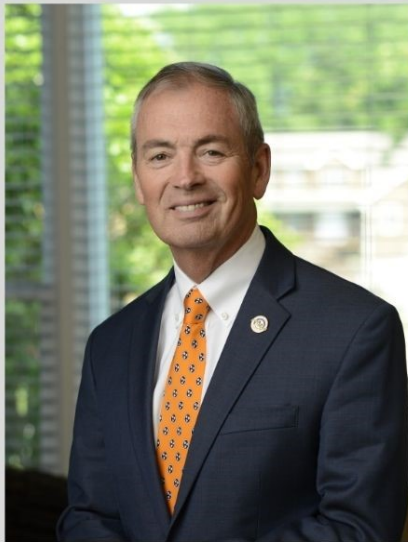




# THE COUNTY CONNECTION

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



## ***A Word from Mayor Hutto...***

It's a blessing to know what your calling is, and those who work in public service are certainly called to do so. It isn't for everyone, but for those who answer the call, it is a way of life. Here in Wilson County, we are surrounded by public servants and first responders who make daily sacrifices to ensure our safety. Our sheriff, police, fire, and emergency management departments put their own safety on the line in order to keep our community safe. These men and women are resilient and are determined to serve others even in the most challenging situations. We commend these brave individuals for their service, as well as our many military members who call Wilson County home. If you see one of these heroes today, be sure to tell them thank you. Mark 10:45 says, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Easter season is a time when we should reflect on the sacrifices of others—and of course—on the greatest sacrifice of all. I wish you all a safe and Happy Easter!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randall Hutto".

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**INFORMATION**

816 Wildwood Ave.  
Lebanon, TN 37087

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**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**

**PRAY FOR  
COVENANT SCHOOL FAMILIES  
AND COMMUNITY**

*We keep Covenant School close in our hearts and prayers as they continue to process the unspeakable and senseless tragedy that occurred last month.*



# Wishing Debbie Jessen a Happy Retirement!

Mrs. Debbie Jessen retired last month, and she certainly had a large retirement reception! As the Mayoral Assistant in the Lebanon Mayor's Office for the past 29 years, Debbie assisted four Lebanon mayors during their terms. These mayors were: Mayor Don Fox (4 terms), Mayor Philip Craighead (2 terms), Mayor Bernie Ash (1 term), and Mayor Rick Bell (2 years). Debbie's dedication to serving the community did not stop when it came to jurisdictions outside of city limits. Throughout the years, Debbie worked closely with each jurisdiction in Wilson County. Many county departments consider her a friendly, helpful colleague. Thus, Mayor Hutto presented her with an honorary resolution during March's County Commission meeting. However, this was not the only recognition Debbie received upon her retirement. During the Lebanon City Council meeting last month, Mayor Bell honored Debbie by naming her as a "Legend of Lebanon." Congratulations on this honor, Debbie, and Happy Retirement!



Pictured: Steve & Debbie Jessen



April 4  
**School Librarian Day**

April 7  
**Good Friday**

April 9  
**Easter Sunday**

April 10  
**National Farm Animals Day**

April 11  
**National Pet Day**

April 22  
**Earth Day**

**Keep America Beautiful Month**

**Stress Awareness Month**

**Month of the Military Child**

# Country Network Presents All New Original Series, Filmed in Fiddler's Grove

The Country Network (TCN) will air and stream its new original series this summer! The series, Barbecue Country, will present “The BEST Backyard Cooks in America.” Twelve Backyard Cooks and twelve Pitmaster Pros will team up for a BBQ Brawl and only ONE will be named BACKYARD BBQ CHAMP! The show will be filmed on location in our very own Fiddler's Grove, located in the Wilson County Fairgrounds. Mr. Russ Lannom, the show creator, explained his inspiration behind the show and the idea for using Fiddler's Grove as the location. He said, “For BBQ Country to find the best backyard cooks in America we needed a backdrop for the show that said, ‘Americana’, ‘historic’, and ‘authentic.’ Fiddler's Grove checked all the boxes that said, ‘this is true Americana!’” The show is set to air Memorial Day weekend 2023. Stay tuned for more details!



## YOUTH PREVENTION COALITIONS IN WILSON COUNTY

YPC WilCo, a youth division of DrugFree WilCo, is the county's first youth prevention coalition aiming to make a difference in schools and the community. These changemakers work to prevent and reduce substance misuse by promoting healthy, drug-free lifestyles for teens in Wilson County.

DrugFree WilCo supports youth coalition members as they prioritize problems and develop solutions to address substance misuse. We help coordinate partnerships with other local organizations sharing a similar mission to provide resources to develop student-led presentations, campaigns, and activities that educate other youth. We recently partnered with the Wilson County Health Department to educate youth on the harmful effects of vaping. YPC students from Lebanon High School visited all the elementary schools in the Lebanon Special School District to facilitate interactive small group activities with 468 fifth grade students. *Continued on page 23...*

# EASTER FUN IN WILSON COUNTY


Hippity hoppity, Easter is on its way! If you're looking for some family-friendly Easter activities, you've come to the right place. Mt. Juliet will host Easter in the Park on April 1st (today) from 11am-2pm at Charlie Daniels Park. Next weekend, on April 8th, both Lebanon and Watertown will host their community events. Lebanon's Easter Egg Hunt will take place from 10am-12pm at the Jimmy Floyd Family Center. Watertown's Community Easter EGGstravaganza, will also be held and is planned to begin at 3:00pm at Three Forks Park. The Easter Bunny will be present, and the event will include a egg hunts, bouncy houses, a petting zoo, and much more! We wish you all a safe and Happy Easter!





*Mayor Hutto*  
OUT AND ABOUT



 **City of Mt. Juliet March 3rd, 2020  
Tornado Remembrance**

# 2023 WILSON COUNTY AG HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Credentials have been released for the 2023 Wilson County Ag Hall of Fame Inductees. The Sixteenth Annual Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame Banquet will take place on April 4, 2023 in the Farm Bureau Expo Center in Lebanon with a reception at 6:00 pm and the banquet at 6:30 pm. Tickets for the April 4 banquet can be purchased by calling 444-1890 ext. 3. The cost is \$20 each. Jordan's Catering will be preparing the meal that evening, which is another reason to join in on the festivities. Area FFA and 4-H Members will serve as ushers for the evening. The sixteenth class of inductees are Lounita and Bobby Howard, James Ray Johnson, Bob Pruitt, and Don Willoughby. The next pages of this newsletter contain the inductees biographies. Continue reading to learn about their lives and the impacts they have made for Wilson County Agriculture. Congratulations to the inductees and their families!

**WILSON BOOKS FROM BIRTH**  
**IMAGINATION DINNER**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH 6:30-8:00 PM**  
**945 E BADDOUR PARKWAY, LEBANON TN**

**Sponsor a Table Today!**

- Sponsor a table of 8 for \$300.00
- Decorate your table and dress up!
- Support Wilson Books from Birth in providing free books to local children!

**About Wilson Books from Birth:**

- In 1996 Dolly Parton's Imagination Library was started in Sevier County, TN. In 2005 the IL was replicated in Wilson County as Wilson Books from Birth.
- Each month, from birth to age 5, children receive a high-quality age appropriate book in the mail, for free!
- There are currently over 6,000 children enrolled in the program, each receiving a free book in the mail each month. Over 994,646 books have been mailed since 2005!
- Wilson Books from Birth is a division of the Wilson County Business & Education Coalition, a 501(c)3 organization of the Lebanon Wilson County Chamber of Commerce.

**Event Agenda:**


- Dinner
- Live Auction
- Challenges
- Giveaways
- Table Décor Contest
- & more

**PRESENTING SPONSOR:**  
**The Hankins Foundation**



**PROVIDING THE GIFT OF FREE BOOKS TO LOCAL CHILDREN.**

**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:**



**EARLY LITERACY FOUNDATION**



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## 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  
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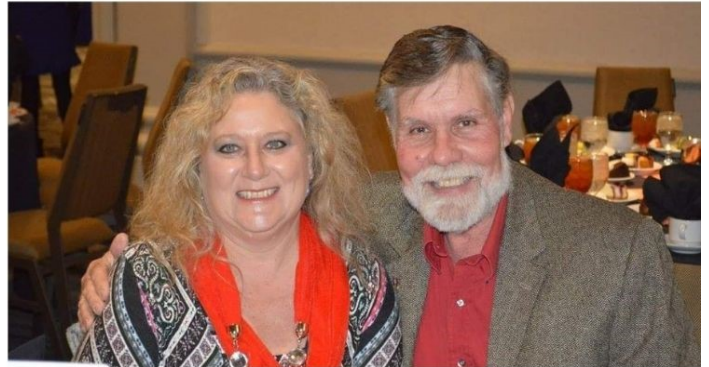
VANDERBILT HEALTH

Email [caleb.bone@heart.org](mailto:caleb.bone@heart.org) to receive registration instructions  
 & fundraising resources for your family or company.

## 2023 WILSON COUNTY AG HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

# LOUNITA AND BOBBY HOWARD

Bobby, the only child of R. L. and Christine Howard, was born and raised in Murfreesboro. He attended Oakland High School and was a member of FFA throughout high school. Upon graduation, he bought his grandparents, W. P. and Veda Mae Howard's, farm near Lascassas. Lounita, the second of four children born to Lew and Sandra Cook, was born in Lebanon. She attended Oakland High School and Middle Tennessee State University where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in mass communication. She worked at The Nashville Business Journal and The Lebanon Democrat, where she was hired as a reporter and worked her way up to editor. She then became the Director of United Way. While at United Way, she purchased The Watertown Gazette and ran it for several years before eventually selling it. She worked a few jobs in other fields, but later came back to journalism when she started The Edge newspaper from the ground up in 2015. Bobby and Lounita were married in February 1983. They lived their entire married life together on the farm and supported each other in their endeavors and enjoyed spending time together working on the farm and delivering newspapers around town. They were married for 39 good years until Lounita's passing in 2021. Their farm is approximately 1000 acres of owned and rented farmland with about 120 head of cattle on it at any time. Bobby also raises row crops (corn and soybeans) and hay.



He has recently added a registered herd of Balancer cattle with his goddaughter, Jessica. Bobby and Lounita were very involved in their community. Not only did Lounita use her paper, The Edge, to spread relevant and agricultural news to everyone; but they were both members of several clubs in Lascassas, Watertown, and Lebanon. They were charter members of the Lascassas/Milton Lion's Club and they were members of the Wilson County Fair Board for 20 years. Lounita was involved in the Chambers of Commerce in both Lebanon and Watertown, the Wilson County 911 Board, Leadership Wilson, Wilson One, and the Lebanon Business and Professional Women's Club. She was also a founding member of the Women's Build Committee for the Wilson County Habitat for Humanity. Bobby is the Treasurer of Prosperity Cemetery, and he has taken over Lounita's spot on the Wilson County 911 Board. Bobby and Lounita were members of Bradley Creek Baptist Church throughout their marriage, but enjoyed attending church at Milton Church of Christ whenever they were able.

2023 WILSON COUNTY AG HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

# JAMES RAY JOHNSON



James Ray Johnson was born on June 24, 1926, to Herbert and Novada (Tomlinson) Johnson of the Centerville Community. James Ray married the love of his life Elizabeth Gilmore. They had three children Beverly, Mike, and Mark. James Ray attended Taylorsville School then Lebanon High School, where he soon had to leave school to run the family farm as his father died in 1939 making James Ray a young full-time farmer at the age of 16. The Herman Dies family moved onto the farm to assist the young James Ray in managing the 500 acres. James Ray's sons (Mike and Mark) quickly started learning the ropes of managing the family farm. They raised cattle, hogs, and various row crops such as tobacco. The contributions of James Ray from his young start as a full-time farmer up until his death in August of 1988 are vast. James Ray's record of public service included almost a quarter of a century of service as a member of the Wilson County Quarterly Court and County Commission. He was instrumental in securing the land for the Wilson County Cooperative and the land that is currently the James Ward Agricultural Center. During his years of public service, he also served on the Wilson County Road Commission and the Wilson County Planning Commission. James Ray served as the President of the Wilson County Livestock Association and was named Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year. He was a member of the Wilson Farmers' Cooperative board of directors for 28 years and served as a member of the board of directors of the Wilson County Farm Bureau.

## TN Dept. of Health to Host Youth Summit

The TNSTRONG Youth Summit is June 4-6!

Participants will have the opportunity to hear from leading tobacco prevention experts and network with like-minded peers from across the state.

Register Now:

<https://redcap.link/2023-summit>



2023 WILSON COUNTY AG  
HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

# DON WILLOUGHBY

Don was born to Charles and Dorothy Willoughby and joined his older brother Al on the family farm known at the time as Green Hill Farm. A Grade A dairy was the main farming operation along with raising crops for feed and forage, as well as tobacco. Don attended Mt. Juliet Elementary, Jr. High, and High School. He enjoyed athletics and balanced sports and his farm duties. His involvement in FFA, under the advisement of his father Charles, Cliff Ricketts, Tommy Brewer, and Louis Fletcher, was his main interest throughout high school. He was involved in many competitions in judging, public speaking, state champion Parliamentary Procedure team, and Dairy Proficiency. He received both State Farmer and American Farmer degrees and was elected State Reporter for the 1978-79 year. Graduating from Middle Tennessee State University in 1981 with a B.S. degree in Animal Science and Secondary Education, Don came back to live and work on the family farm. As the family began to grow, he saw the need to go outside of the farm for income and took a job with West Wilson Utility District for a couple of years before becoming an agriculture teacher at the 9th grade level of Mt. Juliet Jr. High in 1986. The program merged back to grades 9 through 12 a few years later. He returned to Middle Tennessee State University receiving a Master's Degree in Vocational Education



1990. During the late 1980's through the 1990's Agriculture Education saw a huge curriculum change as fewer students were coming from farm families, and more had interests in other agricultural endeavors. Don was part of the development and implementation of the shift from farming courses to more diverse offerings in mechanics, horticulture, wildlife and forestry, leadership, agribusiness, small and large animal care, and courses that are now offered for college credit. He is a 1987 charter member of Mt. Juliet FFA Alumni continuing to support as Treasurer. He has served on the Wilson County Fair board since 1988, chairing the Country Ham Show since 2004, with a mission of increasing participation of youth and adults to showcase their skills in the art and tradition. He was elected to the board of directors of Wilson County Farm Bureau in 2016. Although the family farm has decreased in size, Don still enjoys working alongside his family raising beef cattle and high-quality square baled and rolled hay for feed and for sale to local livestock producers. Don has two children, Dale Willoughby & Kate Willoughby Grigsby.

2023 WILSON COUNTY AG HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

# B O B P R U I T T

Bob Pruitt was born in Jackson County, TN to Carl and Mable Pruitt. He was one of four children who lived on a farm in Granville where they grew tobacco, baled hay, and raised cattle and chickens. He attended the small, single teacher school at Nameless until they moved to Lebanon in 1961 at the beginning of his sophomore year. During his school years he was involved with the 4-H program showing cattle and served as Vice President of the FFA. After graduation he began farming. He raised cattle, grew tobacco, and baled hay for farmers across Wilson County.



In 1974 he married Anita Walker and soon had four children: Bobby, Amanda, Andy, and Jonathan. He again became highly involved in the 4-H program while his children were in school showing sheep, cows, chickens, and horses. He helped organize and became an active leader of the 4-H Horse Express. It was during this time Bob and family became known as THE PRUITT GANG. In 1986 at the age of 38 he gave up full time farming and started working at the Wilson Farmers CO-OP as the warehouse manager. After 32 years of working and talking with all the farmers of Wilson County he retired in 2018 due to an injury and the death of his wife.

He has served as President of the Watertown Saddle Club and The Tennessee Saddle Club Association. He is a former member of the Livestock Association and the Wilson County Farm Bureau Board. He attends Gladeville Church of Christ where he serves as an Elder. He enjoys raising a big garden where he gives most of the vegetables away, riding his golf cart with his dog Samson, and spending time with his grandchildren who call him Papa.



## New Online Resource Connects Tennesseans In Substance-Use Crisis To local Treatment Services

A new substance abuse treatment locator website from the Tennessee Department of Health is available. The site, [FindHelpNowTN.org](https://FindHelpNowTN.org) links individuals directly to care and help if they are struggling with a substance use disorder.

[FindHelpNowTN.org](https://FindHelpNowTN.org) guides individuals to location-based openings and services available at substance use treatment facilities. Site users can search facility listings using up to 60 different features such as the type of treatment needed, insurance programs, payment methods and availability of wrap-around services.

Treatment facilities on [FindHelpNowTN.org](https://FindHelpNowTN.org) regularly update their availability of residential, in-patient, and out-patient services. Since site users also can access a facility's contact information, they can reach out immediately for treatment.

Facilities on the site are asked to update the availability of their residential, in-patient, and out-patient services regularly to ensure the most current information is available.

Currently, 243 Tennessee facilities have listings on [FindHelpNowTN.org](https://FindHelpNowTN.org) and TDH is working with community partners, providers, and stakeholders to include more facilities on the site.

The launch of [FindHelpNowTN.org](https://FindHelpNowTN.org) is the result of a partnership between TDH, Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Tennessee Tech University's iCube program and TAADAS (TN Association of Alcohol, Drug and Other Addiction Services).

[FindHelpNowTN.org](https://FindHelpNowTN.org) works in cooperation with TDMHSAS's Tennessee Redline at 1-800-889-9789, a 24/7/365 resource for substance treatment referrals via phone call or text message.

[FindHelpNowTN.org](https://FindHelpNowTN.org) is built upon an online platform based with the Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center, a partnership between the KY Department of Health and the University of Kentucky College of Public Health. KIPRC developed the platform in 2018 through a CDC grant to share with states interested in developing locator services for substance abuse treatment.

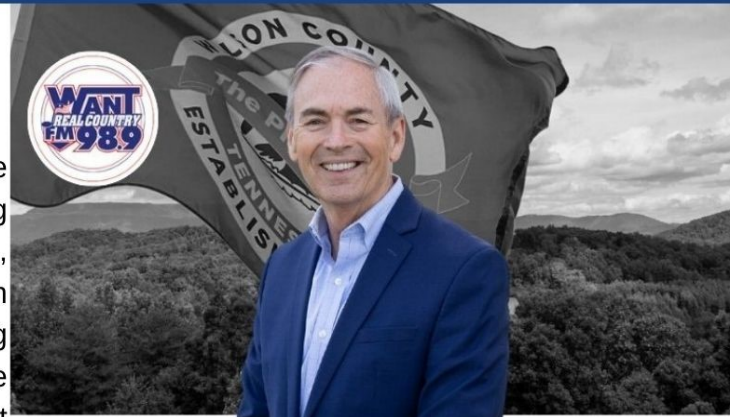
The mission of the Tennessee Department of Health is to protect, promote and improve the health and prosperity of people in Tennessee. Learn more about TDH services and programs at [www.tn.gov/health](http://www.tn.gov/health).



Call or Text the TENNESSEE REDLINE: 1.800.889.9789 (Toll Free 24/7)

# Tune in to Hear the Latest in Wilson County!

The Wilson County Commission meets on the third Monday of every month. Each morning before the County Commission meeting, Mayor Hutto meets with Coleman Walker on WANT Radio 98.9fm to discuss the meeting agenda and give a quick breakdown of the previous month. On the occasion that Coleman is out of the office, M.J. Lucas with WANT or a guest host interviews Mayor Hutto on the upcoming meeting. Be sure to tune in on the third Monday of each month to stay updated on the latest in Wilson County! *\*Should the third Monday fall on a legal holiday or an emergency arise, the County Commission meets at the same hour of the day on the following Monday.\**



## COLEMAN & CO.

GUEST, MAYOR RANDALL HUTTO

WANT 98.9 FM / WCOR AM 1490  
MONDAY, APRIL 17TH | AROUND 7:45AM

## FREE Little Library

- Take a Book
- Leave a Book
- ♥ Love a Book
- Keep a Book

At the Jimmy Floyd Family Center  
Located by the Outdoor Pool Entrance



## WILSON ONE

ORGANIZATION FOR NETWORKING & EDUCATION

Check out an exciting scholarship opportunity!

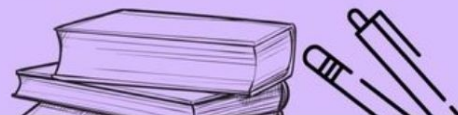
Wilson ONE awards up to two \$500 scholarships in May of each year!

There are just two main eligibility requirements:

1. A Wilson County Resident
2. A Non-Traditional Student

The deadline to apply is April 15, 2023.

To receive an application for the scholarship or other information please email [courtneykatwheeler@gmail.com](mailto:courtneykatwheeler@gmail.com).





# EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC

## THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023 • 4PM-7PM

**The Journey Church • 1240 Leeville Pike. Lebanon TN, 37187**

Find out if you have a path to clear your legal record during this unique expungement and hiring event.  
**You MUST REGISTER by APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> so your records can be retrieved by the Court Clerk before the clinic! Please, use the QR code to register, or email for more info.**

**WILSON COUNTY RECORDS ONLY:**

- Criminal record review
- Judge On-site
- Expungement advice and preparation
- Meet 1:1 with an attorney
- Great opportunity to ask questions

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Mobile American Job Center
- Justice Bus
- Adult Education Resources
- Second Chance Employers

**SCAN TO REGISTER!**

<https://tinyurl.com/4vnjk5hz>



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American Job Center

Tennessee is not responsible for the participation of any advertised employers at our hiring and resource events. We solicit their participation in good faith that they may attend but acknowledge that unexpected events occur, which may prevent their attendance.

The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development is committed to principles of equal opportunity, equal access and affirmative action. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Authorization No. 337658. This public document was promulgated for electronic use.

# WEGO STAR OFFERS RIDES TO ROCK 'N ROLL MARATHON, PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ST. JUDE

Wilson County Mayor and RTA Chair, Randall Hutto, is partnering with WeGo Public Transit to transport runners and supporters to the St. Jude Rock 'n Roll Marathon. The train to the marathon is a collaborative effort between WeGo, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and Wilson County. All ticket proceeds will benefit St. Jude. RJ Corman is supporting the special event train as this year's corporate sponsor.

Tickets cost \$15 plus a \$2 processing fee and may be purchased with a credit card through [TicketsNashville.com](https://www.ticketsnashville.com). More information can be found at <https://www.wegotransit.com/events/st-jude-rock-n-roll-marathon-train---2023/> or by scanning the QR code below.

Tickets will be on sale until 24 hours prior to departure or until tickets are sold out, whichever comes first. Children ages 4 and younger will not need a ticket to board; however, they are required to sit in a parent or guardian's lap. Anyone needing special accommodations to board are asked to contact WeGo Customer Care at **615-862- 5950** prior to their trip.

## Departure schedule

- Lebanon Station 5:00 a.m.
- Hamilton Springs Station 5:08 a.m.
- Martha Station 5:15 a.m.
- Mt. Juliet Station 5:25 a.m.
- Hermitage Station 5:35 a.m.
- Donelson Station 5:45 a.m.

The train will arrive at Riverfront Station at 6:00 a.m. The return train to Lebanon leaves Riverfront Station at noon. Please note, the return trip is subject to change if inclement weather causes a delay to the start of the marathon. Members of the public are encouraged to sign up for WeGo's newsletter, follow them on social media, and visit [WeGoTransit.com](https://www.wegotransit.com) to get updates on exciting initiatives, community events, updates, and general information.

**Ride the WeGo Star  
to the ST. JUDE  
Rock'n'Roll  
Nashville Marathon**

**April 22, 2023**

Tickets & Rail Station Info

[TicketsNashville.com](https://www.ticketsnashville.com)

Proceeds benefit  
St. Jude Children's Hospital

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RJ Corman  
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# WALK ACROSS WILSON

Each year, the Wilson County Health Council holds a program which focuses on improving the health of the participants, simply by walking or being active for 30 minutes a day, six days a week. Over the course of four weeks, participants will walk 36 miles, an equivalent of walking across Wilson County, thus the inspiration behind the program's name. Walk Across Wilson will be held this year from March 19-April 15, 2023. School and community-based teams are encouraged to participate! Team members will log their minutes of school activity online using a google form to track the team's participation throughout the event. Team participants who log in at least six times will earn \$5 for their school or team's local non-profit charity. Bonus awards will be awarded to the top schools and community teams. For more information, visit [facebook.com/walkacrosswilson](https://facebook.com/walkacrosswilson).

## CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD



The month of April is annually recognized as the Month of the Military Child, a time when our Nation pays tribute to the resilience of children in military families. Children with military parents make daily sacrifices so their loved ones may protect our nation. Through their sacrifices, these children serve too.

We wish all our military families a happy and blessed Month of the Military Child. Thank you to all who serve!

# WALK ACROSS WILSON

## HOW IT WORKS:

01 Community members of all ages are encouraged to participate!

02 Your goal is to try to walk/exercise 30 min. a day, 6 days a week, for 4 weeks to "walk across" Wilson County—36 miles!

03 You can join any school or community-based team. Or create one for your organization!

04 Once the Google form is posted, you'll fill out a new form EACH DAY you are physically active. Totals will be calculated in the end!

05 If you log AT LEAST 6 days of physical activity, you earn a FREE t-shirt and \$5 towards your school or non-profit charity.

06 Bonus rewards will be given to the schools and community teams with the most minutes logged!



## Revolving Loan Eligibility

The Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) is designed to provide financing to for-profit businesses that are located in one of the following Middle Tennessee counties: Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Houston, Humphreys, Montgomery, Robertson, Rutherford, Stewart, Sumner, Trousdale, Williamson, and Wilson.

## Project Size

The maximum loan amount of the Revolving Loan Fund Program is \$250,000. This program is provided by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). Private lender participation is required with two private dollars invested per one dollar of RLF funds.

## Typical Financing Structure Example:

\$480,000 (60%) Lender - First Lein  
\$240,000 (30%) GNRC - Second Lein  
\$ 80,000 (10%) Down Payment  
\$800,000 Total Project

# GNRC OFFERS REVOLVING LOAN FUND



## Small Business Owner Advantages

- Low Interest Rates (4% to 5% Fixed)
- Low Down Payment (as low as 10%)

## Eligible Use of Funds

- Land & Building Acquisition
- New Construction or Renovation
- Equipment / Fixtures / Machinery
- Inventory or Supplies
- Working Capital

## Maturity Terms

Determined by the useful life of the assets financed;

- Up to 15 years for Real Estate
- Up to 10 years for Machinery & Equipment

## Bank Advantages

- Lowers Risk
- Excellent Loan-to-Value
- CRA Credit

*For questions or for more information, call the Greater Nashville Regional Council at (615) 862-8828*



# TDMHSAS Announces Grants for Four New Crisis Stabilization Units and Walk-In Centers

The Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (TDMHSAS) is excited to announce the creation of four new Crisis Stabilization Units (CSUs) and Crisis Walk-In Centers. When the additional locations enter service later this year and early next year, the state's already robust crisis services capacity will be expanded to a total of 12 centers.

Crisis Stabilization Units and Walk-In Centers offer an alternative to inpatient psychiatric hospitalization with 24/7 evaluation and stabilization services available. They are an alternative to calling 911 or going to an emergency department for people trying to find care for a loved one. They are also an opportunity for pre-arrest diversion for law enforcement instead of taking someone to jail. Anyone needing to access mental health care in a crisis should call or text 988 or chat with [988lifeline.org](https://www.988lifeline.org).

The four new locations focus on rapidly expanding suburban areas and rural areas where unmet need was identified: Murfreesboro, Rutherford County; Clarksville, Montgomery County; Paris, Henry County; Dyersburg, Dyer County

The four locations are in various states of construction with the first tentatively set to open in mid-2023.



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COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY  
*Helping people. Changing lives.*

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

### Wilson County

MCCAA

104 Webster Street  
Lebanon, TN

- October 8, 2022
- January 7, 2023
- April 8, 2023
- July 8, 2023



### GET INVOLVED TODAY!

Are you looking for a way to become a part of or give back to your community? Are you looking for a way to get involved? Do you have a youth group or team looking for volunteer hours? Consider joining our valued family of volunteers!

**SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WAYS  
YOU CAN VOLUNTEER WITH MCCAA TODAY!**



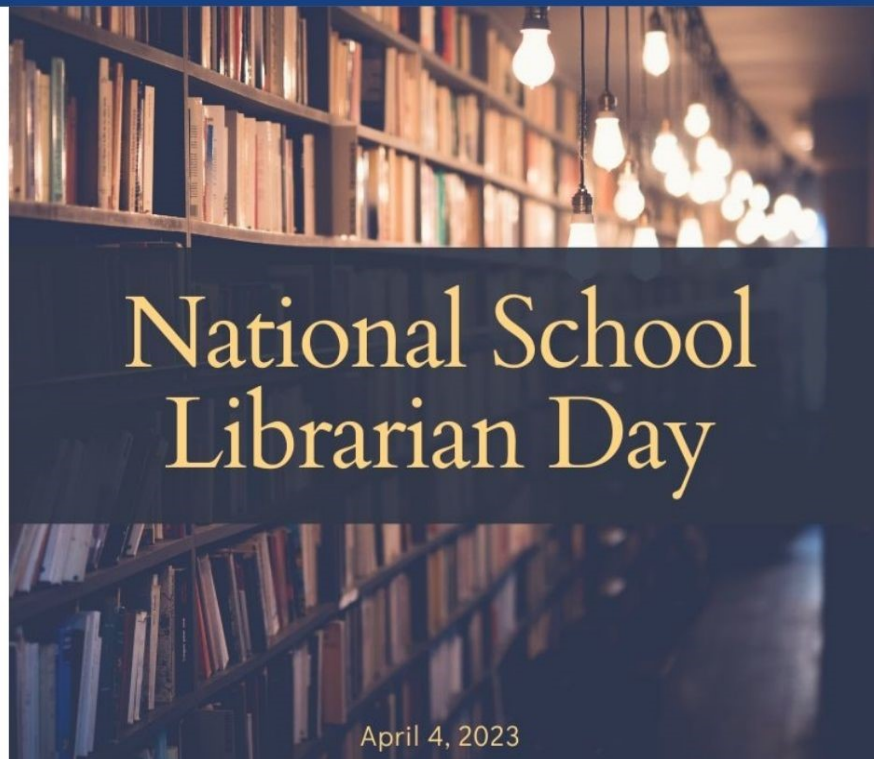
## TN Department of Agriculture's Division of Forestry Requires Burn Permits Through May 15

A debris burn permit is required through May 15 for outdoor burning from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture's Division of Forestry where local restrictions do not apply.

Materials that can be burned include leaves, branches, tree limbs, twigs, and other woody vegetation and yard trimmings gathered on site. Permits are issued only when conditions are conducive to safe burning. If you live inside city limits, check with your municipality for additional restrictions before you burn.

Obtaining a burn permit at [BurnSafeTN.org](http://BurnSafeTN.org) or the MyTN mobile app is free, fast, and simple. Online permits are issued seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. central time on the day of the burn for any size leaf and brush burn pile. Each pile should be completely out by the permit expiration. Residents with limited internet access may call 877-350-BURN (2876) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. local time, except on holidays.

Visit [www.BurnSafeTN.org](http://www.BurnSafeTN.org) for additional tips to burn safely and to protect your community.



## National School Librarian Day

April 4, 2023

**Wilson County**  
**DUCKY DERBY**  
benefitting  
**Wilson County HELP CENTER**

5PM - 10PM | MAY 6, 2023  
[wilsoncountyhelpcenter.org/ducky-derby-2023](http://wilsoncountyhelpcenter.org/ducky-derby-2023)  
Food | Entertainment | Silent/Live Auction

**DR. CHRISTOPHER MENZEL, MD**  
BARIATRIC/METABOLIC SURGERY  
WILSON COUNTY, TN

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# HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO HOST COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

Join us on this great educational event, meet our local community partners and organizations, and learn about the various resources here in the Wilson County community. There will be giveaways, snacks will be provided, and you will have the chance to meet the wonderful people that work hard to serve this amazing community. All strollers welcome! The Wilson County Health Department and community partners will host the Baby Shower for pregnant and post-partum families (up to 6 months) at the **Charlie Daniels Park** (In the gymnasium)-1075 Charlie Daniels Pkwy, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122 on **Thursday May 18** from **9:30am to 12:30 pm**. Many thanks to our wonderful sponsors and community partners!



Wilson County Health Department

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Wilson County Health Department

Estan Invitados

Unete a nosotros en este gran evento educativo, conoce a nuestros socios de la comunidad y las organizaciones, y aprende sobre los varios recursos aqui en la comunidad del condado de Wilson.

Van a ver regalos, aperitivos para los niños, y vas a tener la oportunidad de conocer a la maravillosa gente que trabaja duro para servir a nuestra hermosa comunidad. Todas las carroceras son bienvenidas!

¿Quién? El departamento de salud del condado de Wilson y socios de la comunidad

¿Qué? Baby Shower para madres embarazadas y posparto (infantes hasta los 6 meses son calificados)

¿Dónde? El parque de Charlie Daniels- (En el gimnasio) 1075 Charlie Daniels Pkwy, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

¿Cuándo? Jueves 18 de Mayo, de las 9:30am hasta las 12:30pm

Muchas gracias a nuestros patrocinadores y socios de la comunidad!



DEA NATIONAL Rx TAKEBACK

Saturday, April 22 10AM - 2PM



DRUG TAKE BACK DAY IN WILSON COUNTY

Gibbs Pharmacy 1427 W Baddour Pkwy, Lebanon



Walgreens 1303 West Main St, Lebanon



Drop off unwanted medications for safe disposal and receive a FREE medication lockbox from DrugFree WilCo

# Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection Service in Hamblen, Lincoln, Rutherford Counties

## April 1st

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) announced that mobile household hazardous waste collection service will be in Hamblen, Lincoln, and Rutherford counties on Saturday, April 1, 2023.

Tennesseans are encouraged to bring household hazardous waste – including cleaning fluids, pesticides, swimming pool chemicals and more – to a designated drop-off location. A person does not need to live in the county to participate.

The nearest drop-off location for Wilson Countians will be:

Rutherford County – Murfreesboro Solid Waste Department, 4765 Florence Rd., Murfreesboro, 8 a.m.-noon. The contact is Bishop Wagner at (615) 295-9716. Since the program's inception in 1993, more than 370,000 Tennessee households have properly disposed of more than 24 million pounds of material. There have been over 1,450 one-day collection events.

Household hazardous waste materials are considered flammable, toxic, reactive and/or corrosive and should not be placed with regular garbage. Typical items to dispose of include cleaning fluids, pesticides, mercury thermometers and thermostats, fluorescent lamps, lithium and button batteries, aerosols, adhesives, medications, brake fluid, swimming pool chemicals, paint thinner and used needles in sturdy containers. Items not accepted include ammunition, explosives, alkaline batteries, paint, electronics, and any empty containers that should be disposed in normal trash. There is no cost or appointment necessary for household hazardous waste collection.

While household waste may be disposed for free, there is a cost for disposal of Very Small Quantity Generator Waste (i.e. wastes from non-household sources such as businesses, schools, farms, churches, etc.). An appointment is also necessary. Call (615) 643-3170 to request a price quote and schedule an appointment.

When transporting materials to the site, place containers in sturdy boxes lined with newspaper or plastic to prevent spills and cross-contamination in the trunk of a car or back of a truck. Be sure to keep materials away from children and pets.

For more information on the household hazardous waste mobile collection service, please call 800-287-9013 or visit <https://www.tn.gov/environment/sw-mm-household-hazardous-waste-program.html>.

### TDOT ANNOUNCES SCHEDULED LANE CLOSURES MARCH 31 - APRIL 5, 2023

#### WILSON COUNTY I-40

The resurfacing on I-40 from the Smith County to the Gordonsville exit  
· Nightly, 8 p.m. – 5 a.m., There will be alternating lane closures on I-40 EB and WB from the Sparta Pike exit to Smith Co. Line For resurfacing activities on I-40

#### WILSON COUNTY SR 24

The removing & replacing of snowplowable pavement marker lenses on various State Routes  
· Nightly, 8 p.m. – 5 a.m., Alternating NB & SB lane closures for replacing pavement marker lenses. One lane will remain open at all times

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**Lebanon Special School District**  
**PRE-K and KINDERGARTEN**  
**REGISTRATION**



**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 9, 2023  
**WHERE:** College Hills Church of Christ  
 1401 Leeville Pike  
**TIME:** 10:00 a.m. ~ 6:00 p.m.

**COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION PACKET ONLINE**

**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

For FASTER REGISTRATION PROCESS - Parents are encouraged to register their child online at [www.lssd.org](http://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.

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>(K and PreK Applicants)</b>                          | <b>(Additional Documents for PreK Only)</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Birth Certificate    | <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Income    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two Proofs Of Residency        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TN Certificate of Immunization |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Physical               |   |



For more information, visit [www.lssd.org](http://www.lssd.org)

**Free!** Screenings for Speech, Hearing, Vision and Dental  
*(Required for Pre-K)*

\*\*Physicals will be given to children upon request. This service will be billed to child's insurance\*\*



**Pre-Kinder y Kinder  
 Matrícula y Feria de Salud**



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

**CUANDO:** MARTES, 9 de Mayo 2023  
**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](http://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.

**DOCUMENTOS REQUERIDOS:**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Solicitantes Pre-kinder y K</b>  | <b>(Documentos adicionales necesarios solo para solicitantes de pre-kinder)</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acta de Nacimiento Certificada   | <input type="checkbox"/> Comprobante de salario                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dos Pruebas de Residencia  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certificado de Inmunización de Tennessee (vacunas y exámenes físicos actuales) |   |

**Requisitos:**

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- ✓ 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.*

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Para más información, visite nuestro sitio web [www.lssd.org](http://www.lssd.org)

**Free!** Exámenes de Habla, Audición, Visión y Dental  
*(Requeridos para estudiantes de Pre-K)*

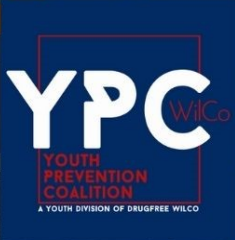
Se darán Exámenes Físicos a los niños que lo soliciten. Este servicio se facturará al seguro médico del niño.

# YOUTH PREVENTION COALITIONS IN WILSON COUNTY CONTINUED

*Continued from page 04...* These activities included “Escape the Vape”: a series of challenges and puzzles to raise awareness and provide exposure to the harmful short-term and long-term effects of e-cigarettes.

In addition, YPC from Green Hill High School and Mt. Juliet Middle School recently led educational grade-level assemblies for 1,041 of their middle school peers. YPC at Mt. Juliet High School presented a campaign to their student body to address vaping in conjunction with National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week. DrugFree WilCo supported #I Choose To Be Vape Free campaigns with various activities and pledge banners that students signed. The youth coalitions informed other students about the dangerous chemicals in vaping devices, the addictiveness of nicotine, and where to seek assistance to quit vaping.

DrugFree WilCo is a coalition of individuals, professionals, and community agencies working together to prevent and reduce drug misuse and addiction through education, communication, and awareness of resources. We realize the effectiveness of passionate youth leading prevention activities and would like to thank school principals, youth coalition club sponsors, and school district leaders in our community for their partnership, support, and the active role they play in prevention. Visit [drugfreewilco.org](http://drugfreewilco.org) for more information.



# START TODAY!



**OUR CHANCE<sup>TM</sup>**

Where dreams are built together

## FOR MANY, THE AMERICAN DREAM FEELS LIKE IT'S FAR FROM REACH.

We know families across Middle Tennessee have dreams. We know how important a little extra support can be. With rising costs for just about everything and the impossible situation some families face when striving for the American Dream, we believe the benefits cliff is the greatest problem keeping many families from getting ahead.

### Eligible Families

Have a household income of \$0-\$55,000?

Have 1 to 4 children aged 17 or under?

Are enrolled in 1 or more public benefits: TANF, SNAP, Medicaid (TennCare), Housing Choice Vouchers/PublicHousing/PBRA, or Free/Reduced Lunch?

Want to work and are willing to work towards gaining employment or increasing their pay/employment?

Are U.S. Citizens?

Live in Davidson, Dickson, Maury, Montgomery, Rutherford, Sumner, or Wilson Counties?

Our Chance TN, an initiative by TAEM, supports families in moving beyond the benefits cliff. The Tennessee Alliance for Economic Mobility is a public-private partnership comprised of 32 organizations and counting that has developed an innovative approach to transforming Tennessee's safety net and ultimately improving low-income families' economic mobility and well-being.

Eligible families receive support for 2.5 years that includes:

- Individual coaching
- Financial counseling
- Customized resources

**Catholic Charities**

Diocese of Nashville

411 W Main St  
Lebanon TN, 37087

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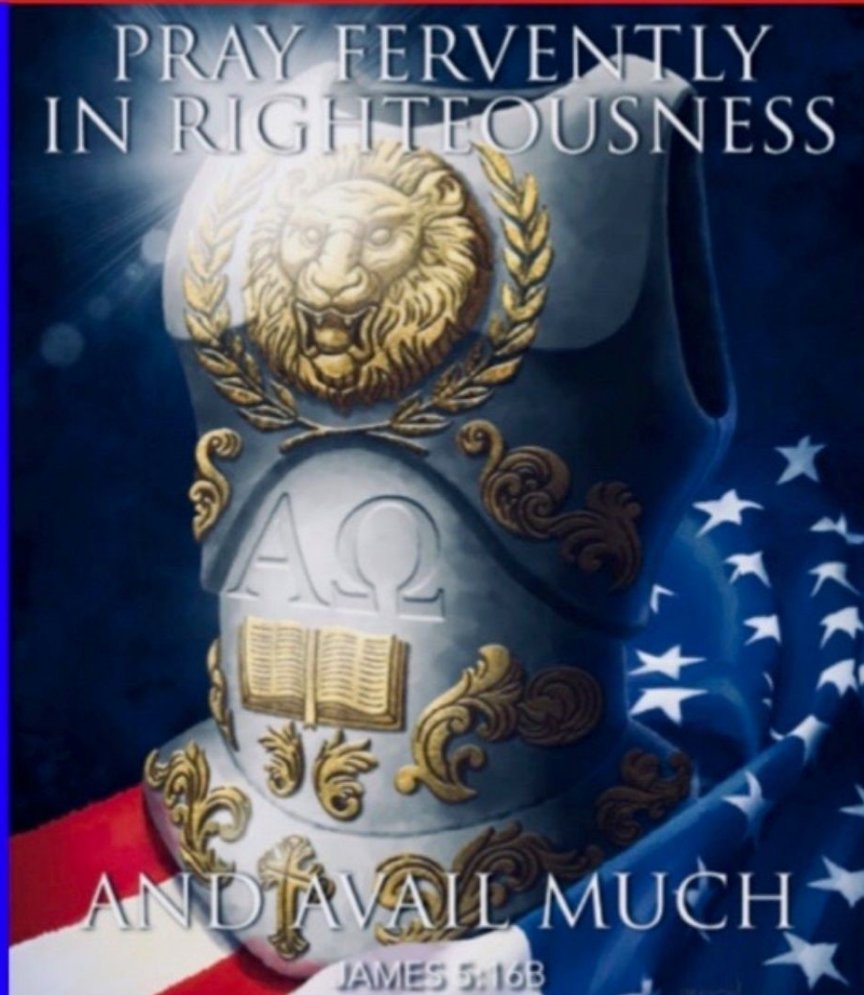
*"Our Chance TN, an initiative of the Tennessee Alliance for Economic Mobility, is a part of a study funded by the Tennessee Department of Human Services which is being conducted to determine how these pilot programs help people improve their economic well-being and become self-sufficient. During the study, all new eligible applicants will be selected by lottery into*

# ★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

*Join us for the*

**WILSON COUNTY**

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE**



Thursday May 4, 2023 7pm  
The Capitol Theatre  
110 West Main Street, Lebanon, Tn.  
[wilsoncountydayofprayer.org](http://wilsoncountydayofprayer.org)