



THE COUNTY CONNECTION

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

It's been a busy month here at the Wilson County Courthouse! We're working on the county government's budget for the next fiscal year. This annual project requires a lot of time and dedication amongst our county offices. We thank all the departments for their hard work on this! In other news, we're excited to announce that Mr. Josh Major has been hired as the new James E. Ward Ag Center Director. He has 'big shoes to fill' so to speak, as Mr. Quintin Smith left a significant legacy on both our county and the Agricultural community. We know that Mr. Josh Major will do a great job and we congratulate him as he begins his new role as Ag...*Continued on page 02.*

Commissioner Spotlight: Jeremy Hobbs District 13



Contact

INFORMATION

Phone: 615-708-3435

Additional Phone:
615-218-4122

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.**

**FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE
CALL 615.449.6684**

A WORD FROM MAYOR HUTTO

Continued from front page... Director! Memorial Day celebrations were held in honor of our fallen service members. It was a privilege to attend several of these events to pay tribute to our fallen service members. As Americans, we are deeply blessed to live in a nation where we may be free to choose how we live, work, pray, and educate our children. Speaking of that, many families are looking forward to a wonderful summer! During this time of year, I love to get outside, do yard work and take my grandson fishing. It's great to get outside and enjoy a beautiful day sunny with loved ones! However, it is important to remember that families across the nation have been greatly impacted by the severe weather this spring. Please continue to keep those families, including our friends and neighbors, in your prayers. Thank you!



Please join us in praying for our friends and neighbors who were impacted by the recent storms. For those who would like to help those affected in some way, visit volunteernetworktn.org.





Human Resources is doing a monthly employee giveaway. Winners will receive a Wilson County pullover, please let us know your size. All Wilson County Employees will have a chance to win each month. Please contact HR at 615-206-5065 to claim your prize.

June Winners

Kim Bare Clerk and Master

Pierre Abston County Buildings

Tammy Knowles County Clerk

Jason Denson Sheriff's Dept.

Windford Bowling, Jr. WEMA

SYMPHONY ON THE LAWN

CUMBERLAND UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

FEATURING THE NASHVILLE SYMPHONY Nathan Aspinall, Conductor

JUNE 8th, 2024

Saturday evening at Cumberland University · Symphony Begins 7:30PM



Join us on Cumberland University's Memorial Lawn

PRE-CONCERT ACTIVITIES | STARTING AT 6:00PM

Join us before the concert for some great activities and appearances, including:

- Camp FAME Musicians (Fine Arts Matter in Education)
Sidewalk Chalk Art Demonstration
Nashville Symphony Instrument Petting Zoo
Food Trucks
Including: Houston's Mt. Juliet · Vietnam Veteran's Chapter 1004
Two Fat Men Ice Cream

ENJOY A NIGHT OF MUSIC & MORE!

Bring your picnic basket and a lawn chair or a blanket to this wonderful night of music on the lawn.

If you prefer, you can also purchase food from one of the on-site food trucks.

Scan for more event info.



In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held in Cumberland's Dallas Floyd Phoenix Arena.

SYMPHONY ON THE LAWN SPONSORS



Nashville Symphony



WILSON Bank & Trust



Rotary

Club of Lebanon, TN Breakfast
Club of Lebanon, TN Noon



COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES SPONSORS

Benefits, inc.

METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY

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Middle Tennessee Electric



PUBLIX SUPER MARKETS CHARITIES

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY REMINDS TENNESSEANS OF FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS CHANGE IN 2025

Beginning May 7, 2025, the REAL ID Act of 2005 will go into effect. Anyone 18 years of age and older must have a REAL ID credential to access certain federal facilities, board commercial flights, nuclear power plants, and military bases in the U.S. The Department of Safety and Homeland Security (TDOSHS) began issuing REAL IDs on July 1, 2019. Of the 5.8 million valid credentials in Tennessee, 1.6 million citizens have yet to decide about obtaining a REAL ID. Tennesseans are encouraged to make their decision ahead of the May 7, 2025, implementation date to avoid the potential influx of customers at Driver Services Centers.

What alternative documents instead of a REAL ID will be accepted? A valid passport or other acceptable alternative forms of identification found [here](#) can be used in place of a REAL ID credential.

What documents are needed to apply for a REAL ID? To apply for a REAL ID, customers must bring one proof of U.S. citizenship or legal presence, a valid Social Security Number, at <https://www.tn.gov/safety/driver-services/real-id/get-real-id.html> and two proofs of Tennessee residency. In addition, if there has been a name change, a certified legal document supporting the name change must be presented with the approved documents. A complete list of accepted documents can be found. All documents must be original or certified. Photocopies will not be accepted. Citizens are encouraged to upload required documents beforehand for a faster experience and to ensure the proper documents are provided.

Where can you apply for a REAL ID? The first application for a REAL ID must be made in person at a Driver Services Center or participating County Clerk partner. Participating locations can be found [here](#).

What if you don't need or want a REAL ID? Those who do not wish to obtain a REAL ID will receive a standard credential indicated by "Not for REAL ID Act Purposes" on the front of the credential. Your current or common credential will continue to be accepted for general identification...*continued on next page.*

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Continued from last page... purposes such as driving, purchasing alcohol or tobacco products, applying for federal benefits, voting, accessing hospitals, post offices, banks, federal courts, etc.

How much does the REAL ID cost? If this is your initial issuance, the standard fee is \$28.00. However, if you wish to obtain a REAL ID outside of your renewal period, there will be a duplicate fee depending on license classification. Cost information can be found at www.tn.gov/safety/driver-services/real-id/cost.html.

Where can I find more information about REAL ID? More information about Tennessee REAL ID can be found at www.tnrealid.gov.

How can I make a REAL ID appointment? For a faster and more efficient visit to a Driver Services Center, customers are encouraged to make an appointment ahead of their visit. To schedule an appointment, visit www.tnrealid.gov.

MAYOR HUTTO PROCLAIMS MAY 19-25, 2024 AS "EMS WEEK" IN WILSON COUNTY

Emergency Medical Services Week took place during May 19th-25th. We sincerely thank these brave men and women for being the first to arrive when they are needed the most. We thank them during EMS Week and every week for rising to the challenge to serve our community!



IDENTIFYING & TREATING COMMON TOMATO DISEASES

submitted by Lucas Holman

I wanted to highlight the one edible plant that I get the most questions on and that is tomatoes. They are probably the most common plant that we see in our vegetable gardens even though they are not technically vegetables. Tomatoes seemed to be plagued by a few different diseases and many refer to them as blights. We do have three main blights that can pop up on our tomatoes and they can happen any time of the year regardless of their name.

Early blight is the most common disease and can affect leaves, stems, and fruits. We normally see it start on the older leaves at the bottom of the plant. There will be dark spots with concentric rings inside that spot. One way to prevent early blight is to prevent soil from splashing on the leaves. Using straw or some type of fabric will help prevent soil from contacting the leaves. Once you see leaves showing signs of the pathogen, you can remove them from the plant to slow down the spread.

Late blight can happen any time of the year and can also affect every part of the plant. The first signs will be irregularly shaped brown patches on the leaves. Even though they can be anywhere on the plant, they will normally occur at the newer leaves at the top. You can also see late blight affect the fruits and it will cause rotten spots on the fruit.

Southern blight is a devastating disease, and you will see the entire plant wilt down very quickly and die. Even though we have other wilt diseases, this one can be spotted by one main symptom: lesions and white mold where the plant contacts the ground. Moving your tomatoes around in the garden will help this disease not stay in the soil. Keep in mind that other plants such as eggplants and peppers can also be affected by southern blight. *Continue on page 08.*



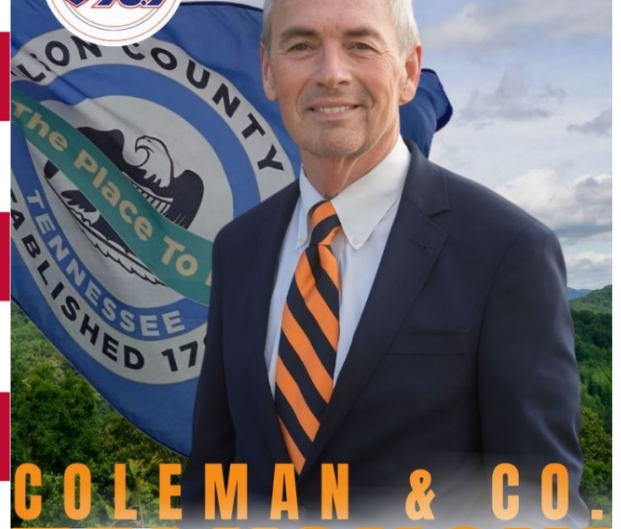
WE WILL BE
CLOSED
on Juneteenth

Wilson County Government
Offices, Convenience Centers,
and Landfill will be

CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19TH

We will return to our regular
business hours on Thursday, June
20th. We wish you all a blessed
and Happy Juneteenth!



COLEMAN & CO.
TALKSHOW

TUNE IN JUNE 17TH
AROUND 7:40AM!

GUEST, MAYOR RANDALL HUTTO

WANT 98.9 FM / WCOR AM 1490
JUNE 17TH | WITH COLEMAN WALKER

SUMMER READING 2024
MT. JULIET LIBRARY

Summer Reading Guidelines

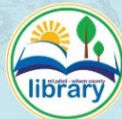
- Children ages 2-5 years (Pre-k) read 20 books & receive a pass to the Jimmy Floyd Center.
- Children ages 5-12 years (finished Kindergarten- finished 6th grade) read 20 books for a ticket to the Wilson County Fair.
- Teens 13-18 years read 5 books & receive a prize.

Sign up: May 13- June 29

Prizes: June 17- July 31



Mt. Juliet Library
2765 N. Mt. Juliet Rd
(615)-758-7051



Library Hours
Mon-Tue-Thu 8:00-7:00
Wed-Fri-Sat 8:00-5:00
Closed Sunday

June 12, 2024

**WOMEN
VETERANS DAY**

THANK YOU TO ALL
WHO SERVE!

IDENTIFYING & TREATING COMMON TOMATO DISEASES

Continued from page 06. One of the main strategies for dealing with diseases in the garden is planting resistant cultivars. Many of the newer hybrids have been bred to have disease resistance and this will be your number one defense. I totally agree that hybrid tomatoes and heirlooms taste different, but I think any good garden has both. The second line of defense is selecting the correct fungicide. Many of the organic formulas for disease management will contain copper, but make sure you read the label to ensure that you are spraying the correct thing. You must first correctly identify the disease and then select the fungicide based upon the diagnosis.

If you have any questions regarding horticultural matter in your garden or lawn, feel free to contact Lucas Holman, Horticulture UT-TSU Extension Agent, Wilson County at 615-444-9584 or Lholman1@utk.edu.

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HONORING THE CURE FOR OUR FRIENDS FOUNDATION

Last month, Mayor Hutto met with the Cure for Our Friends foundation to sign a proclamation which declared the month of May as “Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month” in Wilson County.

About 1 in 20 people in the United States carry at least one defective “CF” gene, which makes it the most common genetic defect of its severity in the U.S. The life expectancy of people with CF used to be very short. Thirty years ago, the median life expectancy was about 8 years old. Thanks to medical advances, today the median life expectancy is in the mid-30s and increasing.

Wilson County is blessed to be the home of the Cure For Our Friends (CFOF) foundation. Since 2014, the Mt. Juliet based nonprofit has been a 100% volunteer-driven group working to raise funds and awareness for CF families. Their mission is to someday fulfill their dream of finding a cure for Cystic Fibrosis. Founded by Ms. Vera Smith, the organization works to assist Cystic Fibrosis families by providing financial support. This is such a vital cause, and we extend our appreciation to the Cure For Our Friends foundation for their continued efforts!



Pictured: Diane McDougal; Vera Smith, Founder of Cure for Our Friends; Mayor Randall Hutto (seated); Michelle Butler; and CF Warrior, Grace McDougal.

TENNESSEE TOURISM INVITES TRAVELERS TO HIT THE BACK ROADS AND BYWAYS WITH NEW STATEWIDE ROAD CYCLING PROGRAM: BIKE TN

The Tennessee Department of Tourist Development (TDTD) recently announced that they have launched a new program called Bike Tennessee. Cyclists are invited to experience Tennessee on 52 new curated road cycling routes that wind their way through the state's picturesque landscapes. The program launched last month on the website, BikeTN.com, which allows cyclists to engage with various routes using the....*continued on page 12.*



MULTI-EMPLOYER

JOB FAIR

June 5th
9:30am-1:30pm
415 Tennessee Blvd, Lebanon, TN 37087
Inside the Lebanon TCAT
Hosted by the American Job Center

Have a question?
 Contact us!
 Email - elake@eds.com
 Phone - (615)-444-9355

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.

CALL & SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT TO ADOPT TODAY!

PET ADOPTION

ANYONE LOOKING FOR A FURRY COMPANION?

PUPPIES AT THE ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER ARE WAITING TO BE ADOPTED!

AND IT'S NOT JUST PUPPIES! THERE'S DOGS FROM A RANGE OF AGES, BREEDS AND SIZES AT THE WILSON COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER.

615-444-9775

WILSON COUNTY KIND SPOTLIGHT



DELIVERING FLOWERS FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Mt. Juliet High School sophomore, Brady Patterson, delivered flowers to 40 residents at the AHC Health & Rehabilitation facility for Mother's Day. Thanks, Brady, for recognizing Mother's Day in this special way!



*This was
such a sweet
way to
honor
mothers on
Mother's
Day!*



HAPPY
Father's
DAY

to all fathers and father figures. We hope you have a great day with your families!

June 16, 2024

TENNESSEE TOURISM INVITES TRAVELERS TO HIT THE BACK ROADS AND BYWAYS WITH NEW STATEWIDE ROAD CYCLING PROGRAM: BIKE TN

Continued from page 10...app Ride with GPS.

Tennessee has been named an Ambassador for popular cycling app Ride with GPS, making all 52 routes easily accessible across the platform. Each Bike Tennessee route was meticulously mapped, ensuring cyclists have access to detailed navigation and route information. Ride descriptions provide valuable information about the terrain, waypoints and hidden gems along the way, as well as modifications to tailor each ride to the individual.



The routes were created in collaboration with professional cycling guide Shannon Burke of Velo View Bike Tours, who brings more than a decade of experience leading cycling tours. Routes were selected with safety and scenery in mind, with 1,739 miles of routes mapped and 53 Tennessee counties included in the Bike Tennessee program. They offer seasoned cyclists mostly rural, low-traffic experiences in some of Tennessee's most scenic and historic landscapes, including 14 routes in Tennessee State Parks.

The outdoor recreation economy generates \$11.9 billion for Tennessee, according to the Outdoor Industry Association. Bike Tennessee aims to leverage the growing cycling community to increase visitation and economic impact throughout Tennessee.

Cyclists can learn more about Bike Tennessee and explore the available road cycling routes by visiting www.BikeTN.com. Join the conversation on social media using hashtag #BikeTN.

Read the full press release at <https://www.tn.gov/tourism/news/2024/5/28/tn-tourism-invites-travelers-to-hit-the-back-roads-and-byways-with-new-statewide-road-cycling-program.html>.



JUNE IS NATIONAL DAIRY MONTH

National Dairy Month originally began in 1937 as a grocery store promotion to increase milk sales. By 1939, June became the official 'Dairy Month', and it is still celebrated today!

Dairy Month now acts as a reminder of the various health benefits that milk and milk products provide. Milk contains essential nutrients, including calcium, potassium, vitamin D, and protein. Dairy products can also help to reduce the risk of high blood pressure, osteoporosis, and some cancers.

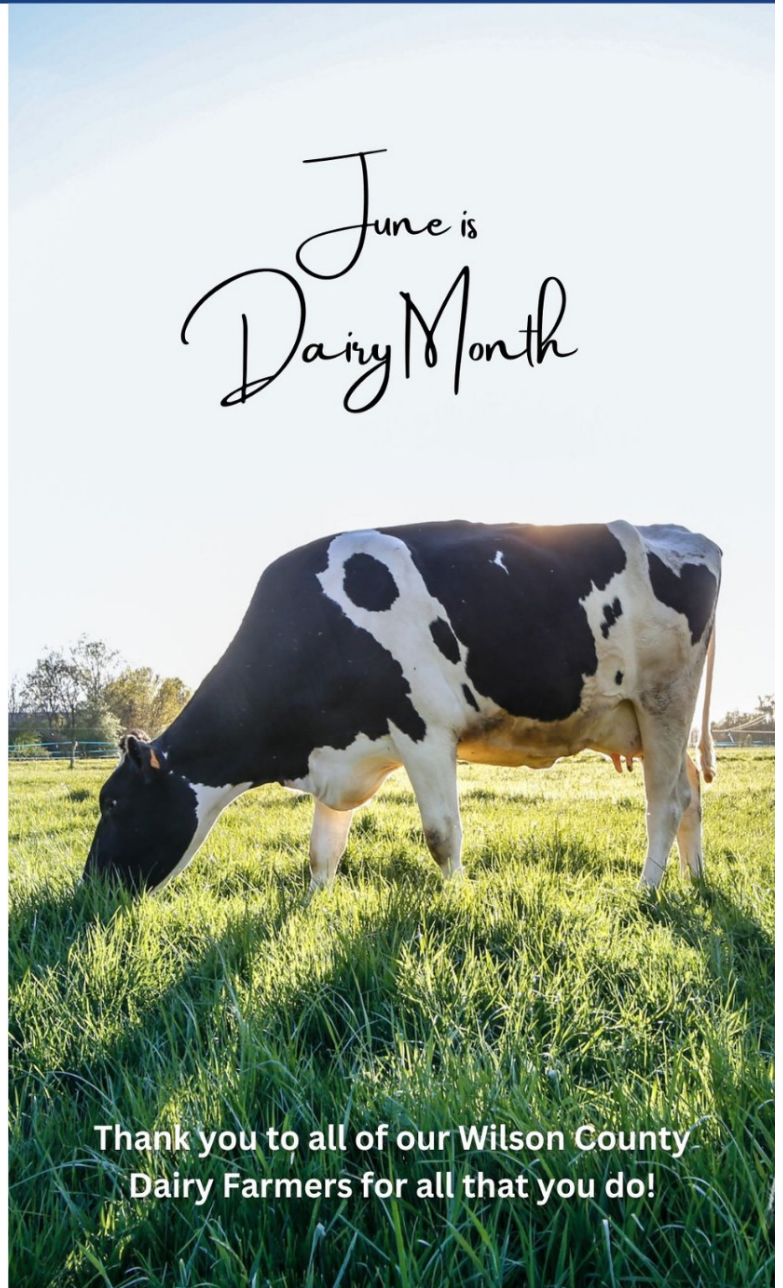
There are three dairy farms operating in Wilson County today. For those who can consume dairy,

visit your local creamery in honor of Dairy Month! The Shop Springs Creamery is a great place to beat the heat and make summer memories with your loved ones.

This June, be sure to thank a local farmer or dairy farmer that you know!

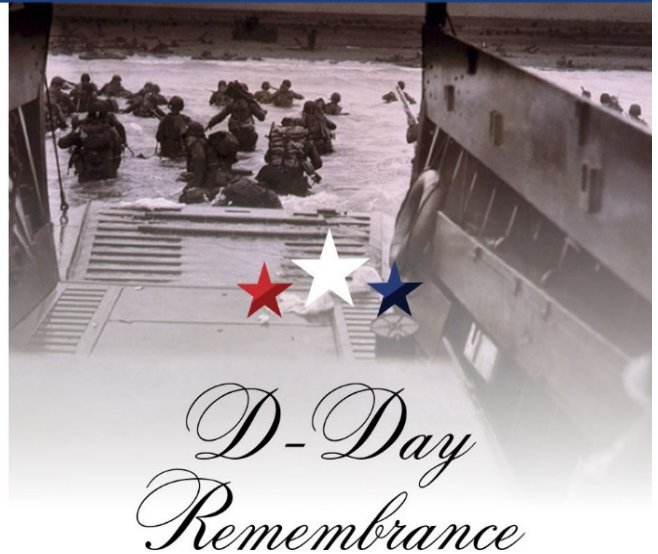
"A dairy farm is a place where dreams are nurtured, traditions are honored, and legacies are built."

- Unknown



80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY APPROACHES

On June 6, 1944, courageous American troops and allied forces landed on the beaches of Normandy. This ultimately began the liberation of France and the end of World War II. The Allies landed more than 160,000 troops in Normandy, of which 73,000 were American. On the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, let us honor the legacies of those who were present that day, as well as those who gave the ultimate sacrifice so that we might enjoy our many freedoms today.








*80th Anniversary
June 6, 1944*

WWW.CRISISCLEANUP.ORG



TENNESSEE TORNADOES & FLOODING HOME CLEANUP HOTLINE: 615-488-1875

If you need assistance with damage from the tornadoes and flooding in Tennessee, call the number above to ask for help. We will connect you with volunteers from local relief organizations, community groups and faith communities who may be able to assist with:

-  Cut fallen trees
-  Drywall, flooring & appliance removal
-  Tarping roofs
-  Mold mitigation
-  Tornado and flood damage



All services are free, but service is not guaranteed due to the overwhelming need. This hotline will remain open through Friday, June 7, 2024.

PLEASE NOTE: this hotline CANNOT assist with social services such as food, clothing, shelter, insurance, or questions about FEMA registration. Volunteers work free of charge and provide the tools and equipment necessary to complete the work.

Market Street

JUNE

teenth

COMMUNITY

*Games
Vendors*

FESTIVAL

*Kids' Zone
Food Trucks*

Live Entertainment • Historical Presentations

Set-up and Registration 7:30 - 10 a.m. • All 10x10' Spaces \$30.00 Each

Fun for the Whole Family • Promoting Community

Saturday, June 15th, 10:00 - 5:00

209 Market Street, Lebanon, Tennessee

Sponsored By:

Wilson County
Black History
Committee



*Friends in the
Wilson County
Community*

For more information, contact us at: pickettchapel@gmail.com or 615-438-4190



It's summertime, and with that comes lots of time in the great outdoors! It's important to defend your skin during summer outdoor activities. Remember to use products such as sunscreen and insect repellent.



COMPASSIONATE
HANDS

Broken Places/Healing Spaces:

How to Love the Poor



Same material offered twice

June 10 - Dessert & Discuss: 7-9 pm

June 11 - Lunch & Learn: 12-2 pm

Center for Hope & Renewal

214 North College Street

Lebanon, Tennessee

Compassionate people are often frustrated in our efforts to help neighbors make better decisions. How can we bridge the gap to be good neighbors?



Dr. John Grant

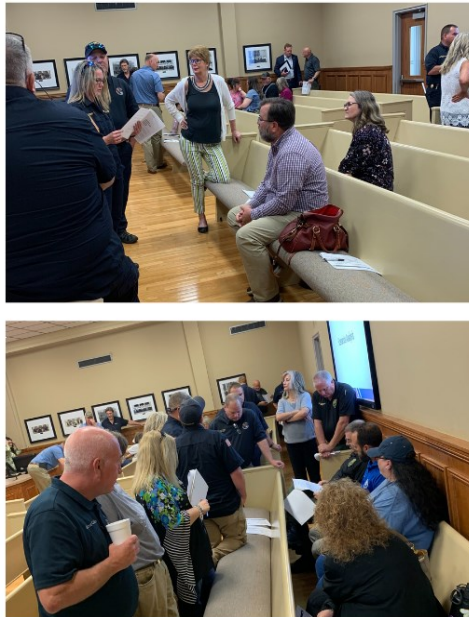
Please RSVP
by June 7th



(615) 784-9897



marcy.carter@compassionatehandstn.org



Employee Training

The Wilson County Human Resources Department hosted a series of legal training sessions for department heads and elected officials in May. The training was held in partnership with Fred Bissinger of Ford Harrison. We send a special thank you to our HR Dept. for hosting vital training sessions such as these, as well as keeping employees highly trained and ready to serve the citizens of Wilson County!

