

# WILSON COUNTY CONNECTION

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## A Word From Your County Mayor Randall Hutto

Memorial Day is a time to remember all of those who served and died in the military for the United States of America. Though it is often a time to celebrate with families over a long weekend, it is important to remember the sacrifice so many paid, and continue to pay, daily. However, it is also important to remember all of those here at home that give their lives and sacrifice so much to keep us all safe. In addition to

Memorial Week, the month of May also holds a time of remembrance for our EMS workers, police officers and firefighters. This past month we observed not only Memorial Day but International Firefighters Day (May 4), National Police Week (May 15-May 21), and National EMS Week (May 15-May 21). During these days and weeks of remembrance

we paused to thank the brave men and women who risk their lives every day to keep our communities safe. I personally would like to thank Wilson County's police officers, EMS workers, firefighters and service men and women who sacrifice so much to keep us all safe. Wilson County is noted as a leader across the state for our emergency



services. Wilson County is unique in that our firefighters also have EMS training. We have an SRO officer in every school. We are expanding our number of fire stations. As we go into the summer months, let us continue to remember and be thankful for all of our emergency personnel.

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**National Junior High Finals Rodeo**  
**Lebanon, Tennessee | June 19th-25th, 2016**

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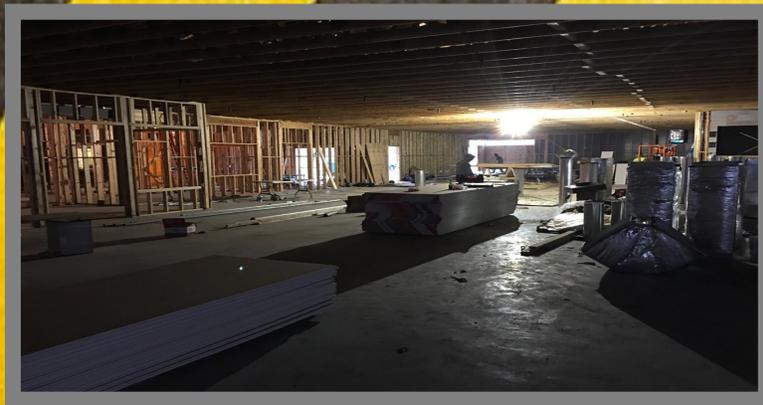
*2 Rodeos each day, 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.*  
*Free trade show, open to the public with over 50 vendors.*  
*Tradeshow hours 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.*

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# Caution: Under Construction

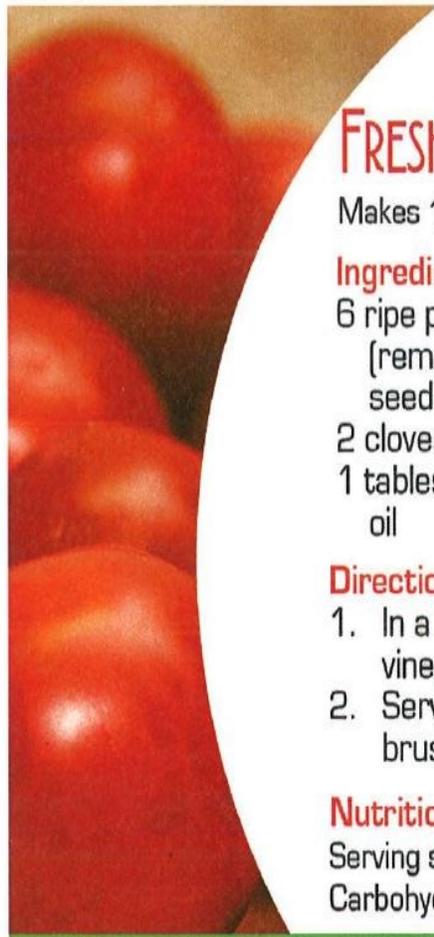
Here are some pictures of the construction projects going on in our county. We are looking forward to the unveiling of the Expo Center, the Veteran's Memorial Museum and the Mt. Juliet Library Expansion.



# Compliments of :

## The Wilson County Extension Office

We appreciate the information they presented to us during the May Commission Meeting. Here's a yummy recipe they shared, the perfect appetizer for your upcoming summer cookouts.



### FRESH TOMATO BRUSCHETTA



Makes 1½ Cups

#### Ingredients

6 ripe plum tomatoes, chopped (remove most of juice and seeds)	1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
2 cloves garlic, minced	6 to 8 fresh basil leaves, thinly sliced or chopped
1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil	1 teaspoon salt
	½ teaspoon ground black pepper

#### Directions

1. In a large bowl, stir together the tomatoes, garlic, olive oil, vinegar, basil, salt and pepper.
2. Serve on small slices of French or Italian bread, toasted and brushed with olive oil.

#### Nutrition Facts:

Serving size 1 tablespoon , Calories 8, Total Fat 1g, Sodium 98mg, Total Carbohydrate 1g, Dietary Fiber 0g, Protein 0g

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# Flag Day is June 14, 2016

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress placed the British symbols of the Grand Union flag with a new design featuring 13 white stars in a circle on a field of blue and 13 red and white stripes – one for each state. Although it is not certain, this flag may have been made by the Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross, who was an official flag maker for the Pennsylvania Navy. The number of stars increased as the new states entered the Union, but the number of stripes stopped at 15 and was later returned to 13.

In June 1886 Bernard Cigrand made his first public proposal for the annual observance of the birth of the flag when he wrote an article titled “The Fourteenth of June” in the old Chicago Argus newspaper. Cigrand’s

effort to ensure national observance of Flag Day finally came when President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of the event on June 14, 1916. However, Flag Day did not become official until August 1949, when President



Harry Truman signed the legislation and proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day. In 1966, Congress also requested that the President issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as National Flag Week.

The President is requested to issue

each year a proclamation to: call on government officials in the USA to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on Flag Day; and to urge US residents to observe Flag Day as the anniversary of the adoption on June 14, 1777, by the Conti-

national Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

So What do people do on Flag Day?

Flag Day falls within National Flag Week, a time when Americans reflect on the foundations of the nation’s freedom. The flag of the United States represents freedom and has been

an enduring symbol of the country’s ideals since its early days. During both events, Americans also remember their loyalty to the nation, reaffirm their belief in liberty and justice, and observe the nation’s unity.

Many people in the United States honor this day by displaying the American flag at homes and public buildings. Other popular ways of observing this holiday include: flag-raising ceremonies; Flag Day services; school quizzes and essay competitions about the American flag; musical salutes; street parades; and awards for special recognition.

Organizations such as The National Flag Day Foundation are actively involved in coordinating activities centered on the event

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and keeping the flag's traditions alive. Following Flag Day is Honor America Days, a 21-day period through to Independence Day (July 4) to honor

America. During this period, people hold public gatherings and activities to celebrate and the American flag, also nicknamed as "Old Glory" or "star-spangled banner", has changed designs over the cen-

turies. It consists of 13 equal horizontal stripes of red (top and bottom) alternating with white, with a blue rectangle in the canton bearing 50 small, white, five-pointed stars. Each of the 50 stars repre-

sents one of the 50 states in the United States and the 13 stripes represent the original 13 colonies that became the first states in the Union.

## Local High School Artists' Work Featured in Courthouse

Each year the Wilson County Courthouse partners with our local high schools to display artwork created by students for a calendar year. At the end of each school year art teachers from our four high schools are asked to select one piece of artwork to display at the courthouse. The 2016 student artists from each high school are as follows: Eme Van-

Nus, Lebanon High School class of 2019; Claire Simpson, Wilson Central High School class of 2016; and Victoria Jones, Mt. Juliet High School class of 2017. Please congratulate these students when you see them and be

sure to stop by and view the new artwork on display.





# National Garden Week in Wilson County

In conjunction with National Garden Club, Inc. and the Tennessee State Proclamation of National Garden Week, Mayor Hutto recently signed a proclamation declaring that June 5-11, 2016 is National Garden Week in Wilson County. National Garden Week is a week to promote gardening not only in Wilson County, but all across the country. Gardening is important to

healthy lifestyle, and adds beauty and splendor to all spaces. National Garden Week in Wilson County will allow gardeners, and mem-

bers of the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. The four clubs are the Lake Forest Acres Garden Club, Stone Hall Garden Club, Town and

Country Garden Club, Lucretia Cole, Lake Forest Acres Garden Club, member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. which initiated the start of National Garden Week. Pictured with County Mayor Randall Hutto from



left to right are the presidents of the three National Garden Club organizations in Wilson County: Alexa Moscardelli, Year Round Garden Club; Pat Gaylean, Town and Country Garden Club, Lucretia Cole, Lake Forest Acres Garden Club.

every community. In addition to providing food, gardening promotes the well-being of plant and animal life, promotes a

healthy lifestyle, and adds beauty and splendor to all spaces. National Garden Week in Wilson County will allow gardeners, and mem-

bers of local garden clubs, a time to be recognized and celebrated. Wilson County has four garden clubs that are mem-

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# Wilson County Runs St. Jude Marathon

The St. Jude Rock 'n' Roll Nashville Marathon and 1/2 Marathon took place on April 30, 2016. The annual event takes place in Nashville each year and in previous years has brought over \$40 million into the economy. The St. Jude Rock 'n' Roll Marathon and 1/2 Marathon benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital -a non-profit organization dedicated to treating and finding cures for childhood cancer. The Rock 'n' Roll Marathon is

one of the most successful fundraising campaigns for the hospital. This year's race was no differ-

ent. With over 30,000 runners and over \$1.7 million dollars raised overall, the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon was a huge success yet again.

The St. Jude Rock 'n' Roll Nashville Marathon is an

event many Wilson County residents participate in each year, including County Mayor Randall

thopedics sponsored the Music City Star for the marathon and donated all ticket sales to St. Jude. Runners that rode the train enjoyed tips on everything from hydration while running, to first aid and stretching compliments of the doctors and staff of Premier Orthopedics. The train ride was



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Hutto. This year, a local business also sponsored the event in a major way and allowed many residents an opportunity to travel to the race conveniently while also raising money for St. Jude. Premier Or-

a success with over 100 tickets sold before the week of the race. Thanks to everyone who participated in this great cause.