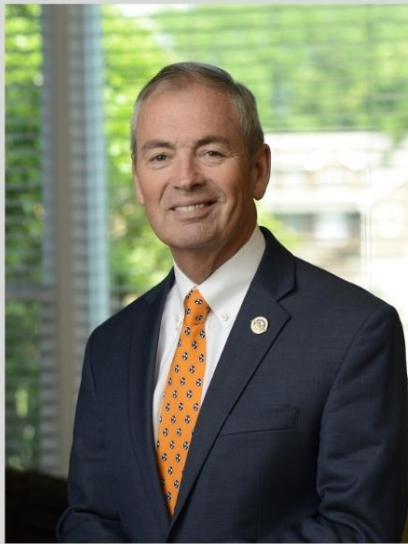




THE COUNTY CONNECTION

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

You've probably already heard the question, "What makes your house a home?", but you've probably never been asked, "What makes your community a home?" This February, I challenge you to think about what it is that makes our community your home. For some, it may be your neighbors, church, school, or work family. For me, it's the people who work to make the world a better place by serving others. It's not about how much money they make; instead, it's about the fulfillment they receive when they make a positive impact on someone's life. That's what makes your life truly rich! Throughout this newsletter, you will read about the incredible individuals and organizations that have events coming up this month. If you want to get involved, Meals on Wheels, Compassionate Hands, and Everyone's Wilson are just a few of the organizations that would greatly appreciate volunteers and support. Remember, home is where the heart is, and we sure do have a lot of heart here in Wilson County!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randall Hutto".

Commissioner Spotlight: Wendell Marlowe District 22



Contact INFORMATION

Phone:
615-758-5277

Additional Phone:
629-203-0700

Wilson County LANDFILL

MONDAYS - FRIDAYS
7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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

PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS
TO 615.449.6684

FARMERS CAN BUY MORE TAX FREE IN 2023

The Tennessee Department of Revenue and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture remind farmers, timber harvesters, and nursery operators that they can buy more items tax-free in 2023. Under a new state law that took effect on January 1, 2023, qualified farmers and nursery operators may purchase building material, fencing material, warranties, and most other items of tangible personal property used primarily in agricultural operations exempt from sales and use tax. To purchase farm equipment and machinery tax-free, farmers must show their Tennessee sales tax exemption card. To obtain a card, farmers should complete the Agricultural Sales and Use Tax Exemption application. For more information about the agricultural sales tax exemption, visit the Department of Revenue's website. For questions, please call 615-253-0600 or email revenue.support@tn.gov.



SAVE THE DATE

**AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION
WILSON COUNTY HEART WALK**

JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF HEART HEALTH
EDUCATION AND ACTIVITIES TO FIGHT FOR
LONGER, HEALTHIER LIVES IN WILSON COUNTY

**SATURDAY, APRIL 15
NASHVILLE SUPERSPEEDWAY**

4847-F MCCRARY RD.
LEBANON, TN 37090

LOCALLY SPONSORED BY

Vanderbilt
Wilson County
Hospital

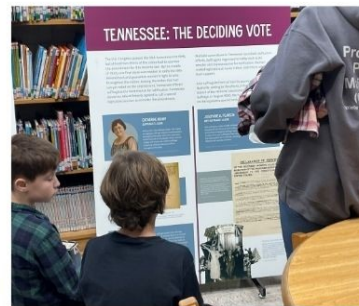
VANDERBILT HEALTH

Email caleb.bone@heart.org to receive registration instructions
& fundraising resources for your family or company.

TUCKERS CROSSROADS ELEMENTARY DISPLAYS WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE EXHIBIT

In December, Tuckers Crossroads Elementary School displayed the women's suffrage exhibit: 'To Make Our Voices Heard: Tennessee Women's Fight for the Vote. Wilson County Government received the exhibit through a grant in 2020, but it's travel was halted due to the pandemic. Now, the exhibit is traveling to our students, just as we had hoped it would before the pandemic! During it's display at the TCE library, students learned about the men and women whose roles were vital in ratifying the 19th Amendment. Students also learned 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.

We send a special thank you shout-out to Mrs. Bonnie Hall Major for making this possible for our students! If your school or organization would like to display this exhibit as well, please contact Brooke Driver in Mayor Hutto's office at 615-444-1383 or by emailing brooke.driver@wilsoncountyttn.gov.



February 2
Ground Hog Day

February 3
World Cancer Day

February 4
Thank a Mailman Day

February 14
National Organ Donor Day & Valentine's Day

February 18-25
Nat'l FFA Week

February 20
President's Day

American Heart Month

Black History Month

National Children's Dental Health Month



Winter Shelters

December 1—March 15

Food and lodging provided by local churches

Center for Hope & Renewal

214 North College Street

4:00-5:00 pm Nightly Check-In

Impaired guests will not be allowed entry

No entry past 5:00 pm

If you need late entry due to work...
please call 615-784-9897 for late check-in

Courtesy Van Pick-Up

4pm pick up on Legacy Lane, wooded spot across
from Demos' entrance

WILSON COUNTY
BLACK HISTORY COMMITTEE

PRESENTS:
JUBILEE!

FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM

FEBRUARY
SATURDAY **18** AT 2 PM
2023

Join us as we tell the story of Pickett Chapel
and about the lives of Thomas Rutling and
Maggie Porter, who were two of the original
Fisk Jubilee Singers, born into slavery
in Wilson County.

This live stage performance will be narrated
by two historians and is underscored by an
ensemble from the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

FREE MATINEE EVENT

DOORS OPEN AT 1:30 P.M.
-THE CAPITOL THEATRE-
110 W. MAIN STREET, LEBANON, TN. 37087

HUMANITIES TENNESSEE AND THE TENNESSEE
ARTS COMMISSION HAVE GENEROUSLY
GRANTED THE FUNDS FOR THIS PRODUCTION.

DONATIONS APPRECIATED



What You Need to Know

- Women stay at local host churches. Men stay at the Center for Hope and Renewal. No spaces for kids.
- To keep everyone safe, guests agree to a code of conduct that includes no alcohol or drugs, no weapons, no fighting, no racial slurs.
- Impaired guests are not allowed to stay. No background check for guests...so children will not be allowed.
- No pets allowed. Service animals must be verified.
- Registration closes at 5pm. If you are working, you can request late check-in by calling 615-784-9897.

Need Additional Help?

- Suicide Prevention - dial 988
- Housing - HART hotline 844-556-7626
- Domestic Violence 800-356-6767 or HomeSafe 24hr 615-452-4315
- Veterans Crisis 800-273-8255 or text 838255 or Veterans' Housing Hotline 877-424-3838
- Food/Clothes/Utilities: Wilson County Help Center 615-449-1856, Mid-Cumberland CAA 615-742-1113
- Disability Consulting 615-453-9151
- Addiction 800-889-9789, Upper Cumberland 931-528-1127

PAINT RECYCLING BACK AT THE WILSON COUNTY LANDFILL

Paint Recycling is Back at the Wilson County Landfill (**Oil-Based Paint Only**), effective February 1, 2023. Latex paint **will not** be accepted. However, latex paint can be dried out in the sun with paint hardener or cat litter. Once the paint is solidified (hardened), then it can be thrown away with regular trash. For questions, please call the Wilson County Landfill at 615-444-8360.

Acceptable Amounts

One 5 gallon container

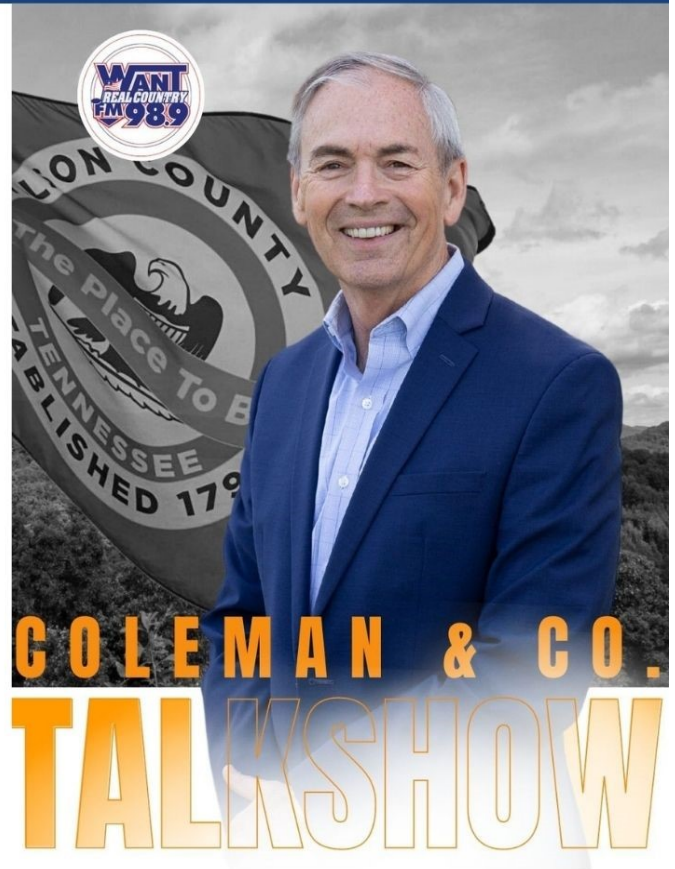
OR

Five one gallon containers

OR

Twenty one quart containers

*Wilson County residents only, 2 times per calendar year. *No commercial, businesses, or organizations.*



TUNE IN AROUND 7:40AM!

GUEST, MAYOR RANDALL HUTTO

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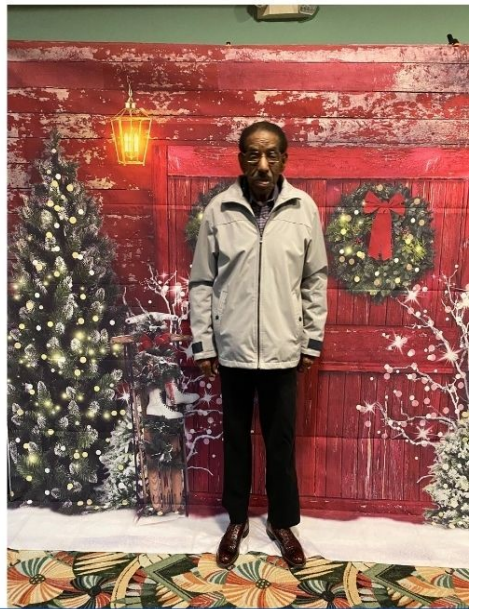
FEB. 26TH | WITH COLEMAN WALKER

PRESIDENTS DAY

Wilson Co. Government Offices will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2023 in observance of President's Day. Offices will return to their regular business hours on February 21, 2023.



Commissioner's Night 2023
THE POWER OF ONE



ELECTED OFFICIALS ACCEPT 'SPEND A DAY IN MY WHEELS' CHALLENGE!

Seventeen-year-old high school student, Alex Johnson, is working to raise accessibility awareness. Alex has a rare skeletal disorder and uses a wheelchair daily. Since a young age, his mission has been an inspirational one. He founded the non-profit "Spend a Day in My Wheels", a challenge which works to raise accessibility awareness.

During January's County Commission Meeting, Alex took a few moments to speak and challenged county officials to spend a day in his wheels - quite literally. Several officials, along with various leaders in Wilson County, accepted his challenge.

On February 6th, County Mayor Hutto and several others will spend the day in wheelchairs, provided by Permobil, to learn challenges they may not be aware of.

"This project certainly is an inspiring one, and we thank Alex for working to spread the message about accessibility awareness," said County Mayor, Randall Hutto. "Alex is making a positive impact in communities across Tennessee through this challenge."

Be sure to keep an eye out on social media for an update on the challenge on February 6th!



Pictured left to right: County Mayor, Randall Hutto and Alex Johnson, founder of "Spend a Day in My Wheels".

COUNTY EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATE IN 'HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT' PRESENTATION

Last month, Mr. Colin Simmons, with the Wilson County Health Department's Health Educator, put together an interactive program for county employees. This program focused on informing adults about the negative health effects caused by vaping and other substance abuse, as well as how teens may use everyday items to hide evidence of risky behaviors. Throughout the day, employees took part of a "scavenger hunt", where several hidden items were placed in everyday household objects. Participants were challenged to find every hidden item, and some of the places these substances were concealed were shocking. This was a valuable training for the adults who participated. We send a big thank you shout-out to Mr. Colin Simmons and DrugFree WilCo for making it possible! If your school or organization would like to learn more about the scavenger hunt, please call the Wilson County Health Department at 615-444-5325.





Cool Season Vegetables

Lunch & Learn

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

School Exhibits Building

James E Ward Ag Center

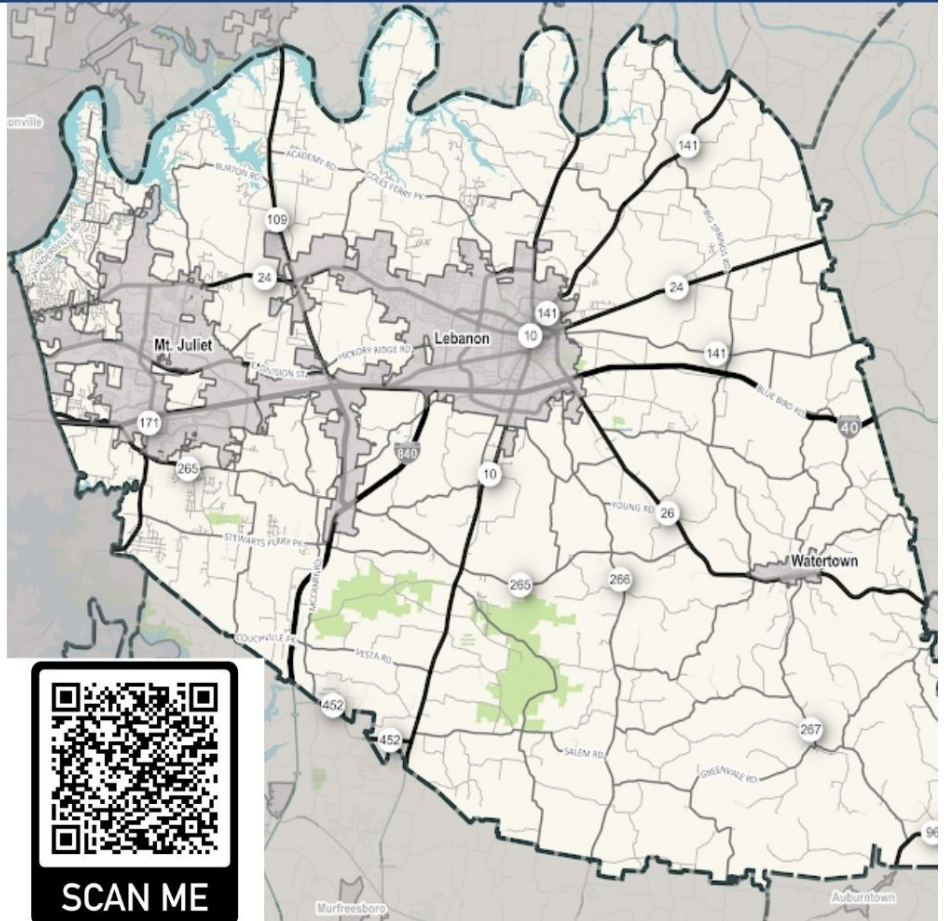
945 East Baddour Parkway
Lebanon, TN 37087

*Bring a sack lunch. Lunch is not provided!
Space is limited!! Reserve your spot today!*

Lucas Holman, Horticulture
UT-TSU Extension, Wilson County
615-444-9584 Email: lholman1@utk.edu

TAKE OUR SURVEY!

Wilson County is developing a plan to address roadway safety in unincorporated areas of Wilson County, which are shown in the map to the right. This 5-minute survey collects input from residents on the types of projects that should be considered and how proposed recommendations should be prioritized for both State and County roadways in the study area. The survey can be found on www.wilsoncountyttn.gov. Thank you in advance for your participation!



EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC COMING UP SOON

Wilson County hosted its first Expungement Clinic on October 6, 2022, in partnership with the American Job Center and Justice for All, A Supreme Court initiative. The event was a success! Thirty-eight individuals attended, and one hundred sixty-eight records were signed off for expungement. We're hoping that the upcoming Expungement Clinic will be even more successful than the last.

The next Expungement Clinic will be held on **Thursday, April 27th from 4:00pm-7:00pm, at 1240 Leeville Pike, Lebanon TN**, in partnership with the American Job Center. This is for Wilson County records only. Onsite review and signoff will take place at the Clinic. Circuit Court will pull records for the attendees and criminal records will be reviewed. Attendees will be able to meet one-on-one with attorneys and meet with the Judge. If all the steps are approved, attendees will be able to leave with a signoff.

Furthermore, Second Chance Employers will be onsite to discuss employment opportunities. Other onsite resources include the mobile Justice Bus, where legal issues can be discussed, as well as adult education resources.

We sincerely appreciate the City of Lebanon, City of Mt. Juliet, Cumberland University, American Job Center, Wilson Works and all of those who worked so hard to make this possible!