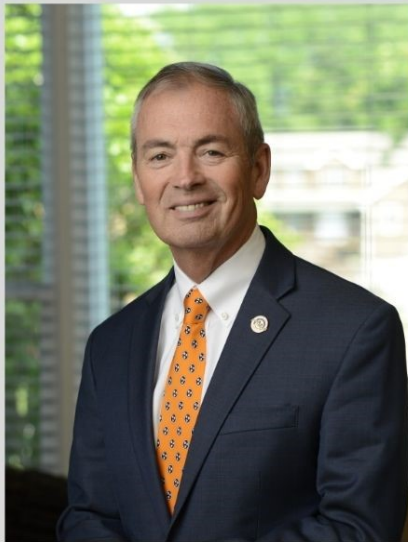




THE COUNTY CONNECTION

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

We are entering that time of year when we are reminded to focus on what we are thankful for. As Middle Tennesseans, we are truly fortunate to live in an area in which we have so many blessings. For instance, our county provides two exceptional school systems for our children, as well as low unemployment rates, welcoming environments for our senior adults, and a great quality of life for our residents overall. But of course, our blessings go much deeper than just where we live. Family, friends, and good health are also blessings that one may find at the top of his or her list. After the past two years, it is more important than ever for us to count our blessings! No matter the challenges that we may be facing, there is always something good waiting to meet us on the other side. I mentioned in last year's November newsletter that Thanksgiving is not celebrated because our challenges are easily resolved. Instead, it is celebrated because we reflect on those times of hardship, and we become even more grateful during the times of joy and abundance. This month, I challenge you to focus on one specific blessing each day. November brings us a holiday in which we give thanks, and no matter what you may be facing, I pray that you can still be able to count your blessings. I wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

“Thank you’ is the best prayer that anyone could say. I say that one a lot. Thank you expresses extreme gratitude, humility, understanding.” — Alice Walker

Commissioner Spotlight: Terry Scruggs District 7



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Wilson County LANDFILL

WINTER HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY
7:00AM-3:00PM

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

PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS
TO 615.449.6684

PURCHASE YOUR WILSON COUNTY "THE PLACE TO BE" SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATE, NOW!

This is a great opportunity to support Wilson County's very own transportation service for seniors, Wilson Rides, Inc. a non-profit. You can be one of the first 1,000 residents with a specialty license plate for Wilson County.



NOVEMBER
Diabetes Awareness Month



TN

Lifesaving COVID-19 Treatment is Available in Tennessee

Learn about
Monoclonal Antibodies
at COVID19.TN.gov

JIM KIDWELL, ADA COORDINATOR, RETIRES

Not everyone dreams of retiring on their birthday, but James "Jim" Kidwell did just that October 13th. For over 29 years, Jim served as the county's ADA Coordinator, primarily overseeing ADA compliance needs and assisting citizens with the state's home grant. Throughout the years, Jim formed a "work family" full of county employees and citizens alike. While he is officially retired, we still expect Jim to pay regular visits, so be on the lookout for him when you're in the courthouse!

On another note, we are pleased to welcome Mrs. Christy Willey on board in the Wilson County Mayor's office. Christy will be taking on the role of Administrative Assistant, along with several of Jim's tasks. Here's what she has to say to her new colleagues: "My name is Christy Willey, and I am excited to join Mayor Hutto's Office. I was born and raised in Central Florida, but we decided to move here after my husband accepted a job offer. The first time I set foot in Tennessee I knew it was home. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone and helping out however I can!" Welcome aboard, Christy! We're all looking forward to working with you.



November 6
Booklovers Day

November 13
Caregiver Appreciation Day

November 14
Operating Room Nurse Day
& World Diabetes Day

November 20
Universal Children's Day

**National Adoption
Awareness Month**

**National Caregivers
Appreciation Month**

**National Diabetes
Awareness Month**

**Lung Cancer
Awareness Month**



Governor's Volunteer Stars Awards Deadline Fast Approaching

Thanksgiving is quickly approaching, and during this time it is important to remember what, or more particularly in this case—who—we are thankful for. Our community is surrounded by selfless people who are dedicated to serving others, and we want to lift them up!

The GVSA is an annual event that honors the efforts of volunteers from across Tennessee. Each year one adult and one youth are selected to receive this prestigious award in recognition of their exemplary volunteer service in the county.

If you know of a volunteer that deserves recognition for his/her efforts, nominate them for a Governor's Volunteer Stars Award. The 2021 GVSA Ceremony is planned for February 13, 2022 at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs in Franklin, TN. Volunteer Tennessee continues to monitor conditions and adhere to CDC and state guidelines related to COVID-19. Should the event move to a virtual format, GVSA honorees will be notified as soon as possible.

Applications are being accepted now through November 5th. For more information, contact Sara Davenport at 615/444-1383. The deadline to submit your Governor's Volunteer Stars Awards nominations is just around the corner, so go ahead and make your nominations today!

Great volunteers in your
community?

We want to hear
about them!

Information and applications
can be found [here](#)

or contact

Sara Davenport
615/444-1383

applications due
November 5, 2021

Governor's Volunteer
Stars Awards



Giving Thanks and Giving Back

submitted by Brooke Driver



Each October annually celebrates "Child Health Month", which is a time to celebrate and raise awareness around the many groups and organizations that work to care for the health and welfare of children in our area. With that said, Mayor Hutto signed a proclamation on October 22nd, which proclaimed the month of October 2021 as "Child Health Month" in Wilson County, Tennessee.

One organization in particular that works to care for the children and families of Wilson County is the WCS Family Resource Center. Their goal is to reduce barriers that may prevent children from achieving success academically, as well as socially. During a recent visit to the Family Resource Center, I was able to speak with Ms. Anne Barger and learn about the many items donated to the center, as well as the programs that are available for our students and their families. For starters, the Family Resource Center keeps a well-stocked food pantry and school supplies stockroom, as well as a small clothing closet. All these items were given as donations to the center by local churches, businesses, and anonymous donors. The items are collected, then organized and boxed up, where they are then taken to the schools to be giving to the referred children and their families. School counselors play a vital role in connecting families with the center. "Our school counselors are amazing!" says Annie Barger. However, it is important to note that anyone can refer a student! Parents, teachers, counselors, or friends of the family are all welcome to refer a child in need. Those referring the child(ren) can sign up online by using the Self-Referral Form on the www.wcshools.com website.



FRC Food Box Items:

Number of Items:	Item:
1	Ramen Noodles (12 pk)
1	Canned Chicken (12.5oz)
2	Canned Tuna (10oz) <i>OB 25PAM</i>
2	Canned Soups (any brand)
2	Ravioli or Spaghetti (one)
2 of each: <i>put in plastic bag</i>	Canned vegetables: Peas, Corn, Gr. Beans, & Carrots
1	Box of Mac & Cheese
1	4-cup Mac & Cheese
1	Jar Peanut Butter
1	Jar Jelly
1	Home Style Bakes
1	Spaghetti Sauce (canned or bottled)
1	Box Spaghetti Noodles
2	Pouches (Rice, Noodle, or Mashed Potatoes)
1	Box of Granola Bars (1ct) <i>AND Popcorn</i>
1	Apple sauce (1ct) or Fruit cup (4ct)
1	Crackers (6-8 ct pk)
1	One Pound Bag or Box of Cereal

*1 - WC Food Pantry Flyer

Providing supplies for students isn't all the Family Resource Center does. In fact, it's just the beginning! The center also hosts training and awareness seminars for adults in the community, which train adults on how to prevent abuse and provide children with safe, stable, nurturing environments. Their next adult's training event will include a showing of the movie Resilience, which will be held on November 9th. (See page 09 of this newsletter for details!) Stable, committed adults, such as a parent, caregiver, teacher, or community member can help foster childhood resiliency and ensure that a child feels that he or she has what it takes to overcome life's many challenges.

Volunteers and donations are needed! If you would like to help make an impact, simply donate an item or your time to the Family Resource Center, or attend one of their upcoming training programs. This month is all about giving thanks, and we certainly are thankful for the good people in our community who make programs like this possible. Our most important resource is our children, and we are proud to live in a community in which our children can grow and thrive. Let's show the Family Resource Center team our gratitude by giving back!



The Family Resource Center is located at 415 Harding Drive, Lebanon, TTN 37087. Staff can be reached by calling 615-444-3282, Ext. 7415 or 7417.



Mayor Hutto Proclaims Pink & Pearl Lung & Breast Cancer Screening Awareness Day

Early detection of both lung and breast cancer can make it easier to treat, and whether it be by our own cancer screening or encouraging the screening of a friend or a family member, we all have a role to play. With that said, Mayor Hutto signed a proclamation declaring November 5, 2021, as "Pink & Pearl Lung & Breast Cancer Screening Awareness Day". Citizens are encouraged to join in this worthy observance by wearing pink and pearl(s) on November 5th to encourage Tennesseans to schedule a breast and/or lung cancer screening.

TN ACHEIVES SEEKS MENTORS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

tnAchieves is the partnering organization to the TN Promise Scholarship in 90 of the 95 counties in Tennessee. Their mission is to increase higher education opportunities for Tennessee high school students by providing last-dollar scholarships with mentor guidance. tnAchieves still needs mentors to meet student demand in Wilson County! Mentoring takes just one hour per month but makes a significant difference for local students. To register or apply, visit

<https://tnachieves.org/mentors/learn/>. Questions?

They are one email away: mentors@tnachieves.org.



Happy Thanksgiving

Wilson County Government offices will be closed on November 25th & 26th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Offices will re-open on Monday, November 29th during their usual business hours.



WISHING YOU A



Happy VETERANS DAY



THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SERVICE,
VETERANS!

WILSON COUNTY
GOVERNMENT OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED ON
NOVEMBER 11TH



OFFICES WILL RETURN TO
THEIR USUAL SCHEDULES ON
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH.

REMINDER: BURN PERMITS REQUIRED NOW THROUGH MAY 15TH

It is important to remember that we are heading into fire season. With that said, a debris burn permit is required for leaf and brush piles from Oct. 15th - May 15th each season.

Debris Burn Permits for leaf and brush piles are available at no charge via the MyTN mobile app or online at www.BurnSafeTN.org. Online permits can be obtained daily from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Central Time for any size leaf and brush burn pile. Each pile should be completely out by the permit expiration.

For larger, broadcast burning, such as forestry, agricultural, and land clearing, call the Division of Forestry burn permit phone number at 877-350-BURN (2876) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. If you have limited access to internet, this number can also be used for a debris burn permit. Wait times depend on the call volume.

Visit www.BurnSafeTN.org for additional tips to burn safely and to protect your community.



**BURNING OUTDOORS?
GET A PERMIT**

BurnSafeTN.org
or call
877-350-BURN (2876)

Support Wilson Rides Inc.

When you shop at smile.amazon.com,
Amazon donates.

Go to smile.amazon.com

amazon smile

FREE and no appointment necessary! COVID-19 Testing & Vaccinations

provided by the Wilson County Health Department

- located at the College Hills Church of Christ, 1401 Leeville Pike, Lebanon, TN 37090
- Drive-thru COVID-19 PCR testing Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Drive-thru COVID-19 vaccines Monday - Friday 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Self-testing kits available for pick-up Monday - Friday between 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. In order to use a self-test, adults 18+ need a smartphone and e-mail address.

For more information call the Wilson County Health Department at 615/444-5325 or visit www.covid19.tn.gov



Want an **EXCITING**
career in
CONSTRUCTION?

GET PAID TO LEARN A TRADE

The Hardhat in Hand program is an 8-week hands-on training for individuals who want to explore the endless possibilities in the skilled trades!

LEARN SKILLED TRADES
electrical
mechanical
carpentry
painting
concrete
and more!

Qualifications:
Must be 18 years and older
High School Diploma or GED

SCAN ME IF INTERESTED



Informational Night
November 11 at 4 PM | Location: Shalom Zone
For more information, please email karag@dpr.com

FACEBOOK



County Employee HALLOWEEN Costume Contest



Best Lunch Date Ever!



Make A Difference Today!



Volunteers Needed ASAP

Register:
www.mc-mealsonwheels.com/volunteer
 or email: smcdaniel@mchra.com
 Thank YOU for caring!



NOVEMBER
Lung Cancer Awareness Month



National Family Caregivers Month



November

NEW CAMERAS INSTALLED IN COUNTY COMMISSION ROOM

Wilson County Government employees work to provide transparent communication to citizens. With that said, we are proud to announce the installation of the new wall-mounted cameras in the Wilson County Commission Room and conference room. These cameras will deliver a better quality picture and sound to our resident's devices while the County Commission meetings are taking place. Unlike the portable camera and master control system used since the channel's inception in 2018, the new equipment requires less time to set up. The WCTV team is using that extra time to enhance on-screen graphics. We would like to send a special "thank you" to Tressa Bush and her WCTV team for making this possible! So, be sure to stay "tuned in" on what's going on in our county on the third Monday of each month at 7:00p.m.!

Wilson County Television can be seen on Spectrum Channel 198, U-verse Channel 99 and TDS Channel 1007.



Pictured: Dakota Russ, Seth Sanders, Justin Tart with WCTV



Blood Drive
Vanderbilt Wilson County Hospital

Red Cross Bus
1411 Baddour Parkway
Lebanon, TN 37087

Tuesday, November 9, 2021
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: **VanderbiltWilsonCo** to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment



Give Something that Means Something™

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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Education and prevention are essential in creating a healthier society. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's) are stressful or traumatic experiences such as abuse, neglect and family dysfunction. Learn more about ACE's and what you can do to help build resilience in families and your community.

6:00PM - 7:30PM

FREE showing of the Resilience movie. Light snacks provided.

415 HARDING DRIVE
LEBANON, TN

FREE

JOB FAIR



GOODWILL CAREER SOLUTIONS CENTER

TUESDAY, NOV. 2, 2021 | 1-3 P.M.

EMPLOYERS INCLUDE:

Middle Tennessee Mental Health Institute,
Allied Universal and Contemporary
Services Corporation

OPENINGS INCLUDE:

Psych tech, custodial worker, registered nurse,
building maintenance, security officer (armed
and unarmed), event staff/usher/security.

Positions: More than 500 available. | Pay Rate: Up to \$30 per hour.



FOR MORE INFO, SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT US ONLINE AT:

giveit2goodwill.org/job-fairs

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

1985 Providence Pkwy.
Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

(615) 288-2389
mtjulietcs@givegw.org

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WHAT IS A LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN & WHO CAN USE THIS PROGRAM?

A Long-Term Care Ombudsman serves as an advocate for residents of long-term care facilities. This person is there to make sure the rights of the resident are protected. In order to do this, an LTC Ombudsman can:

- Investigate Complaints
- Solve Problems
- Provide Information
- Protect Resident Rights

Those who are eligible to use the services of a Long-Term Care Ombudsman and the program are:

- Residents of long-term care facilities
- Relatives and friends of residents
- Facility administrators and employees
- Any person or group concerned about resident treatment
- The community-at-large



AS A RESIDENT, KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

- To voice complaints without fear of reprisal
- To be free of all types of abuse
- To have privacy
- To participate in social, religious and community activities
- To participate in your own care
- To make decisions
- To be treated with dignity and respect
- To be free from discrimination

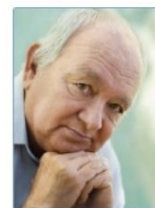
WHAT CAN THE OMBUDSMAN DO FOR YOU?

- Provide free, confidential assistance to long-term care residents
- Educate long-term care staff to meet the needs and concerns of residents
- Advocate for long-term care residents
- Educate the community about the long-term care system

WHEN DO YOU NEED TO CALL THE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN?

You may wish to contact the Long-Term Care Ombudsman if you need to:

- Report a problem, complaint or concern
- Seek information about long-term care facilities
- Ask questions about facility services or standards
- Ask questions about residents rights or any other matters related to a resident



CALL YOUR DISTRICT OMBUDSMAN TODAY WITH QUESTIONS & CONCERNS!

Commission on Aging & Disability
502 Deaderick Street
9th Floor
Nashville, TN 37243
1-877-236-0013



**SUPPORT, INFORMATION & ADVOCACY ARE ONLY A PHONE CALL AWAY!
DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT OMBUDSMAN TODAY!**

1-877-236-0013



7 WEEK INDIVIDUAL CHALLENGE

Stay healthy and maintain your weight during the holidays with a little online help.

Sign up **FREE** online for weekly emails with recipes, fitness tips and strategies to stay motivated and fit during the holidays.

Challenge dates are:

November 21, 2021 - January 9, 2022

Register here now through November 12
<https://mdg21.questionpro.com>



FREE opportunities with partnering fitness facilities in **Participating Counties** for Challenge participants during Challenge dates (Nov. 21-Jan. 9) Specific information shared with registered participants.

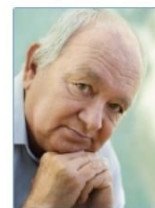
Programs in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth development, family and consumer sciences, and resource development. University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture and county governments cooperating. UT Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.

UT EXTENSION
INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE
UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN

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NIGHT LIGHTS FOR MONROE CARELL JR. CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT VANDERBILT

The Wilson County Courthouse will be joining in with the city of Nashville on November 8th to virtually say "good night" to the health care workers at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. The courthouse will be lit up in the Children's Hospital colors on the evenings of November 8th and 9th. As an additional show of support, on November 8th from 5:00p.m. – 6:00p.m., various emergency management personnel will park their vehicles in the front parking lot and leave the lights flashing. The public is not being asked to attend; however, citizens are welcome to drive by and honk their horns as their own show of support to the hospital staff and all our health care workers!



★★★ 2021 ★★★

VETERANS DAY

Celebrations

11 NOV



PARADE STARTING 10 AM

ALL PARTICIPANTS PLEASE ARRIVE BY 0900 ON SOUTH HATTON AVE
PARADE WILL START ON SOUTH HATTON AND END AT THE VETERANS PLAZA

ALL VETERANS INVITED (REGARDLESS OF BRANCH OR LOCATION OF SERVICE)

POINTS OF CONTACT:
JIM HARDING: (615) 308-6178
BILL MOSS: BILLMOSS51@GMAIL.COM

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT: FLYOVER OF WW11 FIGHTER AIRCRAFT FLOWN BY PILOTS OF THE RED SQUADRON

PROGRAM STARTS AT 11AM
WILSON COUNTY VETERANS PLAZA
304 EAST MAIN STREET, LEBANON, TN 37087