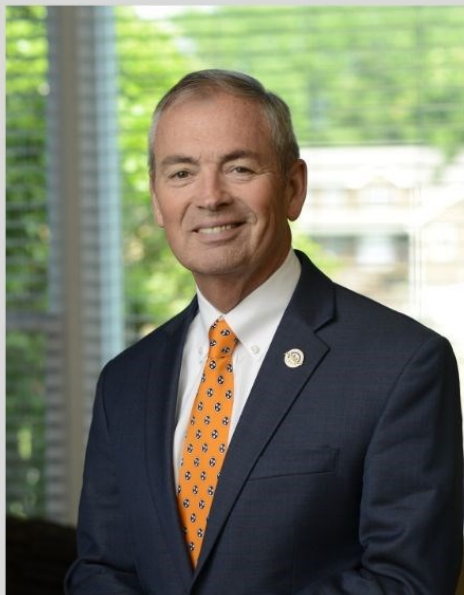




THE COUNTY CONNECTION

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

I start each day in the office with a time of quiet reflection. I read and study and set forth an agenda for the day ahead. As Thanksgiving quickly approaches, I have been challenged in my daily quiet time to meditate on the things for which I am thankful. As County Mayor, I am in a unique position as I not only get to see the "fruit" of the labor we put forth in county government but I also get to witness all of the work that the public may not see. Wilson County Government is composed of several departments and fee offices. The people that work in each of these offices ensure the county itself runs smoothly. These men and women contribute so much more than the general public will ever see or know. They are always diligently working behind the scenes to ensure our citizens are safe and well equipped to live full lives in our community.

We have done amazing things this year: DrugFree WilCo, Aging Matters, the Wilson County Homeless Coalition, WCTV, Paint WilCo, reward schools, suicide prevention, veterans programs, and so much more. These accomplishments are the work of average citizens who passionately strive to make Wilson County a better place without applause or recognition. I am grateful for all of the success we have had this year, but I am most grateful for the individuals that made all of our successes possible. It is my hope that through the end of the year and throughout 2020, we all take time to be a little more thankful each and every day. I like the quote by author Ann Voskamp that says: "A life that is meaningful — starts with a heart that is grateful." May we go into this holiday season grateful for not only our successes and "wins" this past year, but for each and every individual that makes our lives meaningful. At the end of the day, a life of meaning is a life of success.

Randall Hutto

Commissioner Spotlight: Kevin Costley District 8



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Wilson County

LANDFILL WINTER HOURS

OCTOBER - MARCH
MONDAY - FRIDAY: 7AM - 3PM
CLOSED SATURDAY

JOIN US
IN HELPING TO
"PLANT SOME SUNSHINE"
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER ~~16~~ 23 @ 9:30 AM

CITY OF LEBANON BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION IS SPONSORING
A "PLANTING SOME SUNSHINE" EVENT AND NEED VOLUNTEERS!

WE WILL BE FILLING ALL THE MEDIANS FROM WEST MAIN
STREET UP TO CITY HALL WITH BRIGHT YELLOW DAFFODILS.
THESE DAFFODILS WILL BLOOM FOR 8 WEEKS BEGINNING THE
SPRING OF 2020 BRIGHTING EVERYONE'S SPRING DAYS!!!

PLEASE
JOIN US ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER ~~16~~ 23 AT
9:30 AM
AND BRING ALL YOUR FRIENDS and
SHOVELS!!!

WE WILL MEET IN FRONT OF CITY HALL!!!
FREE HOT COFFEE and BOTTLED WATER WILL BE PROVIDED.

FIGHT FOR A FUTURE

NOVEMBER 17, 2019 5PM

**SUICIDE PREVENTION AND
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS**



WINFREE BRYANT MIDDLE SCHOOL



OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR WILSON COUNTY EXPO CATERING

*Enrollment Dates:
November 1 – December 1*

The Wilson County Expo is seeking partnerships for food, beverage, and kiosks. For more information, please email info@wilsoncountyexpo.com or call 615.450.3049.

WILSON COUNTY
EXPOSITION CENTER



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2020**



It's the

HOLIDAY SEASON...



Veteran's Day

**November 11th
Courthouse Closed**



*Thanksgiving
Holiday*

**November 28th & 29th
Courthouse Closed**



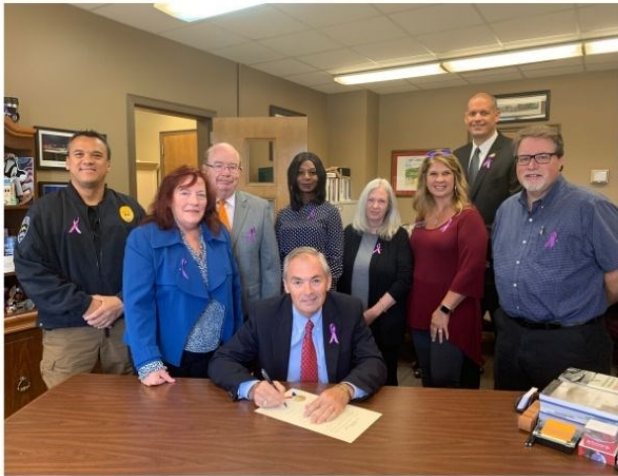
*Christmas
Holiday*

**December 24th, 25th & 26th
Courthouse Closed**

*grateful
to be in
Wilson County,
Tennessee*



October: National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Wilson County



Mayor Hutto recently met with Shannon Lynch of HomeSafe and declared October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Wilson County. Communities all over the country are raising awareness and taking action against domestic violence throughout the course of the month. Statistically speaking, 1 in 3 women will be affected by domestic violence in their lifetime. Tennessee ranks fourth in the country for domestic violence homicides, ranking in the top ten in the country every year since 2003.

HomeSafe is an organization that works towards educating the community and first responders about domestic violence and trauma informed care. In addition, HomeSafe provides services such as danger assessment, safety planning, individual counseling, court advocacy and distribution of food and household needs. In 2018, HomeSafe provided services to more than 1900 victims of domestic violence; 417 being Wilson County residents. So far this year, HomeSafe has provided services to over 338 survivors of domestic assault or aggravated domestic assault.

Pictured left to right: Sgt PJ Hardy, Lebanon Police; Shannon Lynch, Homesafe; Wayne Sutter, ADA; Jocelyn Watson, Homesafe; AnatAnais, Homesafe; Sandy Herbert, Homesafe; Scott Moore, Sheriff's office; JohnMcMillan, United Way and Randall Hutto, Wilson County Mayor.



Human Resources is doing a monthly employee giveaway. We have several fun items for you to pick from. All Wilson County Employees will have a chance to win during their anniversary month. Please contact HR at 615-466-5152 or 615-466-5138 to claim your prize.

November Winners

Lori Hackett
County Clerk

Camdyn Alsup
Sheriff's Department

Nicholas Wright
WEMA

Yamile Grijalva
Health Department

Darrin Hemontolor
Sheriff's Department

Know someone who's a
GREAT volunteer?

We want to hear
about them!

Nominate them for the
Governor's Volunteer Star
Award

visit
www.wilsoncountyttn.gov
under announcements
for more info.

applications due
November 22, 2019

Just A Bunch of Hocus Pocus

Annual courthouse Costume Contest filled with spooks and surprises





Artist Rendering

#Paint WilCo

MURAL UNVEILING

Presented by:



HISTORIC LEBANON

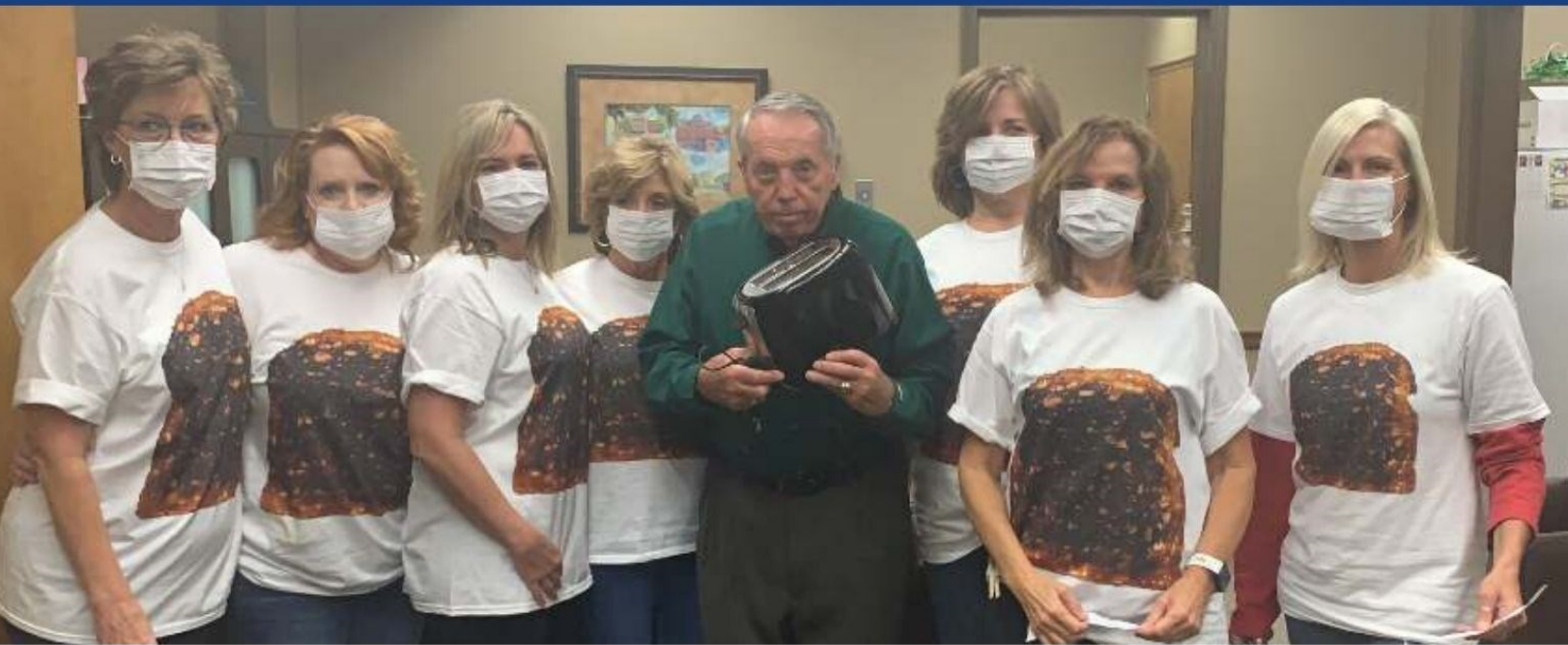
a Tennessee Main Street community

November 23 at 10 AM

135 Public Square, Lebanon, TN 37087

For more information, contact:

tourism@wilsoncountyttn.gov



Tis the Season

FROM THE WILSON COUNTY EXPO CENTER



Celebrate the season at the Wilson County
Exposition Center

*From intimate gatherings to large
scale soirees, the Expo Center can
accommodate your next event, no
matter the size*

For more information contact
info@wilsoncountyexpo.com



"Imagine A Day Without Water" Day in Wilson County

On October 23rd, 2019, Mayor Hutto joined with TDEC and the Value of Water Campaign by signing a proclamation to proclaim "Imagine a Day Without Water" day in Wilson County. Tennessee's 6.7 million residents rely on our 60,000 miles of rivers and streams, high quality aquifers and groundwater along with our more than 100,000 miles of public water infrastructure to provide drinking water greater than 90% of our state's population. Access to clean drinking water and managing water responsibly is critical to Tennessee communities' public and environmental health and to a high quality of life through economic commerce, power generation and recreation.

SPONSORED BY THE WILSON COUNTY SCHOOLS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER



Raising Amazing Kids in Complex Families

SINGLE PARENTS • STEP PARENTS • NEVER MARRIED PARENTS • GRANDPARENTS

Jay and Tammy Daughtry of The Center For Modern Family Dynamics will present impactful and insightful strategies for co-parents including Communicating With The Ex, Co-Parenting During the Holidays and much more.

WHO: ALL WILSON COUNTY PARENTS

WHEN: THURSDAY,

NOVEMBER 14, 2019 | 6-8 PM

WHERE: WEST WILSON

MIDDLE SCHOOL

935 NORTH MT. JULIET

ROAD MT. JULIET, TN

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

**For more information, contact
Debbie McChurch at 615.444.3282
ext. 7417 or mcchurchd@wcschools.com**

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF
CHILDCARE
PLEASE RSVP BY NOV. 7

Wilson County Receives Three Star Certification



"The Three Star Certification is a big deal in many ways" says Mayor Randall Hutto. Hutto continued saying "I am thankful for all of the years that the Lebanon/Wilson County Chamber and JECDB took care of this accreditation. The system for accreditation changed to bring new results with many new requirements. Because of the broadening of the scope of this project, it was delivered to the Mayor's Office to administer going forward. Ms. Susan Shaw, Project Administrator in the Mayor's Office took on this project and did a tremendous job. Ms. Shaw enlisted the help of many leaders in our community which made the project a great success. I congratulate Ms. Shaw and the Three Star Committee for all of their hard work and job well done."

The three key goals that have been put into action as a result of this review are as follows: build the workforce in Wilson County through partnership with business, industry, and education leaders; enhance beautification throughout the county; and improve walkability for health and connectivity purposes. Wilson County has received several awards in recent months due to its participation in the ThreeStar Certification Program. In September, the TN Department of Economic & Community Development awarded a ThreeStar Grant to Wilson County for its Workforce Development goal to better prepare students to enter the local job market by bridging the gap between education and business. In the same month, Wilson County received an award from the Greater Nashville Regional Council for its economic development program "PaintWilCo Art Initiative"; a program that was developed as part of the beautification initiative. Additionally, Wilson County Operations Director Robert Baines, and GC Hixson, Executive Director of Wilson County JECDB, collaborated to display the Three Star logo at each county entrance. Signs reading "Three Star Community" are displayed on signs at each major entrance to Wilson County including interstates and highways. The signs not only allude to Wilson County's achievements but signify the pride citizens take in their community.

Wilson County has received the ThreeStar certification several times in the past and continues to work diligently to provide a full life for its citizens. As you enter Wilson County at any of the eleven points, the ThreeStar logo sign identifies that Wilson County communities work together to prepare for a better future for generations to come.



Wilson County recently achieved ThreeStar Certification for 2019. ThreeStar Certification is an honor that comes with specific benefits for the county and cities therein including the following: eligibility for a ThreeStar Grant, access to Tennessee Economic Community Development programs and grants, and access to Community Development Block Grants with potential discounted match rates and additional funding.

Tennessee's ThreeStar Certification Program started in 1980 as a model to transform Tennessee communities through collaboration among local stakeholders. The mission of Tennessee's ThreeStar Program is to promote economic and community prosperity through collaboration to positively impact every Tennessean. The application process for the certification began in March. Several county and city leaders, as well as stakeholders came together at a workshop to create a comprehensive inventory of county assets. These assets are programs and businesses that provide value to residents, visitors, business owners, and anyone else who interacts with Wilson County.

Workshop participants engaged in brainstorming activities to identify ways to leverage assets for the benefit of the county and cities. Marty Potts, City Liaison and Ombudsman for Mt. Juliet stated, "After attending the workshop, it looks like it will be a great benefit to all counties and cities involved." UTK Extension was part of the discussion as well. Ruth Correll, Wilson County UT Extension Director, also found value in the workshop stating "I enjoyed hearing the ideas of others from the various entities across the county. Very diverse group...building relationships and exchange of ideas is very important." Goals re identified for action, and ultimately a vision and mission statement developed based on the assessment.

Paint WilCo Art Initiative Receives GNRC Award

On September 25, mayors and county executives from across Middle Tennessee came together to honor local governments in the mid-state for excellence in public service at the annual awards ceremony of the Greater Nashville Regional Council (GNRC or Regional Council). Wilson County was recognized for excellence in Economic Development with the Paint WilCo Art Initiative. The Regional Council, which is composed of 65 mayors and executives, two members of the TN General Assembly, and 26 mayoral appointments, provides a forum for collaboration among communities in the greater Nashville metropolitan area. Each year, GNRC honors its membership and partners with two types of awards. Grand awards, named after influential leaders throughout GNRC's history, are presented to individuals or organizations for demonstrated leadership on a regional scale. The Excellence in Local Government awards recognize county governments and municipalities for projects or initiatives that serve as a model for peers across the region. This year, GNRC presented 19 local government awards. This award recognizes Wilson County for its beautification program, Paint Wilco. Over the course of the next 12/18 months, ten murals will be completed around the county by local artists. The goals of the effort go beyond beautifying existing buildings and public spaces, as the county hopes the murals will help boost tourism, celebrate local artists and spark interest in public arts. The first mural was debuted at the 2019 Wilson County Fair. "The work being done by the local communities and professionals working for citizens across Middle Tennessee is inspiring," said Michael Skipper, executive director for GNRC. "It is an honor to highlight their hard work and share these best practices with the rest of the region." Pictured Left to right, seated: Artist Mallory Jennings, Wilson County CVB Director Amy Nichols, back row: Ashley Shores, Cheryl Bockstruck, Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto, Susan Shaw and Crystal Petet.



Mayor or Master Chef?

Mayor Hutto grilled up delicious steaks for the Taste of Wilson County event at the Wilson County Expo Center. The annual event is hosted by the Lebanon/ Wilson County Chamber of Commerce and supports the chamber's education programs.



Free Flu Shots November 19



FREE

FLU SHOTS

ONE DAY ONLY!

#FightFluTN
www.tn.gov/health/fightflu



WILSON COUNTY FAIRGROUND
945 EAST BADDOUR PKWY
LEBANON, TN 37087

11.19.2019

2:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

The Wilson County Health Department is offering flu vaccines at no charge to the community during a special "FightFluTN" vaccination event November 19. "Getting a flu vaccine is the best way to protect yourself, your family and others from the flu and help keep our community healthy," said Wilson County Health Department Director Tim Diffenderfer. "The flu can make you very sick, keep you away from work, school and other activities, put you in the hospital or even take your life. We urge everyone in Wilson County who has not received a flu shot yet to get one now, and this event is a great time to do it." The Wilson County Health Department will provide flu shots November 19 at no cost to anyone who wishes to receive one at the Wilson County Fairgrounds in the East Building from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM. No appointment is needed on this day! Last year we served 134 individuals during the Free Flu Day event. Seasonal influenza activity is spreading in Wilson County and across Tennessee and is expected to continue for months, so it's important for anyone over six months of age who hasn't had a flu shot this flu season to get one now. The flu vaccine is especially important for infants, young children, pregnant women, adults over age 50 and those with chronic medical conditions. The flu shot remains the best protection against influenza. For more information about the flu and getting a flu vaccine, contact your health care provider, call the Wilson County Health Department at 615-444-5325 or visit tn.gov/health/fightflu.

"The Joy Is In The Journey: Get Outside And Be Healthy"

Annual Wilson County Employee Health Fair Major Success

The Wilson County Employee Health Fair took place on October 29th at the Wilson County Exposition Center. The annual event is hosted by the Insurance Department. The theme for this year's event was "The Joy is in the Journey: Get Outside and Be Healthy". Cedar City RV provided two campers to go along with the theme in hopes of inspiring employees and retirees to take charge of their health by getting outside and getting active. Breakfast and lunch were provided to employees free of charge thanks to Cracker Barrel (Breakfast) and Jordan's Catering (lunch). In addition over 25 vendors attended the event including the following: AFLAC; Allergy, Asthma and Sinus (Dr. Cain); Cedar City RV; Cigna/Cigna Healthspring; Cumberland Skin; Dr. O'Quinn; Empower Retirement (TCRS); The Wilson County Health Department; Health Resource Integration; Healthy Bones; Wilson County Human Resources; New York Life; Pinnacle Bank; Relay for Life/American Cancer Society; ReMove Training; Sam's Club; Sports Village; Star Physical Therapy; State Farm Insurance; Summit Chiropractors; THW; TOA; Vanderbilt Wilson County; Wahington National; Wal-Mart Vision Center; and Wilson Bank & Trust.

The Wilson County Employee Clinic distributed free flu vaccines to all current employees and retirees that opted to receive one. There were also several prize winners throughout the day. Holly Taylor, Debbie Fischer and Shelley Shaw were all instrumental in planning and executing the event. However, there were several others that contributed during the day of the event as well including Labraunya Horton, Michelle Dodson, Val Vastola, Bethany Massey, and Von Barr. The Wilson County Expo Center Staff-Zendel Murphy, Charity Toombs, Quintin Smith, Joey Leach, Brenda Ashford, Mary Carney and Janice Kidd also assisted during the day of the event and helped with questions throughout its duration.



prize winners

Gift Basket from Cracker Barrel

Tamela VanDeLeuv
John Moss
Jonathan Woodard
Mike Hobbs

Lantern

Christine Neal
Edward Anderson
Telitha Hudgens
William Seay
Megan Gravens
Chelsea Appelhans

Camp Chair

Jacque Dillard
Brian Lamey

Cooler- Pam Wrye

Gift basket from 3:16- Beth Howard

Gift Bag from Wilke's-Kim Whiteaker

