

# Festival of Trees

**E**xperience a magical display of Christmas at Ripley's annual Festival of Trees. Businesses, churches and organizations throughout Lauderdale County have decorated trees to help raise money for the Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse of Lauderdale County.

"You walk in and just go through mazes of Christmas trees," said Annette Maxwell, director of the Lauderdale County office. "It's just magical."

The event, which runs through December 12 at 311 S. Washington St., is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. It is the center's major fundraiser of the year.

Entrance to the Festival of Trees is free, but once inside, people are encouraged to open their wallets and vote for their favorite trees. One dollar is one vote, explained Maxwell. Each night, votes are tallied, and the results are posted on the center's Facebook page, she said. "It builds up excitement."

For the latest vote counts and other updates, visit Facebook @ The Exchange Club Carl Perkins Center of Lauderdale County. Winners will be announced December 14 on the Facebook page.

