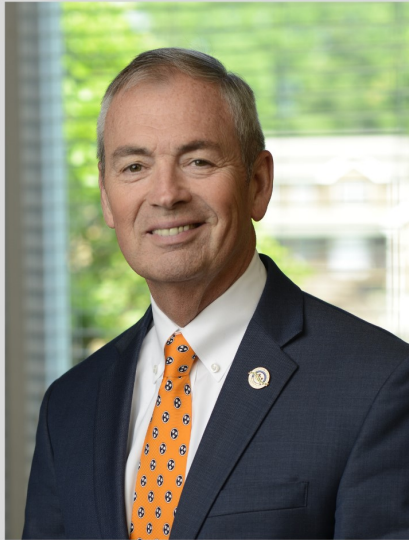




THE COUNTY CONNECTION

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



A Word from Mayor Hutto...

We've had a great end to the summer season. The Wilson County/Tennessee State Fair was a tremendous success, once again! We saw record-breaking numbers again this year, not to mention all the fun, fellowship, and delicious food. It was an amazing week! We thank all of those who worked so hard to give us an outstanding fair, as well as the first responders who were present to ensure our safety. I can't wait to see you all again next year! Until then, my office and I would like to wish you all a very blessed autumn season.

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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**



Happy Labor Day!

Wilson County Government Offices will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Offices will return to their regular business hours on Tuesday, September 5th. We wish you all a safe and Happy Labor Day!



MAYOR HUTTO & COMMUNITY PARTNERS LAUNCH WILSON COUNTY KINDNESS CAMPAIGN

The Wilson County Mayor's Office announces its campaign, "Wilson County Kind." It's no secret that we have a culture of kindness here in Wilson County. However, much of what we see and hear today contains a negative narrative. Thus, it is only fitting to turn that around by shining a spotlight on those who do good deeds and inspire others to get involved! Mayor Hutto's office will partner with our local Chambers of Commerce, schools, businesses, non-profits, and civic clubs to put a spotlight on kindness.

"Have you ever pulled up to a drive through and heard, 'The person in the car in front of you paid for your breakfast. Have a good day!' Let's take notice and celebrate the small, beautiful acts of kindness. It matters." — Susan Shaw, the Project Administrator, Wilson County Mayor's Office.

The goal of this campaign is to spotlight kindness by highlighting words, deeds, and actions of others in Wilson County. This campaign will be seen through various means, including The County Connection Newsletter, as well as social media, which will use the hashtag #WilsonCountyKind. It's not a competition for prizes, but simply a way of spreading awareness of the kind actions of others.

Mayor Hutto will launch the Wilson County Kind campaign with partners on Friday, September 22nd at the Wilson County Schools Administration building, located at 415 Harding Drive in Lebanon. The event will be held from 11:00a.m.-12:00p.m. and will be open to the public. Guests will be able to engage in activities at kindness stations, and light refreshments will be provided. "School communities ...*Continued on next page.*



Sept. 4
Labor Day

Sept. 10
Grandparents Day

Sept. 11
Patriot Day

Sept. 16
American Legion Day

Sept. 17
**Constitution Day/
Citizenship Day**

Sept. 22
Native American Day

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Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Sickle Cell Disease & Ovarian Cancer Awareness Months

Nat'l Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month

MAYOR HUTTO & COMMUNITY PARTNERS LAUNCH WILSON COUNTY KINDNESS CAMPAIGN

Continued from previous page... are naturally kind, and talking about kindness in our schools makes Wilson County an even greater place to be. We focus on kindness because it's simple, and the kindnesses we see in schools enhance school climate. It's something everyone can do and it doesn't have to be a grand gesture. In fact, the most impactful kindnesses are the everyday things that happen in schools- bus drivers saying "good morning," school secretaries welcoming people with a smile, SRO's talking with students, students leaving happy messages for their teacher or another student, children helping children who fall on the playground, parents volunteering, cafeteria employees giving a warm greeting, teachers leaving notes of encouragement for colleagues, and students painting rocks with kind words to leave out in the community. Kindness is just an easy and right thing to do, and it is good for both the giver and receiver of the kindness. I'm so thankful for and proud of the #WilsonCountyKind in our schools, and I'm looking forward to seeing the kindnesses in school communities highlighted and celebrated." — Anne Barger, Wilson County Schools' Family Resource Center Coordinator.

Submissions and social media posts are welcome! Individuals are encouraged to share their "act of kindness" experiences by posting them on social media and using the hashtag #WilsonCountyKind. We encourage individuals and partners to get creative, engage in activities promoting kindness, and share with others. Please photograph and share with #WilsonCountyKind!

"As County Mayor, I've had the honor of meeting volunteers and advocates for various causes throughout our community. I have seen firsthand what kindness looks like, and the Wilson County Kind campaign will be a great way to highlight acts of kindness and encourage others to do the same. Wilson County is called 'the Place to Be!' for a reason—it's because of the people who live and work here. Kindness is our thing!" — Randall Hutto, Wilson County Mayor

Watch Mayor Hutto's Facebook page @MayorHutto as we put a spotlight on kind acts and activities from our schools, businesses, civic clubs, non-profit organizations, and individuals. Search #WilsonCountyKind on social media and feel the kindness that is in our county. We're proud to live in Wilson County, where kindness is our thing!



Sept 22
11:00-12PM

"KINDNESS IS OUR THING"



**JOIN US FOR THE LAUNCH
OF WILSON COUNTY'S
KINDNESS CAMPAIGN**

WCS Admin. Building
415 Harding Drive
Lebanon, TN 37087



WCS STUDENTS ATTEND 2023 YOUTH ABOUT BUSINESS SUMMER CAMP

submitted by Sara Davenport

Wilson County students showed up and showed out during the 2023 Youth About Business Summer Camp. Held at Vanderbilt University, four students from Mt. Juliet High School and others from various schools in Montgomery County spent a week of their summer learning the ins and outs of the solid waste industry. Students were divided into teams and tasked with tackling the issue of overcrowded landfills and how to reverse the problem. At the end of the week, the teams presented their plans which included everything from smart trash cans and solid waste employee retention to diverting lithium batteries away from landfills. The winning team, which included Mt. Juliet High School Sophomore, Brady Patterson, advanced to the national round held the following week in New York.

Wilson and surrounding counties (members of the Greater Nashville Regional Council or GNRC) are feeling the pressure when it comes to solid waste. Tennessee no longer issues permits for county... *Continued on next page...*



Pictured left to right: Emerson Hall, Abbie Scoby, Eyana Badio, Brady Patterson

WCS STUDENTS ATTEND 2023 YOUTH ABOUT BUSINESS SUMMER CAMP *submitted by Sara Davenport*

Continued from last page ...landfills forcing leaders to think outside the box; enter Youth About Business.

Under the direction of Mr. Sam Kirk, Youth About Business is an innovative leadership training program which focuses on exposing young people to career opportunities in business and industry. Each summer, a different subject matter is chosen for the students to research and form ideas to improve upon a specific product, industry, or current issue. Director Kirk welcomed the opportunity for the students to explore the many facets of solid waste and come up with innovative ways to solve this problem.

"When presented with the idea of students tackling this problem, I thought it was a great idea. Adults are often jaded by failed attempts at projects so we thought this was a great opportunity to not only get a different perspective but also involve the very citizens whom this issue will affect. I'm so proud Wilson County was represented and, now that we are aware of this program, I hope more of our students will be able to participate in the future," said Randall Hutto, Wilson County Mayor.

Wilson County was well represented by Mt. Juliet High School Seniors Emerson Hall, Abbie Scoby and Eyana Badio and Sophomore Brady Patterson. Working alongside their peers from Montgomery County schools, the teams demonstrated a wealth of knowledge of the solid waste industry that impressed the audience, judges and even the CEOs of prominent solid waste service providers.

Congratulations to the recent graduates of Youth About Business. We send a very special thank you to Ms. Bonnie Holman, Career & Technical Education Supervisor for Wilson County Schools as she contacted our schools searching for eligible candidates, quite the task during the summer months. Also, thanks to Mt. Juliet High School for the student recommendations. Last, but certainly not least, thanks to Emerson, Abbie, Eyana, and Brady. You did an amazing job! You made Wilson County proud by your actions, teamwork, and professionalism during the camp.

MAYOR HUTTO TO PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 2024 AS SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

Each September, Mayor Hutto meets with Mrs. Brenda Harper of the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network to help raise awareness and promote healing for those who have lost loved ones as a result of suicide. This year, Mayor Hutto will sign a proclamation which declares the month of September as Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month in Wilson County.



The Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network is a grassroots collaboration of Tennesseans and organizations working to eliminate the stigma of suicide, educate the community about the warning signs, and ultimately reduce the rate of suicide in our state. Sadly, this is the ninth-leading cause of all deaths in Tennessee, with more than three lives a day lost to suicide.

One way the organization works to promote healing for families that have lost loved ones as a result of suicide is through their Remembrance Tree project. These trees are marked with a sign, and those who wish may tie a ribbon on the trees in memory of their loved one.

With that said, Remembrance Trees will be located throughout the county this September. Once such tree will be designated at the Wilson County Courthouse, and ribbons will be available inside. Those who would like to participate are welcome to stop by and tie a ribbon to the designated tree in memory of their loved one. Markers will also be available for those who would like to write on the ribbons. Some write messages, while others write their loved one's name. Remembrance Trees will be located throughout the county in Lebanon, Mt. Juliet, and Watertown.

If you or someone you know are in need of help, you are not alone. Call or text 9-8-8 for assistance. There is hope.

Mt. Juliet Parks & Rec

FOOD & FLICK

Bring your blanket and chairs
Food Trucks Available

MOVIE FREE TO PUBLIC

MT. JULIET MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK

Coming up soon! Shown at the Charlie Daniels Park amphitheater. Bring your own blanket or chairs to sit on. Concessions available for purchase.

Following Movie Dates:

- September 8th- Turning Red- 7:40PM
- October 6th- The Lost City- 6:45pm

HEALTH FAIR

SEPT 30

FOOD TRUCKS, GAMES, VENDORS, MUSIC, YOGA, STRENGTH TRAINING AND MORE...

10AM-3PM
CUMBERLAND UNIVERSITY
1 CUMBERLAND SQUARE
LEBANON, TN 37087

FREE EVENT
www.vinebranchfellowship.org

Mind - Body - Spirit

BeHealthy Lebanon
Sponsored by VBF

TDOT ANNOUNCES NO LANE CLOSURES FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

The Tennessee Department of Transportation will halt all lane closure activity on interstates and state highways for the Labor Day holiday travel period. Construction crews will stop all lane closure activity at noon on Friday, September 1, until 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 5th. This will provide maximum roadway capacity for motorists traveling during the Labor Day holiday.

While lane closure activity will be stopped, workers will still be on-site in many construction zones, and drivers are urged to obey posted speed limits.

Get the latest construction activity and live streaming SmartWay traffic cameras from your desktop or mobile device at www.TNSmartWay.com/Traffic.

Travelers can also dial 511 for statewide travel information. As always, drivers are reminded to use all motorist information tools wisely and Know Before You Go! by checking travel conditions before leaving for your destination. Drivers should never tweet, text, or talk on a cell phone while behind the wheel.



SHOTGUN START 11:00AM

- FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE FORMAT
- USE OF RANGE BALLS
- HOLE-IN-ONE OPPORTUNITIES
- FREE GOODYBAGS, SOFT DRINKS, WATER, SNACKS, & FRUIT
- TEAMS WILL BE SERVED LUNCH & DINNER
- PRIZES AWARDED IN 3 FLIGHTS, 1ST 2ND AND 3RD
- PRIZES AWARDED FOR CLOSEST TO THE PIN, LONGEST DRIVE AND HOLE-IN-ONE -- AWARDS CEREMONY FOLLOWING TOURNAMENT

9.11.2023

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for Team & Sponsorship Information

Honoring Wilson County First Responders and Veterans



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Explore Wilson TN is a new, exciting and modern tool to help residents and visitors easily navigate and fully experience EVERYTHING Wilson County has to offer. This is your "one-stop-shop" for Lebanon, Mt. Juliet and Watertown! After downloading the App, you will have access to city/county resources, job listings, community events and local restaurants and businesses...all at your fingertips. Download the Explore Wilson TN App today to experience Wilson County like never before.



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VOLUNTEER NETWORK HOLDS RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

The Lebanon Wilson County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony for Volunteer Network last month to celebrate their new office location.

Volunteer Network is here to assist in building bridges to connect non-profits, churches, and businesses with the broader Wilson County Community and to equip our community to best serve our neighbors in need. By serving as the formalized volunteer mobilization space for ongoing needs and in times of natural disaster, Volunteer Network is able to meet the needs of our community at a much larger scale by connecting volunteers to immediate needs.

Volunteer Network is located at 300 N. Maple St. Suite 4-100, Lebanon, TN 37087. Congratulations to Regina Girten, Jamie Tyner, and the Volunteer Network team!



LOCHINVAR, LLC ANNOUNCES PLANS TO EXPAND MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS IN LEBANON, TN

Last month, the Department of Economic and Community Development and Lochinvar, LLC officials announced that the company will invest \$35 million to expand manufacturing operations at its headquarters in Lebanon, TN. Through the project, Lochinvar will create 141 new jobs in Wilson County. The expansion will allow Lochinvar to house its state-of-the-art engineering, product management and support, platform electronics and development laboratories under one roof. Since 2019, TNECD has supported nearly 20 economic development projects in Wilson County, resulting in approximately 6,000 job commitments and \$1.3 billion in capital investments.

More information can be found at <https://www.tn.gov/ecd/news/2023/8/17/-governor-lee--commissioner-mcwhorter-announce-lochinvar--llc-to-expand-manufacturing-operations-in-lebanon.html>.

please join us for the second annual
BREAKFAST + the Bench



Friday, Sept. 1 7-9 a.m.
Expo Center

Courtesy of: Chancellor CK Smith, Judge Brody Kane, Judge Clara Byrd, Judge Michael Collins, Judge Barry Tatum, Judge Jimmy Lea, Judge Ensley Hagan, and Magistrate David Kennedy

Simple but with all the fixins

HELP GROW FIRE SAFETY THIS SUMMER!

Make sure you have working smoke alarms installed in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of a home, including the basement.

Visit tn.gov/commerce to learn more.





Wilson County
Health Department

You're Invited!

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 first 50 participants will receive a free gift! Only one participant per family or group can receive the free gift.

Who: Wilson County Health Department and community partners

What: Baby Shower for pregnant and post-partum families (up to 6 months)

Where: Wilson County Fairgrounds - 945 E. Baddour Pkwy. Lebanon, TN 37087

When: Wednesday September 20, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Many thanks to our wonderful sponsors and community partners!



Wilson County
Tennessee



Vanderbilt Wilson County Hospital

VANDERBILT HEALTH





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 la carreas son bienvenidas!

Los primeros 50 participantes van a recibir un regalo gratis! Solo un regalo por familia o grupo.

¿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? Wilson County Fairgrounds (Los terrenos de la feria)- 945 E. Baddour Pkwy, Lebanon, TN 37087

¿Cuándo? Miercoles el 20 de Septiembre, de las 9:30 am hasta las 12:30 pm

Muchas gracias a nuestros patrocinadores y socios de la comunidad!



Vanderbilt Wilson County Hospital

VANDERBILT HEALTH



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE WILCO POW WOW!

The newly re-imagined and re-branded "WilCo Pow Wow" will be bigger than ever this year, featuring over 150 Native American dancers and drummers, authentic Native American food, arts, crafts and entertainment activations such as pottery making, weaving and tomahawk throwing. We are excited to partner with the Wilson County Convention and Visitor's Bureau to reach a wider audience expanding throughout the U.S., and to put our Wilson County Native American history on a nation-wide stage.



40th Annual
WILCO
POW WOW
Saturday & Sunday
SEPT. 23-24 2023

James E. Ward Agricultural Center
Wilson County Fairgrounds
914 Tennessee Blvd. • Lebanon, Tennessee

EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTY AND PAGEANTRY OF A
NATIVE AMERICAN POW WOW

Arena Director Jimmy Reedy MC Rob Daugherty	Singing Judge Keith Sharphead Host Drum Crazy Nation	Dance Judge Gabe Bullock
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COMPETITION POW WOW • INTERTRIBAL DANCING
REGISTRATION OPENS AT 10:00AM • ALL DANCERS WELCOME
GRAND ENTRANCE: 1:00PM & 6:00PM SATURDAY • 1:00PM SUNDAY

Join Us For
NATIVE AMERICAN FOOD, ARTS, & CRAFTS
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

ADMISSION & 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.

Find a full schedule of events, prize information, and additional details online at: WilCoPowWow.com

For details, visit us online at www.WilCoPowWow.com or call our info. only line at: (615) 443-1537
Middle Tennessee Pow Wow, Inc. is a 501(c)3 chartered in the State of Tennessee
You can find a list of our local partner tribes at: WilCoPowWow.com/tribes

Join us as a spectator, a sponsor, a member of our community as we "feel the drums" in an experience unlike any other. For more information, visit www.WilCoPowWow.com.



*a September 11th
Memorial Service*

**will be held on September
11th at NOON at the
Watertown Pavilion**

**SALES TAX HOLIDAY
CONTINUES THROUGH
OCTOBER 31, 2023**

Food and food ingredients (does not include prepared food, alcohol, dietary supplements, tobacco, or candy.)

More details available on the TN Department of Revenue website at www.tn.gov/revenue.html

PATRIOT DAY

WE WILL NEVER FORGET

9/11





**WILSON COUNTY
GOVERNMENT
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
EARN WHILE YOU LEARN**

The program targets Wilson County youth, ages 14-24, with the goal of providing valuable government work experience during school breaks and the summer. Apply to learn how your government operates and earn a up to \$15 per hour!

APPLY NOW

ACT FAST!

**ONLY 10 INTERNSHIP
POSITIONS AVAILABLE!**

