



# THE COUNTY CONNECTION

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



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

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. The stigma around mental health is improving, but there is still a long way to go. Thankfully, the Tennessee Department of Health and community partners are working to educate and raise awareness on the importance of mental health. This month, the Wilson County Health Department will host their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Mental Health Fair. It will be held on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> on the courthouse lawn from 10am-2pm. *(See page 10 for details.)* Several mental health organizations and resources will be present. There will also be fun activities for all ages, including bouncy houses, food trucks, and giveaways! Join us for this free community event. We hope to see you there!

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### Contact INFORMATION

Phone: 615-450-8087

## 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

The Wilson County Health Department is undergoing renovations and will be closed on the following days:

- Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

The Wilson County Health Department will return to its regular schedule and resume seeing patients on Monday, May 19, 2025.

The TN Dept. of Health's Wilson County location is located at 927 E. Baddour Pkwy in Lebanon. Regular hours of operation are weekdays: 8 AM-4:30 PM. For questions, the Health Department staff can be reached at (615) 444-5325.



Today, we honor and thank our many firefighters for their dedication and service to our community. Thank you to all of those in the fire service! We'd like to send a shout-out to our local crews at the Wilson County Emergency Management Agency, Mt. Juliet Fire Department, Lebanon Fire Department, and the Watertown Volunteer Fire Department. Happy International Firefighters Day!



## WILSON COUNTY TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 1<sup>st</sup> is annually recognized as National Day of Prayer. To commemorate this special day, Mayor Hutto and Lebanon's Mayor Bell signed a joint proclamation which proclaims May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 as National Day of Prayer in our community. National Day of Prayer will be celebrated at the fairgrounds on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm in the Made in Tennessee Building. All are welcome to attend! (See flyer above for details.) Pictured above with Mayor Hutto are Ronda Wehby, Caron Snyder, and Beverly Sellars. We sincerely appreciate these ladies for all they do for our community, as well as their work to remind others of the importance and power of prayer. For more information on Wilson County's Day of Prayer, visit [wilsoncountydayofprayer.org](http://wilsoncountydayofprayer.org).

## LET'S PRAY WILSON COUNTY

Please join us for our annual National Day of Prayer gathering  
Pour out to the God of Hope and be filled – Romans 15:13

*National Day of Prayer*  
*Thursday · May 1 · 7pm*



Made in Tennessee Bldg · Wilson County Fairgrounds  
945 East Baddour Pkwy · Lebanon, TN  
[WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG](http://WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG)

[www.wilsoncountydayofprayer.org](http://www.wilsoncountydayofprayer.org)

## FREE ADMISSION



TELLING THE GOOD NEWS

# MAY 4-7 7PM

Nightly

Nokes-Lasater Field



Sooner or later, everyone will ask:

Why am I here? What is the purpose of life? What happens when I die?  
Find the answers to these questions and more with the GO TELL AMERICA Crusade!

**Middle TN GO TELL AMERICA Crusade**  
Reaching People for the Kingdom of God

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find us on facebook at:  
Middle TN GO TELL AMERICA Crusade

[MiddleTN-GoTell.com](http://MiddleTN-GoTell.com)



# IMPORTANT NOTICE: TAX FILING EXTENSIONS: APRIL STORMS



As a result of the severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, and flooding that began on April 2, 2025, the Federal Emergency Management Agency issued a disaster declaration for the entire state of Tennessee. The IRS extended various federal due dates to

November 3, 2025, for taxpayers located in the disaster area.

Consistent with the IRS's decision to extend federal due dates, the Department will approve, on a case-by-case basis, extension requests from affected taxpayers who are unable to file returns for Tennessee taxes because of the impact of the storms and flooding beginning on April 2. For more information, read important notice #25-05 at

<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/revenue/documents/rulings/fae/25-05fe.pdf>.

## DONATIONS NEEDED!

Got items you no longer use just taking up space? Give them a second life by donating to our thrift store! We're currently accepting donations of household items and furniture. If you've been thinking about decluttering, now's the perfect time to donate and make a difference!

Mon-Sat: 9am-5pm



Phone Number:  
(615) 449-1856

[wilsoncountyhelpcenter.org](http://wilsoncountyhelpcenter.org)



203 West High St  
Lebanon, TN 37087



CLOSED MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> IN OBSERVANCE OF

## MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR



Wilson County Government Offices, Convenience Centers, and the Landfill will be **closed on Monday, May 26, 2025**, in observance of Memorial Day. Offices, Convenience Centers, and the Landfill will return to their regular business hours on Tuesday, May 27th.

We wish you all a blessed Memorial Day as we remember and honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Thank you to all who serve!

# HAPPY MOTHERS DAY



May 11, 2025

Happy Mother's Day to all the incredible mothers and mother figures out there! Thank you for going above and beyond for your families.



*Mental Health Awareness Month*

[www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/mental-health-services](http://www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/mental-health-services)

May 5-9, 2025

# Teacher Appreciation Week



## Revolving Loan Fund



### Greater Nashville Regional Council

#### Revolving Loan Eligibility

The Revolving Loan Fund provides 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.**

#### Eligible Use of Funds

- Machinery and Equipment Purchase,
- Working Capital,
- Acquisition of Owner-Occupied Building or Land,
- Construction or Rehabilitation of Facilities,
- Site Improvements/Utilities or Infrastructure for Owner-Occupied Commercial Real Estate

Learn more at [GNRC.org/RLF](http://GNRC.org/RLF)



#### Project Size

The maximum loan amount of the Revolving Loan Fund Program (RLF) is \$500,000. This program is funded by a partnership between the Greater Nashville Regional Council and the U.S. Economic Development Administration. Private lender participation is often leveraged at a rate of two private dollars invested per one dollar of RLF funds.

#### Maturity Terms

Individualized based on the borrower's needs up to 20 years. Terms for real estate is up to 15 years, and up to 10 years for machinery and equipment.

#### Bank Advantages

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

#### Small Business Owner Advantages

- Interest Rates as low as 4% for qualified borrowers
- Low Down Payment

#### Typical Financing Structure

**Example:**  
 \$ 480,000 (80%) Lender - First Lien  
 \$ 240,000 (30%) GNRC RLF - Second Lien  
 \$ 80,000 (10%) Down Payment  
 \$ 800,000 Total Project

#### Greater Nashville Regional Council

44 Vantage Way, Suite 450, Nashville, Tennessee 37228  
 TEL: (615) 862-8828 | FAX: (615) 862-8840 | [www.gnrc.org](http://www.gnrc.org)



# TUNE IN!

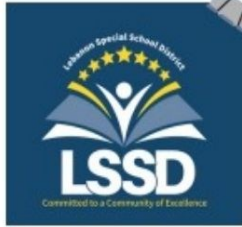
**COLEMAN & COMPANY ON 98.9FM**

with special guest from  
 Mayor Randall Hutto's Office

**Monday, May 19th**

around 7:50AM  
 WANT 98.9FM/ WCOR AM 1490

# PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN HEALTH FAIR



**REGISTRATION & HEALTH FAIR**

**WHEN:** Friday, May 2, 2025

**WHERE:** Castle Heights Elementary - 1007 N Castle Heights Ave.

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**Free Screenings for Speech, Hearing, Vision** (required for PreK)

**Physicals & Immunizations** will be given to children upon request (service will be billed to child's insurance)

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

- Certified Birth Certificate
- Two Proofs of Residency
- TN Certificate of Immunization
- Current Physical

**Pre-K only**

- Proof of income (pay stub, W2)
- Income Eligibility Form (LSSD website - PreK Registration page)

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Pre-K Age 4 on/by August 15
- K Age 5 on/by August 15
- Zoned for LSSD

**ONLINE REGISTRATION**

Parents are encouraged to register their child online and upload required documents.

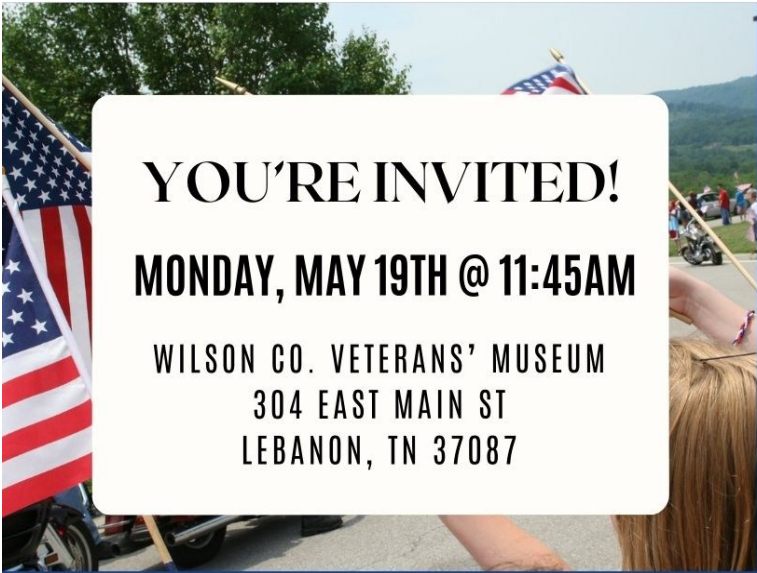
**MORE INFORMATION**

[www.lssd.org](http://www.lssd.org)

The Pre-Kindergarten program is voluntary and eligibility is based on income, at-risk factors & availability.

PEACE OFFICERS  
*Memorial Day*  
May 15, 2025

NATIONAL  
**MILITARY APPRECIATION**  
Month



**YOU'RE INVITED!**

**MONDAY, MAY 19TH @ 11:45AM**

WILSON CO. VETERANS' MUSEUM  
304 EAST MAIN ST  
LEBANON, TN 37087

**JOIN US AND GREET THE RIDERS UPON THEIR ARRIVAL!**

THIS IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO SHOW YOUR PATRIOTISM AND SUPPORT OUR VETERANS! VISIT [RFTW.US](http://RFTW.US) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

**Run FOR THE Wall**  
WE RIDE FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T

# WILSON COUNTY PROUD TO ANNOUNCE LATEST FARM INDUCTED INTO TN CENTURY FARMS PROGRAM!

The Tennessee Century Farms Program recently announced the latest Wilson County Farm inducted into their program! The Bradshaw/Tubb Farm was established in Wilson County in 1916 by Willie and Lena Bates Bradshaw. On 104 acres, they raised cattle and grew tobacco, tomatoes, corn, and green beans. Church and community activities were a big part of their social life. Willie and Lena had two children.

In 1977, Billy Jack Tubb, a grandson of Willie and Lena, and his wife, Alice Vance Tubb, became the farm's second owners. Like his grandparents, Billy raised cattle and grew tobacco and produce. Billy won the Lebanon Jaycee Award for Outstanding Young Farmer, and the family has won various awards over the years at the Wilson County Fair. Billy Jack and Alice had four children.

Today, one of their daughters, Tammy Hobbs, works the land and manages the farm, which is owned by Alice. The property has several structures built before 1960: the original home, barn, cream house, and smokehouse.

**Congratulations to the family on this wonderful achievement!**



## **DIVISION OF FORESTRY REMINDS TENNESSEANS THAT DEBRIS BURN PERMITS ARE REQUIRED THROUGH MAY 15**

To minimize the risk of wildland fires, Tennesseans are reminded that a burn permit from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry (TDF) is required for debris burning from October 15 through May 15.

For those planning to burn debris or clear natural yard waste, a burn permit from TDF is mandatory in all counties that allow open burning, unless local restrictions apply. Burning materials like leaves, branches, tree limbs, twigs, and other woody vegetation and yard trimmings is legal with a permit and can be an effective method to manage vegetative waste.

If permits are not being issued in your county or region, it is because conditions are hazardous for burning. Burning without a permit is illegal and can lead to a fine or up to 30 days in jail.

Some municipalities and counties have additional requirements for burning, so always check local rules, especially if you live within city limits.

Permits may be obtained online seven days a week, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Eastern and Central, depending on your location, by visiting [www.BurnSafeTN.org](http://www.BurnSafeTN.org). For residents without internet access, permits are available via phone Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central, except for holidays, by calling 877-350-BURN (2876).

Burn permits are issued for the day on which they are obtained, so plan to get a permit on the day you will burn.

To report illegal burning, contact the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation at 1-888-891-TDEC. If you have tips on intentionally set fires, call the Tennessee Arson Hotline at 1-800-762-3017. It is open 24/7 and callers remain anonymous.  
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## DIVISION OF FORESTRY REMINDS TENNESSEANS THAT DEBRIS BURN PERMITS ARE REQUIRED THROUGH MAY 15

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Always follow safety guidelines when burning to ensure safety for yourself, your property, and your community:

- Only burn when conditions are safe – avoid burning on windy days or when humidity is low.
- Check with local authorities to ensure there are no restrictions in place. Violating these rules could result in penalties.
- Notify your neighbors and local fire department before you burn.
- Choose a safe location for your burn—away from trees, power lines, buildings, or other structures.
- Keep fire control tools ready, including a water source like a hose or buckets, and hand tools like rakes and shovels.
- Establish firebreaks by clearing a three- to five-foot perimeter around your burn pile and remove all flammable materials from this area.
- Weather can shift quickly, so be prepared to extinguish your fire immediately if winds pick up or other unsafe conditions arise.
- Never leave your fire unattended and stay with it until no smoke or heat remain.

For more tips on safe burning and keeping your community secure, visit [www.BurnSafeTN.org](http://www.BurnSafeTN.org).

*Cystic Fibrosis*  
AWARENESS MONTH

**You're invited!**

**Estás invitado**

# Mental Health Fair

# Feria de Salud Mental

Hosted by the Wilson County Mental Health Committee  
In conjunction with the Wilson County Health Council  
And the Wilson County Health Department

Organizado por el Comité de Salud Mental de Wilson en  
colaboración con el Concilio de Salud del Condado de Wilson y el  
Departamento de Salud de Wilson.




Join us and learn about the mental health resources  
here in the community!

Únete a nosotros para aprender de los recursos de la  
salud mental aquí en nuestra comunidad!

 May 3rd, 2025  
 10 AM - 2 PM  
 228 E Main St,  
Lebanon, TN 37087

- Several mental health organizations and resources will be available 
- Food trucks, hot dogs, and giveaways 
- Family fun activities and bouncy houses 
- Many community partners will be present!

 El 3 de Mayo del 2025  
 10 AM - 2 PM  
 228 E Main St,  
Lebanon, TN 37087

- Varias organizaciones y recursos de salud mental estarán disponibles 
- Carritos de comida, hot dogs, y regalos 
- Actividades divertidas para toda la familia y casas inflables 
- Muchos socios comunitarios estarán presentes



## Join us at the Mental Health Fair!

We'll be there with our Mobile Adoption Trailer!

Stop by our mobile adoption trailer during the Mental Health Fair! Pet the dogs, ask us about adoption, and learn about volunteering opportunities!

 **Saturday**  
05/03/2025  **from**  
10am-2pm

Wilson County Courthouse Lawn 228 E. Main St Lebanon, TN 37087

## GOOD NEWS!



CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU to all of those who participated in the St. Jude's Rock N' Roll Nashville Marathon! A very special shout out goes to those who purchased a ticket onboard the WeGo Star for the event. Your ticket is going to support the kids of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and with your help we raised nearly \$1,800! Stay tuned for the check presentation in the coming weeks!

# PLAYROOM ADVENTURE AWAITS

## BROOKS HOUSE PLAYROOM REMODEL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

At Brooks House, we believe that a vibrant and well-designed playroom is essential for nurturing the creativity, joy, and well-being of our children. By remodeling our playroom to better reflect their interests and needs, we can create a space that not only inspires play and imagination but also fosters emotional growth and social connections among the kids. We invite you to join us in this heartwarming mission by checking out our Amazon Wish List. Your thoughtful contributions can make a significant difference in transforming the playroom into a sanctuary of happiness and learning. Your support is not just appreciated; it's vital!

[brookshousetn.org](http://brookshousetn.org)

### THE STANDARD ID REMAINS ACCEPTABLE FOR...



NOT FOR REAL ID ACT PURPOSES

- DRIVING (DL ONLY) ✓
- VOTING ✓
- AGE-RESTRICTED PURCHASES ✓
- APPLYING FOR FEDERAL BENEFITS ✓



STANDARD ID IS VALID FROM THE DATE OF ISSUANCE UNTIL THE DATE PRINTED ON THE CARD AS ITS EXPIRATION DATE.

**REAL ID will go into effect on May 7, 2025**



# Save the Date

for Rest Stop Ministries  
13th Annual Gala

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## FAITHFUL 2025

God has been faithful through ten years of impact.  
Join us to celebrate!

Friday, September 12

### COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY!

# LETLEBANON SHINE



Day	Time	Meet
May 10	8:00am - 12:00pm	City Hall 200 N. Castle Heights Ave.

### Interested in Volunteering?

Email Mayor Rick Bell's office at [Tonya.Jones@lebanontn.org](mailto:Tonya.Jones@lebanontn.org) or call 615.443.2839 ext. 2102 and let her know how many volunteers your group has. Please provide your contact information so we can share the details with you. Thank you!



# RUN FOR THE WALL XXXV RIDERS TO VISIT WILSON COUNTY VETERANS MUSEUM



Each year, Run For The Wall® (RFTW) riders pack up their gear and hit the road, ready for a long journey with the end goal of honoring our veterans and those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Riders travel across the country on motorcycles all the way to Washington, D.C. The run ends when they visit and touch the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall. It is a somber moment, filled with thoughts of lost Brothers and Sisters in Arms.

Since their first ride across our nation, Run For The Wall has experienced phenomenal success and growth, as they have carried out their Mission each May from 1989 to the present-day, excluding 2021, which was cancelled due to COVID-19 precautions. Run For The Wall will celebrate its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. This year also marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam war.

This May, riding groups will once again begin their journey. To date, nearly 1,200 riders are registered to participate, with four routes to choose from. The three traditional routes are called the “Central Route”, “Midway Route”, and “Southern Route.” All three lead to the same destination: the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The newest route is called the “Sandbox Route”, which goes “Wall to Wall” from Washington, D.C. to the Middle East Conflicts wall in Marseilles, IL. Each morning before the ride begins, riders will read the biography of a Vietnam soldier who lost his/her life on that same day. A rider will then volunteer to take the biography to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., where he/she will lay it under the soldier’s name.

Midway Route riders are expected to refuel at Uncle Pete’s Truck Stop in Lebanon, Tennessee, on May 18th at 3:40pm. On **Monday, May 19th** at 11:30am, local law enforcement agencies will escort a group of riders from Southside Elementary School to the Wilson County Veterans Museum for a lunch program. **The public is invited to attend and greet the riders upon their 11:45am arrival at the Veterans Museum.**

“Wilson County is proud to be home to over 9,300 veterans. We have a great admiration for these brave men and women and sincerely thank all of our service members for defending our nation. The Run For The Wall is a tremendous way to honor our service members. Thank you to all the riders who are participating! We wish them all a safe journey and plan to give them a very warm welcome during their visit in Wilson County, Tennessee!”—Randall Hutto, Wilson County Mayor

The goal of RFTW is to promote healing among ALL veterans and their families and friends, to call for an accounting of all Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action (POW/MIA), as well as to honor the memory of those Killed in Action (KIA) from all wars, and to support our military personnel all over the world. For more information about Run For The Wall, visit <https://rftw.us/>.

“Riding for those who Can’t - Remembering for those who Don’t”

## Words of Wisdom For The New Graduate

by Catherine Pulsifer

Exceed expectations  
Set goals for your aspirations.

Listen, think, then speak  
Persevere as you move toward the  
mountain peak.

Keep an open mind  
Always be kind.

Follow through with what you say  
Be happy, be cheerful each and every day

Show appreciation to those around you  
Be the best in what you do.

When discouraged ask for help  
Don't complain or yelp.

Learn from your mistakes  
Errors - we all make

There is no failure  
Unless you stop trying.

Look on the sunny side of things  
And you will find success it will bring.

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Congratulations, Class of 2025!



**Save the Date:**

September 27th and  
28th, 2025

[www.wilcopowwow.com](http://www.wilcopowwow.com)

(615) 512-0952

[WilCoPowWow@Gmail.com](mailto:WilCoPowWow@Gmail.com)

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Juliet PowWow) is a 501(c)(3)  
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