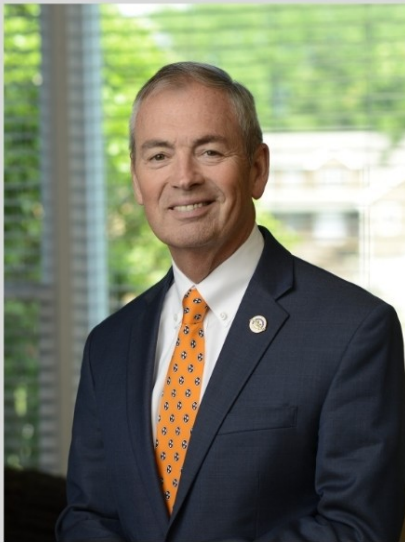




THE COUNTY CONNECTION

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



A Word from Mayor Hutto...

August is one of our busiest times of year here in Wilson County. For one thing, parents gather their children's school supplies, and students and teachers begin the new school year. For another, we gear up for the Wilson County Tennessee State Fair! We take so much pride in our county, and it is shown through the success of our school systems and our fair! However, these achievements would not be possible without the efforts of countless individuals in our community. The acclaimed author, Helen Keller, once said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Together, we are making our community "the Place to Be!" Thank you for all that you do!

In this newsletter:

Commissioner Spotlight:
Diane Weathers, District 16
(Page 02)

Wilson Co. Schools TCAP Scores Rise to Pre-Pandemic Levels
(Page 03)

Wilson County Celebrates 102 Years of the 19th Amendment
(Page 07)

**Commissioner Spotlight:
Diane Weathers
District 16**



Contact
INFORMATION

7800 Central Pike
Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

615-202-5131

**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



"Year of Hay"

**TENNESSEE
STATE FAIR**

AUGUST 18-27, 2022

www.wilsoncountyfair.net



95 Reasons to Celebrate Tennessee

WILSON CO. SCHOOLS TCAP SCORES RISE TO PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS

We're celebrating here in Wilson County, and not just because it's fair time. We're celebrating because our students' TCAP scores rose above the pre-pandemic levels. Not only that, our students scored above the state average in every subject!

Our students and teachers have done a great job through the challenges of the recent years. Keep up the amazing work!



COMMUNITY SHOWS TEACHERS SUPPORT FOR UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR

"WE LOVE OUR TEACHERS!"

The local Chambers of Commerce and "Everyone's Wilson" have partnered together launch the "We Love Our Wilson County Teachers" initiative. If you would like to show your support to all of our public and private school teachers in Wilson County, pick up your "We Love Our Wilson County Teachers" sign today! The signs can be purchased at all of our local Chamber of Commerce offices for \$10, which is the cost to cover the sign.

Thank you teachers for ALL that you do - each and every day!



BACK TO SCHOOL

Wishing our teachers and students a wonderful school year!

LEBANON
YOUTH
BASEBALL

FALLBALL
REGISTRATION
STARTS NOW!

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER...
FRIDAY AUGUST 5TH**

PLAYERS REGISTERED AFTED DEADLINE WILL
BE PLACED ON WAITLIST



VISIT WEBSITE TO REGISTER!

WWW.LEBANONYOUTHBASEBALL.NET

August's
Holidays

August 7
Purple Heart Day

August 11
Son & Daughter Day

August 20
National Honey Bee
Awareness Day

August 21
Senior Citizen's Day

VANDERBILT HEART RIBBON CUTTING

On July 26th, a ribbon cutting was held for Vanderbilt Health Interventional Cardiology Services. Members and ambassadors of the Lebanon Wilson County Chamber were present, as well as Vanderbilt Wilson County healthcare providers. Our hospital provides many healthcare services to our county, and we are thankful for the work that the Vanderbilt Wilson County staff do for us!



SMELL THAT “CHLORINE”? IT’S NOT WHAT YOU THINK.

What you smell are actually chemicals that form when chlorine mixes with sweat, dirt and other body waste from swimmers’ bodies.

These chemicals—not chlorine—can cause your eyes to get red and sting, make your nose run, and make you cough.



TN Department of Health

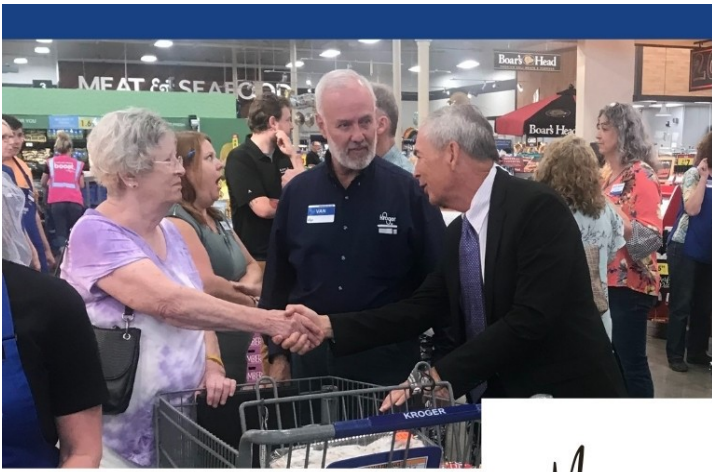


July 29th- July 31st:
Clothing, school supplies, and computers (includes diapers!)

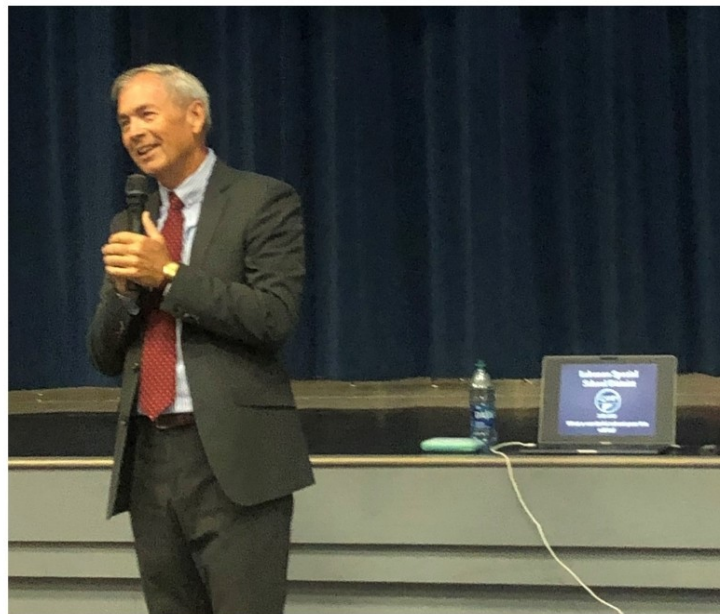
Aug. 1st- Aug. 31st
Food and food ingredients (does not include prepared food, alcohol, dietary supplements, tobacco, or candy)

July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023
Gun safes and safety devices

TN Department of Revenue



Mayor Hutto
OUT AND ABOUT



TO MAKE OUR VOICES HEARD

TENNESSEE WOMEN'S FIGHT FOR THE VOTE

Women throughout the United States secured the right to vote in 1920 when Tennessee became the final state needed to ratify the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The fight for this right began as early as 1848, with the Declaration of Sentiments, at the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, New York. The convention was inspired by the experiences of African American and white women in the abolitionist movement to end slavery.

SUFFRAGIST LEADERS



WILSON COUNTY CELEBRATES 102 YEARS OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

The Wilson County Courthouse is proud to present *To Make Our Voices Heard: Tennessee Women's Fight for the Vote*, a traveling exhibition, on display August 16-23, 2022 in celebration of 102 years since the ratification of the 19th Amendment. With election day coming up on August 4th, this makes the commemoration of the 19th Amendment's ratification even more significant. The exhibition, created in partnership with the Tennessee State Museum and the Tennessee State Library and Archives, explores the history of the women's suffrage movement, Tennessee's dramatic vote to ratify the 19th Amendment in 1920, and the years that followed. The 102nd anniversary will be Thursday, August 18th.

The exhibition is constructed of multiple dynamic panels, offering guests a touch-free experience of archival images, engaging stories, and introductions to the leaders of the fight for and against the cause of woman's suffrage. The stories begin by detailing the early challenges of racial and gender discrimination and continuing to the organization of African American and white women's associations to encourage political engagement.

Visitors will also learn about Febb Burn of McMinn County, whose letter to her son, Harry T. Burn, resulted in a last-minute vote that helped change women's history in the United States forever.

"My office and I are proud to present this exhibit in honor of the 19th Amendment's 102nd Anniversary. With election day coming up on August 4th, this is an even more special time to commemorate Tennessee's vital role in the women's suffrage movement," said Wilson County Mayor, Randall Hutto.

The Wilson County Courthouse is located at 228 East Main Street in Lebanon, TN. The courthouse is open Monday through Friday from 8:00A.M.-4:00P.M. Patrons and visitors alike may enter through the building's front doors and use the stairwell or elevator to travel upstairs. The exhibit admission is FREE of charge and will be displayed upstairs in front of the County Commission meeting room. The exhibit's panels are touch-free and will be separated to allow plenty of room for viewers to read the panels at their own pace.

To Make Our Voices Heard: Tennessee Women's Fight for the Vote was organized by the Tennessee State Museum and the Tennessee State Library and Archives with funding provided by The Official Committee of the State of Tennessee Woman Suffrage Centennial. The project was also funded in part by a grant from Humanities Tennessee, an independent affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.



GO AHEAD AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Lunar Plunge

The Lunar Plunge is coming up on August 20th at the Jimmy Floyd Family Center. Donations to the Tennessee Special Olympics will be sincerely appreciated. Call Mr. George Walker for details at 931-265-8536.

39th Annual WilCo Pow Wow

Experience the beauty and pageantry of a Native American Pow Wow
A celebration of life, culture, and community through dance, song, storytelling, food and crafts.

Join us at the WilCo PowWow on Saturday, **September 24th** & Sunday, **September 25th**, 2022 for an amazing experience featuring:

- Native American Food, Arts, & Crafts
- Competition Pow Wow
- Music and Dancing
- Intertribal Dancing

Feel your heart pound to the beat of the drums, explore authentic Native Arts & Crafts, find amazing food vendors (you've got to try the Indian Tacos...yumm - plus Buffalo Burgers, Corn Soup, Roasted Corn, etc.), and so much more.

You won't want to miss this great event for the entire family!



LUNAR PLUNGE

OPEN SWIM EVENT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2022

7:30 - 9:30 PM

Jimmy Floyd Family Center Outdoor Pool
511 N Castle Heights Ave, Lebanon, TN 37087

DONATIONS APPRECIATED



Learn more about Special Olympics programs and opportunities available to local area residents as either athletes or volunteers.

Contact: George Walker (931) 265-8536

www.WilCoPowWow.com

39th Annual

WILCO POW WOV

Saturday & Sunday

**SEPT. 24TH/25TH
2022**

Event Venue

**James E. Ward Agricultural Center
Wilson County Fairgrounds
Lebanon, Tennessee**

TICKET PRICING

ADULTS \$10 • VETERANS/SENIORS (65+) \$5 • CHILDREN (6-12) \$5 • KIDS (5 & Under) FREE

Ticket sales for this event are cash only. Admission price is per day.

RED SAND PROJECT AWARENESS WEEK

Human trafficking continues to be a world-wide public health concern and can target individuals from any class, religion, or cultural or ethnic group. The International Labour Organization estimates that there are 40.3 million victims of human trafficking globally. Therefore, Wilson County, Tennessee is partnering with the TN Department of Health and the Red Sand Project to raise awareness of human trafficking.

The Red Sand Project first began in 2014, when Molly Gochman became conscious of the depths to which modern-day slavery continues to be a reality. Unfortunately, the International Labor Organization estimates that forced labor and human trafficking is a \$150 billion industry worldwide. The U.S. Department of Labor has identified 148 goods from 75 countries made by forced and child labor.

- 81% of them are trapped in forced labor.
- 25% of them are children.
- 75% are women and girls.

Molly recognized that to begin finding a solution to such a widespread challenge, increased public awareness and engagement would be essential. She initiated the first Red Sand Project action in Miami, where she filled the cracks of sidewalks in and around the Art Basel Miami Beach pavilion with red sand. The approach was symbolic, with each grain of sand representing ONE of the 40.3 MILLION individuals who fall through the cracks.

Mayor Hutto has signed a proclamation which declared the week of July 24th as “Red Sand Project Awareness Week” in Wilson County, and invited citizens to participate and raise awareness about human trafficking. **There's still plenty of sand in his office, so come pick yours up today!**

For more information on human trafficking and the Red Sand Project go to redsandproject.org and humantraffickinghotline.org.





"Support Wilson County"

Thank these
Local Businesses
for their support of the
Wilson County Fair Exhibits & Activities:



Absolute Kubota
 Advanced Chiropractic
 Al's Foodland
 American Mortgage Service
 AnyCare 24
 Bank Tennessee
 Baskin Robbins
 Bee Well Urgent Care
 Bonny Meade (Events, Weddings, VRBO, Airbnb)
 Border States Electric Supply
 Cumberland Mental Health Center
 Dempsey Vantrease & Follis
 Disability Consulting
 Eastern Middle TN Association of Realtors
 Easterseals Tennessee/Prospect
 Edwards Feed
 EXIT Rocky Top Realty – C&D Team
 Fakes & Hooker
 Farm Credit Mid-America
 Farmers Insurance
 First Horizon Bank
 Hearthside Senior Living
 Henderson's Florist
 HomeCare Excellence
 Honey Baked Ham Company
 Hydro Care
 Larry Powell Builders
 Lebanon Chemicals
 Lebanon Distributing Co.

Lebanon Hughston Clinic Orthopaedics
 Liberty State Bank
 Middle Tennessee Electric
 Middle Tennessee Periodontics
 Moss Flower Shop
 Mt. Juliet Senior Living
 Mysa Nails & Spa
 Novolex Heritage Bag
 Premier Dodge Chrysler Jeep
 Quality Roofing Restoration & Construction
 R & M Printing & Promotions
 Rochelle, McCulloch & Aulds
 Shannon Speck Electric
 Shipper's Collision
 Simply Elite In Home Care
 Sonic Drive-In, Lebanon
 Sports World
 SPWC Construction
 Superior Construction and Design
 The Pavilion Senior Living
 The White Room
 THW Insurance
 Vanderbilt Eye Institute - Lebanon
 Walgreens (S. Cumberland)
 Walgreens (West Main)
 Wilson Bank & Trust
 Wilson County Chevrolet Buick GMC
 Wilson County Hyundai

Thank You for Your Support!



TENNESSEE STATE FAIR

AUGUST 18-27, 2022

www.wilsoncountyfair.net