vending, Comprehensive Logistics, Leadec, Magna, Ryder, & MPS.



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## PREPARE YOURSELF FOR A LONG RETIREMENT



Jeff Good

We all want to live long lives. We all expect to live long lives. But are we financially prepared for this longevity?

Before we get to the issue of preparation, let's look at a couple of interesting findings from a 2022 survey by Age Wave and Edward Jones:

- The surveyed retirees said, on average, they expect to live to 89, and they said the ideal length of retirement is 29 years.

- When asked if they want to live to 100, nearly 70% of the respondents said "yes." The

main reason for this desire for long life? To spend more years with their family and friends.

Of course, none of us can see into the future and know how long we'll be around. But with advances in medical care and a greater awareness of healthy lifestyles, these aspirations have a real basis in reality.

However, if you're going to enjoy a longer lifespan, and the extra years with your loved ones, you need to ensure your finances are also in good shape. How can you make this happen?

Here are some basic steps to follow:

- **SAVE AND INVEST EARLY AND OFTEN.** This may be the oldest piece of financial advice, but it's still valid. The earlier you start saving and investing for your retirement, the greater your potential accumulation. Consider this: If you began saving just \$5,000 per year at age 25, and earned a hypothetical 6.5% annual rate of return, and didn't take any early withdrawals, you'd end up with \$935,000 by the time you reached 65. But if you waited until 35 to start saving and investing, and you earned the same hypothetical 6.5% return – again with no early withdrawals – you'd only end up with \$460,000. And if you didn't start saving until 45, you'd end up with just over \$200,000, again given the same 6.5% return.

- **BE MINDFUL OF DEBT.** You may not want to be burdened with certain debts when you enter retirement. So, while you're still working, try to reduce unwanted debts, particularly those that don't offer the financial benefits of tax-deductible interest payments. The lower your debt load, the more you can save and invest for the future.

- **KEEP REVIEWING YOUR PROGRESS.** It's important to monitor the progress you need to make toward achieving your goal of a comfortable retirement. Over the short term, your investment balances may fluctuate, especially in volatile financial markets such as we've seen in the early part of this year. But you'll get a clearer picture of your situation if you look at long-term results. For example, have your accounts grown over the past 10 years as much as you had planned? And going forward, do you think you're in good shape, or will you need to make some changes to your investment strategy? Keep in mind that, if you're 50 or older, you can make "catch-up" contributions to your IRA and 401(k) that allow you to exceed the regular limits. You may also want to adjust your investment mix as you near retirement to potentially lower your risk exposure.

Hopefully, you will enjoy many years of a healthy, happy retirement. And you can help support this vision by carefully considering your financial moves and making the ones that are right for you.

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# JOHNNY & THE DEVIL'S BOX

## FRANKLIN THEATRE TO HOST BROADWAY BOUND BLUEGRASS MUSICAL

The concert, written by Franklin residents Douglas Waterbury-Tieman and Annabelle Fox, will feature veterans of the stage and screen.

The Franklin Theatre will play host to a concert version of *JOHNNY & THE DEVIL'S BOX*, a Broadway-bound bluegrass musical, on September 16th, 2022.

Written by Franklin local and Belmont University graduate Douglas Waterbury-Tieman, and boasting a creative team of Broadway veterans, including Scott Wasserman (*Hamilton*, *Dear Evan Hansen*, *The Great Comet*) and Jennifer Jancuska (*Hamilton*), *JOHNNY & THE DEVIL'S BOX*, tells the story of a boastful fiddle player who attracts the attention of the Devil in his aim to prove his skills.

"Johnny & The Devil's Box is an exciting and unique opportunity for The Franklin Theatre to present world-class performing arts experiences to our community," said Eric Dilts, Managing Director of The Franklin Theatre. "Audiences will love its lively, bluegrass score, conceived right here in the heart of Middle Tennessee. We are honored to be part of the development history of this highly praised new musical theatre work and look forward to watching this musical become a hit in Tennessee and beyond."

"We have such a history with the Franklin Theatre, having performed there many times over the years with Studio Tenn," said Waterbury-Tieman. "Now, to be able to bring our original music to the stage with such an incredible cast of guest artists is

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an incredible honor. We can't wait to watch the audience tap their feet to the fiddle in our very favorite theatre."

The musical's journey began locally at Belmont University, where Waterbury-Tieman conceived of the work, along the way presenting a 29-Hour reading with Studio Tenn. Momentum quickly gained for the show until plans for a production at the Tony Award Winning Goodspeed Opera House were put on hold, due to the pandemic's shut down of Broadway. The Franklin Theatre's engagement is an opportunity to present a distinct concert interpretation of the show for audiences prior to its full production Regional Premiere this November at the Cumberland County Playhouse in Crossville, TN.

The Franklin Theatre concert will feature Waterbury-Tieman alongside his wife, Annabelle Fox (No Strings Off Broadway Revival), Matthew Carlton (The Doyle and Debbie Show, Nash Rep's Ragtime), Rachel Potter (X-Factor; Broadway's Addams Family, Evita), A.J. Smith (The Kelly Clarkson Show), Jake Speck (Broadway's Jersey Boys; Nashville), with more to be announced. The supporting band will feature Zach and Maggie White, Laura Ray, and Ben Jones, with Matt Logan serving as Consulting Producer.

*Tickets can be purchased at [franklintheatre.com/johnny-devils-box](http://franklintheatre.com/johnny-devils-box). Tickets are also available by calling 615-538-2076 or visiting the box office at 419 Main Street, Franklin, TN.*

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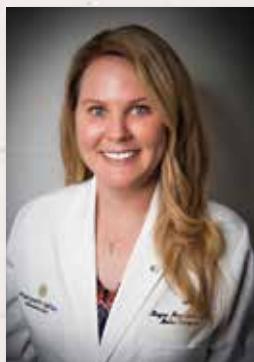
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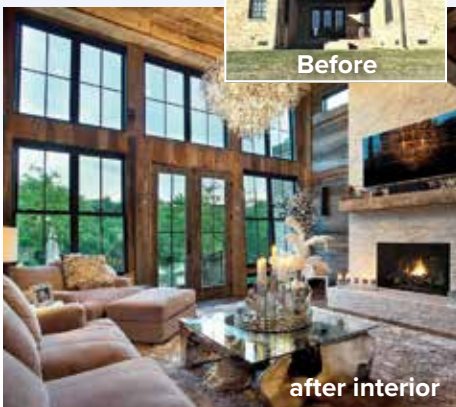
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