

# WILSON COUNTY CONNECTION

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## A Word From Your County Mayor Randall Hutto



The 2016 Wilson County Fair was a great success. Over 450,000 people crossed through the gates at the James E. Ward Agricultural Center during the 9 day event, despite less than favorable weather conditions. In addition to the good food, exciting rides, and great company the fair provides, the Wilson County Fair allows the citizens of Wilson County a chance to shine. The many competitions, shows, and dis-

plays at the fair are designed to highlight the accomplishments of Wilson County citizens of all walks of life. Whether you sing, play sports, quilt, or have a knack for growing vegetables, the Wilson County Fair has a place for you to display your talent. When every citizen has an opportunity to get involved in the community, the community thrives. Wilson County is lucky to have an event such as the Wilson

County Fair to provide a platform to do just that. However, the Wilson County Fair would not be possible without the help of so many volunteers. I would like to personally thank every person that contributed your time and efforts to make the Wilson County Fair successful. Without you, our fair, nor our county would be what it is today. I would also like to

thank every citizen that took the time to participate in the fair whether it be by way of your time, service, talent, or support. Wilson County truly is the place to be.

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# Remembering 9/11

The terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 are considered some of the worst attacks in American history.. Over 3000 Americans lost their lives during the attacks, including more than 400 firefighters, police officers, and other first responders. The 9/11 attacks also injured over 10,000 people and broke the hearts of citizens nationwide.

On September 11, 2001 an American Airlines Boeing 767 crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center. 18 minutes later, a second Boeing 767 crashed into the south tower. By approximately 10:30 am both towers crashed to the ground. Many people made it out safely before the towers fell, and first responders rushed in to save as many of those trapped

and injured as they could. The attack in New York City was the deadliest day in history for New York City firefighters as



343 people lost their lives.

As the horrifying events unfolded in New York City, a third plane, American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the west side of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. killing 125 military personnel and civilians as well as every person on the plane. A fourth plane, United Flight 93, was hijacked as well. The

passengers on the flight fought back against the terrorists. The plane crashed in a field in Pennsylvania killing every passen-

ger; however the men and women aboard are considered some of the bravest in history for fighting back against the attackers.

The 19 terrorists that carried out the events were a part of a larger terrorist organization. The United States quickly took action against the terrorist organization and entered into “Operation Enduring Freedom”. Many men

and women lost their lives in the war on terror to ensure that Americans continued to live in freedom. Operation Enduring Freedom ended on December 28, 2014. Though the war has ended, military personnel continue to risk their lives daily to protect every American.

This September marks the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States. The Pentagon has been repaired. The 9/11 memorial has been constructed to serve as a monument of remembrance and freedom in the heart of New York City. The war has ended. However, the impact of these horrific attacks on America will never be forgotten.

# Compassionate HANDS

## Compassionate Hands Ministry Provides Much Needed Help for Wilson County Homeless

Though the crisp, cool air of Fall has not arrived to the Southeast just yet, Wilson County churches are already gearing up for harsh winter nights. For 15 weeks during the winter months churches throughout Wilson County will participate with the Compassionate Hands ministry in an effort to provide shelter for the homeless population. Modeled after Nashville's Room in the Inn program, Compassionate Hands provides emergency shelter, a warm shower, and two meals to homeless individuals. Each church takes a turn opening their doors one night a

week with two churches opening each night. One church will host men, the other women. There are also overflow shelters set up in the event of overcrowding so that no one is turned away.

Compassionate Hands not only provides guests with food and shelter, but they also provide activities such as games and television. Though some residents go straight to bed upon arrival, others prefer to talk and participate in the nighttime activities, forming friendships that provide much needed support. There are clear guidelines for guests of Compassionate Hands

that ensure safety for other guests as well as volunteers. For example, no weapons of any kind, alcohol, or drugs are permitted on site. There is also no fighting allowed and intoxicated guests are not permitted.

One of the most important aspects of the Compassionate Hands ministry is the support of host churches and volunteers. Volunteers provide services from registration of guests to cooking meals and washing towels. Compassionate Hands is seeking 7 more churches to host guests this winter, as well as resources such as organizations

with buses that can pick up guests and drive them to the host churches. The ministry is also seeking cash donations for supplies, medical professional who can be on standby, and groups to help cook dinner. If your church or organization is interested, please contact John Grant at College Hills Church.

# September is Suicide Awareness Month

Mayor Hutto recently signed a proclamation declaring September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Wilson County. Pictured below are Brenda Harper, Mayor Randall Hutto and Nathan Miller.



**September is Suicide Awareness Month across the State of Tennessee. If you or someone you know has been touched by suicide, please make plans to attend the Never Alone Event on September 13, 2016 at Cumberland University.**

**Join us for our annual  
Never Alone Event**

**as we honor our friends and  
loved ones touched by suicide.**

**Tuesday, September 13, 2016**

**6:00 PM**

**Cumberland University Campus-  
quad (1 Cumberland Square)  
Lebanon, TN**

**(Rain Location – Baird Chapel at  
Cumberland University)**

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Month throughout the State of  
Tennessee*



*Sponsored by:*

**Wilson County  
Health Council**

*And*

*Other Community  
Partners*

Ready to go back to school?  
Want to finish your degree?  
Thinking about perusing new interests?

Cumberland University offers a discount for Wilson county employees  
Visit <http://www.cumberland.edu/student-resources/home> for a list  
of available courses

For more information please contact:

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A “Wills For Heroes” clinic is coming to  
Wilson County in October!

The Young Lawyers Division of the Tennessee Bar Association sponsors “Wills for Heroes” clinics around the state to provide free wills, powers of attorney, and advance directives for Tennessee’s fire-fighters, law enforcement officers and other emergency first responders and their spouses. The Wills for Heroes program started shortly after the September 11th terrorist attacks as a way to give back to the first responders in need of estate planning services. Since its inception in Tennessee, Wills for Heroes has served nearly 3,000 heroes and their families.

More information to follow in the  
October newsletter



# CONGRATULATIONS!



**Congratulations to Dr. Donna Wright, Wilson County Director of Schools.**

**Dr. Wright was recently nominated as the Superintendent of the Year for the State of Tennessee.**

**Photo taken from the Lebanon Democrat.**

## Meet The Mayor

The last Wednesday of every month  
at the following locations:

**Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce**  
8:30AM to 10AM

**Watertown Mi Ranchito**  
11AM to 12:30PM

**Lebanon Chamber of Commerce**  
1:30PM to 3PM



# DRUG COURT GRADUATION

Mayor Hutto recently attended the Fifteenth Judicial District Drug Court Graduation Ceremony on August 19, 2016. There were three graduates in total.

The Drug Court Program started in 2002 under the direction of Jeff Dickson. Over the past 14 years, the program has grown to help countless individuals battling a cycle of drug addiction

connected to criminal acts. Participants in the Drug Court program through a rigorous screening process consisting of referrals, screenings, and interviews before acceptance into the program. Once a candidate is chosen to participate in the program, treatment begins. The participant then enters into an intensive outpatient program. Though in some cases, partic-

ipants can be released with supervision; there is not always a reduction in a participant's sentence. The most rewarding aspect of the Drug Court Program is a positive lifestyle.

The Fifteenth Judicial District is made up of 5 counties: Wilson, Macon, Jackson, Trousdale, and Smith. Though the drug court program serves all 5 coun-

ties, most of the participants come from Wilson County which is why the program is based in Lebanon. The Fifteenth Judicial District Drug Court Program has helped many individuals suffering with addiction to turn their lives around for the better. The program is a great asset to Wilson County.





**Happy  
10th  
Anniversary**

**Music City Star!**