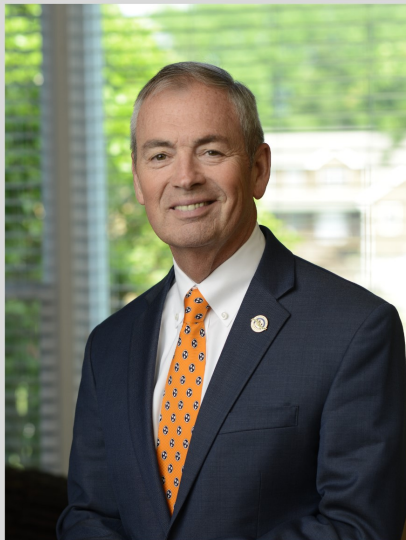




THE COUNTY CONNECTION

A Monthly Newsletter from Mayor Randall Hutto
Mt. Juliet | Lebanon | Watertown



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A Word from Mayor Hutto...

Memorial Day is soon approaching us, and with it comes the time for all of us to remember that the cost of freedom is not free. Since the founding of our nation, countless lives have been lost by those who fought to defend our freedom. It is because of those who have given all that we may enjoy our many liberties today.

May is known as "National Military Appreciation Month"; thus, there are several upcoming holidays that will recognize our military members, as well as their spouses and children. In Wilson County alone, there are roughly 9,000 veterans living here today, and each one of them deserves our utmost respect and gratitude for their service.

While we watch the news and witness the atrocities happening in other countries as they fight for their independence, please take a moment to pause and pray for them. As Americans, we are deeply blessed to live in a nation where we may be free to choose how we live, work, pray and educate our children. As Wilson Countians, we are also blessed to live in a community where our overall quality of live ranks amongst the top in the state. With that said, May is a time to show gratitude, not only to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, but also to those who are keeping us safe today. Thank you to all who serve!

Commissioner Spotlight: Sonja Robinson District 13



Contact

INFORMATION

1824 Underwood Road
Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

615-604-2226

Wilson County LANDFILL

7:00AM-3:00PM
MONDAY - FRIDAY

FIRST SATURDAY OF
EACH MONTH
8:00AM - NOON

ALL LOADS MUST BE
CHECKED INTO THE
SCALE HOUSE BY 2:30 P.M.

PLEASE DIRECT
QUESTIONS
TO 615.449.6684

PICK TN PRODUCTS' "FILL YOUR GRILL" CONTEST RETURNS!

Pick Tennessee Products' "Fill Your Grill" contest is back this year in plenty of time to plan your summer grilling menus. Winners will get to choose \$200 in local meats from the Tennessee farm of their choice! **There are two ways to register for the contest.** From May 1st-15th, visit www.picktnproducts.org and click on the "Fill Your Grill" banner at the top of the page. You can also register in person at the Pick Tennessee Products booth at the Memphis in May International Festival until May 15th. **On Monday, May 16th, twelve winners will be randomly selected and notified.** Winners will be able to choose a Pick Tennessee Products member farm based on their preferred meat cuts, whether it's beef, pork, lamb, goat, poultry, or some of everything. There is no cost to enter and a cash prize is not offered in lieu of meat selections. Winners are responsible for picking up the meat.

Several organizations partner with Pick Tennessee to support meat producers and highlight the opportunity for citizens to purchase meats directly from farms. The Tennessee Beef Industry Council, the Tennessee Pork Producers Association, the Tennessee Sheep Producers Association, and the Tennessee Soybean Producers Association work together to promote the contest. To register for Fill Your Grill or find farms near you, go to www.PickTNProducts.org or use the free Pick Tennessee mobile app. Follow @PickTNProducts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to learn more about seasonal recipes, products, and activities.

Going the Extra Mile...

TN VOICES & CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

TN Voices is a 501(c)3 that advocates for the emotional and behavioral well-being of Tennesseans with emotional, behavioral, and mental health disorders across the state. Founded in 1986, TN Voices speaks out as active advocates for the emotional and behavioral well-being of Tennesseans. They provide advocacy, training, support, referral, prevention, and early intervention. May annually recognizes Mental Health Month, and as the leading nonprofit for mental health support and services, TN Voices has partnered with Tennessee Mayors to proclaim May 5th as National Children's Mental Health Acceptance Day. This day prioritizes children's mental health in their Administrations, and helps further the work TN Voices continues to do by providing access to mental health for all Tennesseans. If you are a Tennessee resident who is now unemployed or without insurance and you are in need of mental health services, you can call the TN Voices Hope Fund hotline at 615.269.7751.



Pictured: (back) Brian Taylor and Gracie Stubbs, TN Voices, (front) Co. Mayor Randall Hutto



May 3
Nat'l Teachers
Appreciation Day

May 5
Nat'l Day of Prayer

May 7
Military Spouse Day

May 8
Mother's Day

May 13
Children of Fallen
Patriots Day

May 15
Peace Officers
Memorial Day
&
Armed Forces Day

May 30
Memorial Day

**National Military
Appreciation Month**

Mental Health Month

GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER STARS AWARD NOMINEES RECOGNIZED

The Wilson County Governor's Volunteer Stars Award Committee received 12 nominations. In this edition of the County Connection, we are recognizing Ms. Gloria Wilson as a 2021 GVSA nominee!

Ms. Gloria Wilson, age 90, has been a volunteer and a leader in her community throughout her entire life. After moving to Mt. Juliet in 2010, she became deeply involved in our community. You will often find Gloria at the Mt. Juliet Senior Activity Center, either in-person, behind the scenes, or virtually! She has spent countless hours volunteering for the Senior Center by fund-raising during their annual spaghetti supper and indoor yard sales. Gloria also established the Book Club and Crochet for Charity groups. The crochet group has donated over 600 handmade items locally! Gloria designs and donates notecards that are signed by Senior Center members, which are then delivered to local nursing home facilities. Gloria has been awarded the Senior Center's coveted Volunteer of the Year award, as she makes an impact for this organization daily. She is a social media whiz and promotes in multiple local community groups on Facebook! Gloria promotes Senior Center activities and fundraisers on FB, Twitter, and Instagram. Another charity that Gloria supports is Wilson Rides. She was their inaugural rider at the ribbon cutting ceremony in 2021. She helps bring awareness about this new organization by promoting on social media and in person. If you look at her social media pages, you will find a fund-raising link for Wilson Rides, where she raised \$1000 for her birthday in April! Gloria is a proud supporter of her local community. Whether volunteering for a non-profit, having coffee at a local café, or crocheting a hat for someone in need, you will always find Gloria with a smile and a giving heart. She has many talents to share and strives to bless someone every day.

Ms. Gloria is a testament that volunteering is ageless and no act of volunteer work is too small. Both the young and young at heart have a purpose and it was such a joy to be reminded of that while presenting her with this award. Thank you, Ms. Gloria. Your service and dedication are a true inspiration. You make Wilson County proud!



Pictured seated: Ms. Gloria Wilson, nominee. Pictured standing left to right: Kevin Sanders, WBT; Randall Hutto, Wilson County Mayor; Gaye Lynn Wilson; Julie Ruesewald, nominator; Ann Waller, WBT.

Mayor Hutto Out and About



Mayor Hutto Proclaims May Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month



May is nationally recognized as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness month, and as such, it is fitting that we unite to support local CF families by educating ourselves and offering support where it is needed the most. Wilson County is blessed with its very own organization, Cure For Our Friends (CFOF), designed to help Cystic Fibrosis families with direct financial support. Since 2014, the Mt. Juliet based nonprofit has been a 100% volunteer-driven group working to raise funds and awareness for CF families. In their honor the lampposts surrounding the Wilson County Courthouse will be lit in purple throughout the month of May. Mayor Hutto has proclaimed this month as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month in Wilson County, and he invites all Wilson Countians to join him in honoring the families suffering from Cystic Fibrosis and extend our heart-felt appreciation to Cure for Our Friends for their continued efforts.



TENDER LOVING SUPPORT



ZAXBY'S **MONDAY**
MAY 16

**10% OF SALES ALL DAY WILL
BENEFIT WILSON RIDES!**



Are You Ready to Run?

The Marathon in 26 Days is happening right here, at your school! Sign up today, and run one mile every day for the next 26 days.

On May 6 at 5:30pm, all marathoners are invited to run their final mile at Winfree Bryant Middle School. Participants will receive a medal!

So, how can you sign up? Just contact your Marathon in 26 Days representative at your school, and get ready to run!

The Marathon in 26 Days is presented by Run4Water, Wilson Bank & Trust and Lebanon Special School District to raise awareness of the worldwide crisis for clean water.

run4water.net

For More Information and How You Can Support Wilson Rides

VISIT WILSONRIDESINC.ORG

AT THE FOLLOWING ZAXBY'S LOCATION ONLY:
638 S Cumberland St., Lebanon • (615) 449-4566



RED CROSS HOSTS UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

Did you know that the U.S. is currently facing a national blood crisis? Our nation's blood supply depends almost entirely on donors, thus donations are needed now more than ever before. To help spread this message, Mayor Hutto attended the Blood Assurance blood drives in February and again in April. Held in the Blood Assurance "Dino" van outside the Vanderbilt Wilson County Hospital, it's quick and convenient to give your donation.

The next blood drive will be hosted by the American Red Cross at the Vanderbilt Wilson County Hospital on May 10th. One donation can save three lives. Donations are needed now more than ever. So please schedule your appointment today!



Thanks for always showing up!

Blood Drive Vanderbilt Wilson County Hospital

Red Cross Bus
1411 Baddour Parkway
Lebanon, TN 37087

Tuesday, May 10, 2022
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: VanderbiltWilsonCo to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Come to give April 19-May 19 for your chance to win a travel trailer camper that sleeps 8! Plus, you'll also receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of your choice, all courtesy of our partners at Suburban Propane! Terms apply, see rcblood.org/camper.

Schedule a blood donation appointment today:

Download the Blood Donor App | RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767





ASIST

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) is 2-day training (16 hours) for adults who want to be able to provide **suicide first aid**. Shown by major studies to significantly reduce suicidality, the **ASIST model teaches effective intervention skills** while helping to build suicide prevention networks in the community.

Each ASIST workshop shares many core features that make up the LivingWorks international standard. **ASIST participants learn to:**

- Understand the ways that personal and societal attitudes affect views on suicide and interventions;
- Provide guidance and suicide first aid to a person at risk in ways that meet their individual safety needs;
- Identify the key elements of an effective suicide safety plan and the actions required to implement it;
- Appreciate the value of improving and integrating suicide prevention resources in the community at large;
- Recognize other important aspects of suicide prevention including life-promotion and self-care; and,
- Learn available local resources.

Participants receive a certificate upon completing the workshop. Snacks are provided.

Participants must be present from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM to successfully complete the 2-day training.



"Saving Lives in Tennessee"

DATE
Thursday, May 5, 2022
thru
Friday, May 6, 2022

TIME
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

LOCATION
Immanuel Baptist Church
Owens Building
214 Castle Heights Ave.
Lebanon, TN 37087

COST
\$0

There is no cost for the class. For successful completion you must be **FULL ATTENDANCE** (16 hours) of the 2-day ASIST workshop.

CEUs are available for \$60; information provided on Day 2 of the workshop.

Class size is limited.

REGISTRATION
Call or text Melissa Ross,
Anchor Counseling
(615)489-7177

Training provided by
Tennessee Suicide
Prevention Network

COME CELEBRATE

ARMED FORCES WEEK

MILITARY APPRECIATION DAYS

FREE SANDWICH for all active duty service members and veterans.
Thanks For Your Service.

ARMY.....MON, 5/10
 MARINE CORPS.....TUE, 5/11
 NAVY.....WED, 5/12
 AIR FORCE & SPACE FORCE.....THU, 5/13
 COAST GUARD.....FRI, 5/14

AN INVITATION FOR ALL ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY & VETERANS



LUNCH WITH THE HEROES.....SAT, 5/15
11:00AM-2:00PM
Join us for a FREE SANDWICH and be sure to arrive before Noon for our live National Anthem.



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run4water.net



 wilson county
Ducky Derby
May 7, 2022



Chris Hoedt, MD



ADOPT A DUCK!

\$10/ea

Only 5000 available
1st, 2nd & 3rd Place
Win up to \$10,000!

Ducky Derby Party

5:00 - 10:00 PM

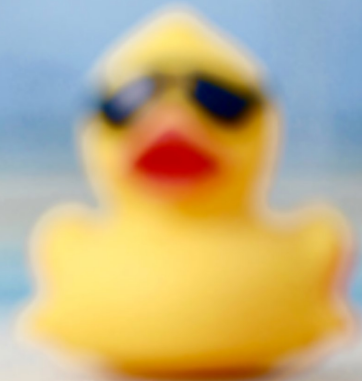
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1st, 2nd and 3rd Place
for Best Derby Hat!

All proceeds benefit the
Wilson County
Community
Help Center



A hand up to neighbors in need.



Find Out More
and purchase tickets at...

www.wilsoncountyhelpcenter.org

or call

(615) 449 1856



John Lankford, Financial Advisor



Dr. Chad Williams



Implant & Oral Surgery



WILSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, MAY 30TH IN OBSERVANCE OF

MEMORIAL DAY
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

SHERIFF'S DEPT. ANNOUNCEMENT: BEWARE OF SCAMS

The Wilson County Sheriff's Office made an announcement on their Facebook page that they have received several incident complaints where individuals were impersonating Deputies in attempts to solicit funds for failure to appear for court, failure to appear for jury duty, and failure to pay a citation. These calls were not legitimate, and these individuals were attempting to SCAM you for monies. Please report these calls to your local law enforcement agencies. Remember at no time will a law enforcement officer ever directly, in person or by phone, solicit funds for any court or traffic offenses. If you were contacted by anyone associated with this type of complaint or with any scam, please contact the Wilson County Sheriff's Office at 615-444-1412, extension 0, or your local law enforcement agency.



Check us out on
Facebook
&
fiddlersgrovetn.com

Admission is FREE!


Located at:
Fiddlers Grove
945 E. Baddour Parkway
Lebanon, TN

Spring Fest is for anyone who loves to shop & garden

Wilson County Master Gardeners will have a Plant Sale to benefit their gardening projects in Fiddlers Grove
Vendors will be selling home decor, boutique items, handmade items jewelry, plants, food trucks and so much more!

Sponsored by:





Who: UT Extension, TNCEP



What: Interactive sessions for healthy shopping

Where: Cash Saver, 312 E High St.

When: Wednesdays, 1-3 PM beginning May 4th

FREE

SAMPLES, GOODIES, AND RECIPES!



Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration and Health Fair



- ★ Byars Dowdy Elementary
- ★ Castle Heights Elementary
- ★ Coles Ferry Elementary
- ★ Jones Brummett Elementary
- ★ Sam Houston Elementary

WHEN: Tuesday, May 10, 2022
WHERE: College Hills Church of Christ
 1401 Leeville Pike
TIME: 10:00 a.m. ~ 6:00 p.m.

COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION PACKET ONLINE

For **FASTER REGISTRATION PROCESS** - Parents are encouraged to register their child online at www.lssd.org and upload all required documents. If unable to upload the required documents, please bring extra copies of your documents on registration day.

Requirements:
***Pre-Kindergarten:**
 ✓ Age 4 on/by August 15
 ✓ Zoned for LSSD
**The Pre-Kindergarten program is voluntary and eligibility is based on income, at-risk factors, and program availability.*
Kindergarten:
 ✓ Age 5 on/by August 15
 ✓ Zoned for LSSD

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- | | |
|---|---|
| (K and PreK Applicants) | (Additional Documents for PreK Only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Birth Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Insurance, Social Security Card and Proof of Income |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two Proofs Of Residency | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Stamp Case Number (if applicable) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TN Certificate of Immunization | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Physical | |

For more information, visit www.lssd.org

Free! Screenings for Speech, Hearing, Vision and Dental
(Required for Pre-K and Kindergarten)
 Physicals will be given to children upon request. This service will be billed to child's insurance



Pre-Kinder y Kinder Matricula y Feria de Salud



- ★ Byars Dowdy Primaria
- ★ Castle Heights Primaria
- ★ Coles Ferry Primaria
- ★ Jones Brummett Primaria
- ★ Sam Houston Primaria

CUANDO: MARTES, 10 de Mayo 2022
DONDE: College Hills Church of Christ
 1401 Leeville Pike
HORA: 10:00 a.m. ~ 6:00 p.m.

COMPLETE SU PAQUETE DE INSCRIPCIÓN EN LÍNEA

Para un **PROCESO DE REGISTRO MÁS RÁPIDO**; se alienta a los padres a registrar a su hijo en línea en www.lssd.org y cargar todos los documentos requeridos. Si no puede cargar los documentos requeridos, traiga copias adicionales de sus documentos el día de registro.

Requisitos:
***Pre-Kindergarten:**
 ✓ Edad 4 antes/para Agosto 15
 ✓ Zonificado para LSSD
**El programa de Pre-Kindergarten es voluntario y la elegibilidad se basa en los ingresos, los factores de riesgo y la disponibilidad del programa.*
Kindergarten:
 ✓ Edad 5 antes/para Agosto 15
 ✓ Zonificado para LSSD

DOCUMENTOS REQUERIDOS:

- | | |
|---|---|
| Solicitantes Pre-kinder y K | (Documentos adicionales necesarios solo para solicitantes de pre-kinder) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acta de Nacimiento Certificada | <input type="checkbox"/> Tarjeta de Seguro Social |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dos Pruebas de Residencia | <input type="checkbox"/> Número de Estampillas para comida (si corresponde) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certificado de Inmunización de Tennessee (vacunas y exámenes físicos actuales) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prueba de Seguro médico | |

Para más información, visite nuestro sitio web www.lssd.org

Free! Exámenes de Habla, Audición, Visión y Dental
(Requeridos para estudiantes de Pre-K)
 Se darán Exámenes Físicos a los niños que lo soliciten. Este servicio se facturará al seguro médico del niño.

Voluntary Pre-K Registration

WILSON COUNTY SCHOOLS



Applications will open online on February 22 for the 2022-2023 school year!

1st Priority for enrollment is given to children who:

- ◆ Turn four years old by August 15, 2022 **AND**
- ◆ The family meets federal income poverty guidelines

2nd priority for enrollment is given to children who:

- ◆ Have an IEP (Individualized Education Plan)
- ◆ Are in State or Foster Care
- ◆ Are an English Language Learner
- ◆ Have a parent deployed in active military duty

Any additional spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis (based on the received application date and need.) Families will be notified this summer if additional spaces are available.

*This is an application process. Admittance to the program is based on the priorities listed above.

Directions for completing the Voluntary Pre-K Application

- Go to www.wcschools.com
- Click on Students and Family
- Click on Pre-Kindergarten Program
- Click on Pre-Kindergarten Enrollment (Required documents for Pre-K are listed here)
- Read through the information then click on **New Student Enrollment** at the bottom of the page
- Scroll to **Instructions for Completing Online Enrollment**
- Read through the two options (currently have a student enrolled in WCS and need to enroll a new student **OR** you are new to the WCS system)
- Follow the directions under the option that applies to you
- Complete **P4** application and upload required documents. You will not be able to go back in and upload documents once submitted.
- Once you have submitted your complete application, the Pre-K department will review and process your application, and someone will contact you regarding your application status.

Documents to upload to Pre-K Application

- Official Birth Certificate
- Current Shot Record (with signed physical)
- W-2 or most recent tax return
- Two Proofs of Residence
- Driver's License or Photo ID
- Social Security Card (requested)
- Custody Papers (if applicable)
- EBT or WIC Card (if applicable)

Your child's application will not be complete until all documents have been submitted (including income verification.) Please upload all required documents to avoid a delay in your child's application being processed.

For additional information or questions visit wcschools.com or contact:

Jessica Humbles
Elementary Secretary
615-444-3282 ext. 7801

humblesj@wcschools.com

Jenn Moreland
Pre-K Lead
615-444-3282 ext. 7434
moreljen100@wcschools.com



WE RIDE FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T

RFTW Mission:

To promote healing among all veterans, their families and supporters and to support our military personnel all over the world

When: May 18-27, 2022 (CA to DC) May 29-May 31, 2022 (Sandbox/Wall to Wall) Information: www.rftw.us

Veterans of recent conflicts and those currently on active duty are especially welcome to join us and ride for one or more days or all the way.

Mid-Way Break Out Platoon

Arrives at Wilson County Veteran Museum

May 23, 2022 @ 1:30pm

Mid-Way Route Re-Fueling

Arrival at Pete's Truck Stop

May 23, 2022 @ 3:35pm