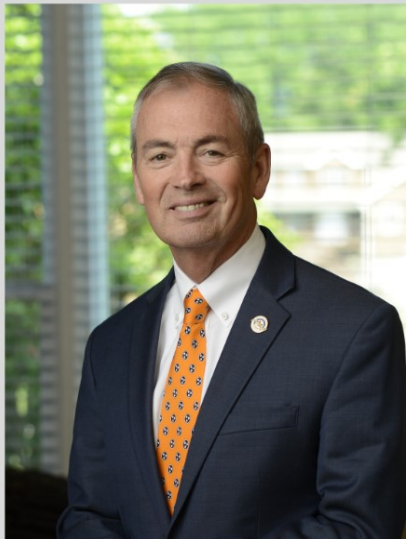




# THE COUNTY CONNECTION

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

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, I cannot help but think of all the challenges that we have faced this year. November is already here, and it seems as though we are more hopeful than ever for the contentment that next year may bring. Learning to live through times such as these is challenging for many of us. While it can seem exceedingly difficult, we can trust in one another for help, just as countless other generations have done before us. Thanksgiving is not celebrated because challenges are easily resolved. Thanksgiving is celebrated because we remember the times of hardship, and that makes us even more grateful during the times of joy and abundance. We have so much to be thankful for and I wish everyone a wonderful and happy Thanksgiving!

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more, it turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow." - Melody Beattie

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randall Hutto".

# Commissioner Spotlight: Annette Stafford District 20



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# Wilson County LANDFILL

## WINTER HOURS

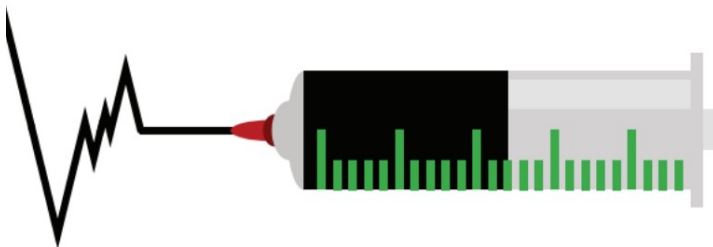
Monday-Friday  
7:00AM-3:00PM

CLOSED SATURDAY

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

PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS  
TO 615.449.6684

# Faster 9-1-1 Response to Drug Overdose



## Ensure 9-1-1 Can Help You Faster When Seconds Count

At [Smart911.com](https://www.smart911.com), you can create a Safety Profile for your household, including any information you want 9-1-1 and first responders to have in an emergency. Providing details such as addresses, medications, potential risks of drug abuse, or the location of Narcan in your home can reduce response time and save lives.



Because every second counts. Sign up today.

# FREE COVID-19 DRIVE THROUGH TESTING



Anyone with health concerns, or who has concerns about the health of a family member, is invited to come to receive testing for COVID-19. This testing will be provided at no cost to participants, and those who come for testing can remain in their vehicles throughout the process.

**WILSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**  
**945 E BADDOUR PKWY, LEBANON, TN 37087**  
**MONDAY - FRIDAY • 9 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**  
**THE GATE ENTRANCE IS OFF TENNESSEE BLVD**  
**NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**



## MURAL UNVEILING COMING UP IN WATERTOWN

The Wilson County Murals Committee along with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau are unveiling a beautiful "Train Mural" in Watertown on Thursday, November 12th at 11:30 AM. This is the seventh of ten murals projected to be completed by the end of 2020 and is in Watertown on the west facing wall of Action Restoration, which is on the walking path from the train depot to downtown Watertown. The mural was designed and created to acknowledge the Tennessee Central Railway Museum excursion trains that come to Watertown throughout the year. They average over 20 trains a year, with the majority coming to Watertown. The Watertown Historic Commission recognized the value in adding this visual art to the center of town. The mural was designed and painted by local Watertown artists Pat Jackson and Donna Delmas. Scott Walker of Action Restoration is the building sponsor. Thank you to all the members of the community who came together to make this happen!

For more information on Wilson County Murals, please contact Susan Shaw at [shawsu@wilsoncountyttn.gov](mailto:shawsu@wilsoncountyttn.gov) or contact the Wilson County CVB at 615-547-6438.



#PaintWilCo

## CHALK IT UP! ART FEST AWARD WINNERS

The Cumberland University Community Arts Council announces the People's Choice Award winners for the first annual Chalk it Up! Art Fest. The winners, who received the most votes in their respective categories, are: Sophia Cook -Category 1 (Ages 12 and under); Cameron Bryan-Category 2 (Ages 13-18); Ashley Capps-Category 3 (Ages 19 & over); and Emmerson & Isabella Lafferty-Category 4 (Family or Team). With over 500 votes cast, six chalk art artists who received the most votes overall (not based on category) have been invited to compete in a Chalk Off competition on Saturday, November 7, 2020. These artists are: Cameron Bryan, Ashley Capps, Team Emmerson & Isabella Lafferty, Team Isidora and Jorge Condeza, Team Wild Birds-Kymerlee Norman & Sam Moredo, and Team D-Collin & Owen Davenport (*see their artwork submissions on page 08.*) On Saturday, November 7th, these artists will create chalk art in five area parking lots. The sites include: District Attorney's Office, 119 S College St; Wilson County Election Commission, 203 E. Main Street; Cox's Gifts and Jewelry, 230 W Main St; Sun Trust Bank, 240 West Main; and THW Insurance, 321 West Main. The public is invited to stroll between the sites and view the artists in action between 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Attendees are asked to maintain social distancing and wear a mask so that everyone may enjoy the artwork safely. Each site is marked with a yard sign for the Chalk It Up! Art Fest. Come by and see the talent of our local artists!





WILSON COUNTY  
GOVERNMENT OFFICES  
WILL BE CLOSED ON  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER  
11, 2020 IN OBSERVANCE  
OF VETERANS DAY.

OFFICES WILL RE- OPEN  
ON THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 12, 2020 AT  
THEIR REGULAR HOURS.

WILSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON  
NOVEMBER 26- 27, 2020 IN  
OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING.

OFFICES WILL BE OPEN ON  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020  
AT THEIR REGULAR HOURS.




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# SPOOKY GOOD TIMES!

ANNUAL COURTHOUSE COSTUME CONTEST FILLED WITH SPOOKS AND SURPRISES



# 2021

## PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

## HOW TO APPLY



### ARE YOU A MIDDLE LEVEL OR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHO'S MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH VOLUNTEERING?

In each state and Washington, D.C., the top middle level and high school youth volunteer will be named State Honorees and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip with a parent or guardian to Washington, D.C., in May.\* Runners-up will also be selected in each state and named Distinguished Finalists, receiving a bronze medallion. Other state-level winners will receive Certificates of Excellence. All state-level honorees will be announced in February.

During May's national recognition events, 10 of the State Honorees will be named America's top youth volunteers of the year. These National Honorees will receive \$5,000 scholarships, engraved gold medallions, trophies for their schools or organizations, and \$5,000 grants from The Prudential Foundation for nonprofit charitable organizations of their choice.

Local Honorees who qualify also receive the President's Volunteer Service Award.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). Since 1995, the program has honored more than 140,000 youth volunteers at the local, state and national level.

### STEPS TO APPLY

Access the application at [spirit.prudential.com](http://spirit.prudential.com) or [nassp.org/spirit](http://nassp.org/spirit).

Complete the application and the student/parent agreement; then, on the "certification" page, email or print and deliver instructions to your certifier (**deadline: November 10, 2020**).

Certifiers review applications online and select Local Honoree(s) for state-level judging (**deadline: November 20, 2020**).

Your application can be certified by your school principal or head of a county 4-H organization, Girl Scout council, American Red Cross chapter, YMCA, or a Points of Light Global Network member.

*\* In the event that circumstances surrounding COVID-19 necessitate canceling the in-person event, a virtual event will be held and no trip to Washington, D.C. would be awarded.*

Learn more at [spirit.prudential.com](http://spirit.prudential.com)  
and [nassp.org/spirit](http://nassp.org/spirit).



## WILSON COUNTY MEN'S SHED *submitted by Jim Kidwell*

We had a great time on Saturday, October 17th doing our First Official Men's Shed project at the Lebanon Senior Citizens Center, where The Men's Shed donated and installed two custom cedar elevated planters. The work turned out looking beautiful, and we have even had interest from people wanting to know if they can purchase custom sized planters for their own homes.

Thanks for all who came out to help, support, talk and enjoy such a fine Saturday morning together while doing something special for our good friends and supporters at the Lebanon Senior Citizen's Center. Thank you to everyone! We are looking forward to many years of projects, friendships and special times ahead.

The Men's Shed group meet every Wednesday, 10:00AM-12:00PM at the Wilson County Courthouse on the 2nd Floor, HR Conference Room. We are always looking to get our message out to senior men and veterans of all ages to get out of the house, come join us, meet some new faces, make some new friendships, have a good conversation and possibly do a good project or two. Sons and grandsons always welcome!

Visit [www.TNMensSheds.org](http://www.TNMensSheds.org) to learn more about The Men's Shed.



Pictured: Jim, Logan, Butch, Dale & Jeff

## OBTAINING A BURN PERMIT

Wildfire season in Tennessee has begun, and Burn Permits will now be required now through May 15, 2021. According to the Tennessee Department of Agriculture's Division of Forestry, permits are only issued at times when conditions are conducive to safe burning. It is important to follow simple safety practices to prevent wildfires and obtain a debris burn permit for leaf and brush piles, which are available online at no charge. For larger burning, such as agricultural, forestry, or land clearing, call your local Division of Forestry. The online system for permits and phone numbers can be found at [www.BurnSafeTN.org](http://www.BurnSafeTN.org). A list of materials that may not be burned can be found in the open burning guidelines from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation at [www.tn.gov/environment/program-areas/apc-air-pollution-control-home/apc/open-burning.html](http://www.tn.gov/environment/program-areas/apc-air-pollution-control-home/apc/open-burning.html). Additional restrictions may be in place for those who live in city limits. If you live in city limits, please call your local Town or City Hall before you burn. To learn more, visit [www.BurnSafeTN.org](http://www.BurnSafeTN.org) for additional tips to burn safely and to protect your community. <https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/news/2020/10/8/debris-burn-permits-required-beginning-oct--15.html>

*November is  
Pancreatic Cancer  
Awareness Month*

DrugFree WilCo's November meeting has been moved to Wednesday, November 18th due to the Thanksgiving holiday. DrugFree WilCo's regularly scheduled meetings take place on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 3:30PM. Contact Susan Shaw at [shawsu@wilsoncountyttn.gov](mailto:shawsu@wilsoncountyttn.gov) if you would like to attend.



# CHALK IT UP! ART FEST AWARD WINNERS *continued from page 03*



Team Wild Birds



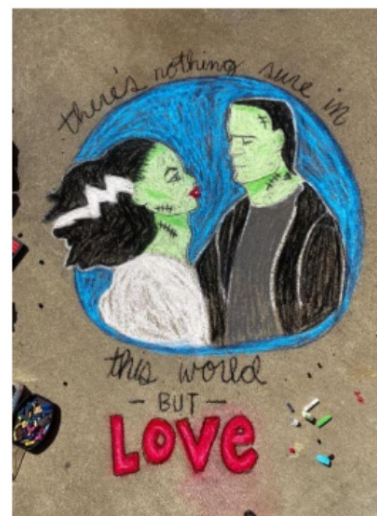
Cameron Bryan



Team Emmerson and Isabella Lafferty



Team Isidora and Jorge Condeza



Ashley Capps



Team D - Owen and Collin Davenport



Sophia Cook

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2020

# Ride the WeGo Star



## ST. JUDE *Rock'n'Roll*

### NASHVILLE MARATHON

All net proceeds  
benefit St. Jude  
Children's Hospital



#### to marathon:

Lebanon	4:30 a.m.
Hamilton Springs	4:37 a.m.
Martha	4:44 a.m.
Mt. Juliet	4:53 a.m.
Hermitage	5:01 a.m.
Donelson	5:10 a.m.
Riverfront	5:30 a.m.

**TICKETS**  
**\$15**  
**ROUND-TRIP\***

#### from marathon:

Riverfront	12:30 p.m.
Donelson	12:42 p.m.
Hermitage	12:49 p.m.
Mt. Juliet	12:57 p.m.
Martha	1:07 p.m.
Hamilton Springs	1:14 p.m.
Lebanon	1:30 p.m.

get your tickets at:

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