

WILSON COUNTY CONNECTION

Lebanon Mt. Juliet Watertown



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A Word From Your County Mayor Randall Hutto

It's hard to believe that we are already halfway through 2017. It's been a wonderful year so far and I am hopeful the next 6 months continue to bring Wilson County much success. It's officially summer break for our teachers and students and the fun is about to start. June is an exciting month full of activities for all Wilson County residents to enjoy. Once again, the National Junior High Finals Rodeo will return to the James E. Ward Ag Center. The week of June 18-24, over 50,000 junior high students and their families from all over the

world will come together to compete in various competitions. These competitions range from barrel racing to bull riding and more. Also taking place in June at the Ag Center, Fiddlers Grove will also host its annual "Kidz Camp". The event allows children ages 6-16 the opportunity to experience Fiddler's Grove first hand. Children will have the opportunity to take classes in sewing, basket making and wood burning. Summer time is also a great time to check out all of the outdoor activities Wilson County has to offer. Cedars of

Lebanon State Park is full of trails, wildlife and even offers a swimming pool. Don Fox Park, Long Hunter State Park, Charlie Daniels Community Park and Watertown Community Park also offer plenty of outdoor experiences to keep families active while on summer break. Summer is also a great time to check out a good book. The Lebanon, Mt. Juliet and Watertown Libraries offer an endless amount of books to choose from. Whether you are headed to the beach or are just in the mood for sitting on the



front porch, our libraries ensure the best books are available to you. The libraries also host summer reading programs so that the entire family can enjoy reading together.

Whatever your interest, Wilson County is sure to offer plenty of activities to keep families active while on summer break. Congratulations to all of our students and teachers on another successful school year!

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May 4th, 2017 citizens all over the United States participated in the National Day of Prayer. In Wilson County several organizations, churches and community leaders came together to fellowship and pray for our nation, its leaders and the safety of the American people.

Though predominately a Christian holiday, people of all backgrounds came together as one to show support for our country. Mayor Hutto not only spoke but prayed at two separate events: one at the Wilson County Sheriff's office and one at Love's Way Church.



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



LOVE THE NEWSLETTER? FOLLOW THE BLOG!

It's easy, free and you will get automatic post notifications in your inbox. No spam, just stories about all of the wonderful things happening in Wilson County! To subscribe, check out the pictures below.

STEP 1



STEP 2



STEP 3



Step 1: Go to www.wilsoncountyttn.gov. Hover your mouse over the "County Mayor" tab. You will see the pictured drop down menu. Click on "Mayor's Latest Blog".

Step 2: You will see Mayor Hutto's latest post. Click the envelope in the upper right-hand corner of the black bar.

Step 3: Enter your information and click submit. You're all set!

THE AMERICAN LEGION

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Join The American Legion National Commander and The American Legion Family, as we walk through your community in support of America's veterans, servicemembers and their families.

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Convention
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615-391-5088 or
Adjutant@TNLegion.org

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WALK
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THOSE
WHO
MARCHED
FOR US

Solar Eclipse 2017

On August 21, 2017, a rare event will take place in the United States. A total solar eclipse is expected to occur and will be completely visible in the state of Tennessee, specifically Wilson County. Tourists are expected to come to Wilson County from all over the world to view this rare phenomenon.

According to NASA, a solar eclipse occurs when the moon gets between Earth and the sun and casts a shadow on the earth. There are three types of solar eclipses: a total solar eclipse, partial solar eclipse, and an annual solar eclipse. In August, the earth will experi-

ence a total solar eclipse. A total solar eclipse is only visible from a small

area on earth. (That's why this event is such a big attraction!). The people who are able to see the eclipse take place are directly in the path of the moon's shadow when it hits Earth. The sky becomes very dark-almost



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pens once every 18 months, give or take, somewhere in the world. Because of the limited visibility of an eclipse, some people will never see one in their lifetime. So, what does this mean

for Wilson County? For one thing, Wilson County Convention and Visitors Bureau is working hard to prepare for the crowds of people that will travel to our area to experience the Eclipse. Theo Wellington, an ambassador with NASA recently attended a Wilson County Commission meeting and informed everyone of the magnitude of this event. She also gave tips on how to safely view and enjoy the eclipse without causing eye damage. The Wilson County Fair is also planning to host a large crowd during the viewing of the eclipse as it makes its appearance during the annual Wilson County Fair.



Get Expo Events in your Inbox!

Spring has sprung and the Wilson County Expo is in full bloom with springtime events! Stay up to the date on the latest events by signing up to receive the e-newsletter twice a month from the Expo Center. Subscribe today for monthly event ticket giveaways!

Sign up here, <https://www.facebook.com/wilsoncountyexpo/app/100265896690345/>

Spectra Energy Presents Checks to WEMA



Mr. Robert Arnold of Enbridge Inc. formerly Spectra Energy presents two checks totaling \$700.00 to WEMA Director Joey Cooper.

"WEMA's goal is to provide hazardous materials capabilities to the citizens of Wilson County. We have provided hazardous materials response to Wilson County since 1978. This donation will be used

to enhance our response to hazardous leaks and spills including facilities, highways and waterways. I'm glad that there are businesses in our community willing to help and support local first respond-

ents. Thank you Robert Arnold (Enbridge/Spectra Energy) for your kind donation." - WEMA Director Joey Cooper.

Stay Connected

Stay Connected with Mayor Hutto and the Wilson County Mayor's Office! Follow Mayor Hutto on Twitter and Facebook. Also be sure to check out our website for information on all county offices.



Wilson County
www.wilsoncountytu.gov



2017 WILSON COUNTY FAIR

SOLAR ECLIPSE EVENT

MONDAY, AUGUST 21ST FAIR OPENS AT 10:00 AM

Join us at the Wilson County Fair for
a once in a lifetime Solar Eclipse!

RIDES,

concessions,

exhibits &

A CHANCE TO WIN

"THE BEST SEAT
IN THE HOUSE!"

Solar Eclipse begins at 11:59 am

Totality begins at 1:28 pm

Totality ends at 1:30 pm

Viewing area will be
held at the Motorsports
Arena & glasses
will be provided
at admission!

"HERE COMES THE FUN!"

WILSON COUNTY FAIR:
AUGUST 18-26, 2017



JUNE EVENTS IN FIDDLERS GROVE



June 9, 2017– Kidz Camp

On June 9th, Fiddlers Grove Historic Village is offering a special camp for kids ages 6-16. This camp will be held from 10:00 am until 1:00 PM. Children will have the option to participate in a variety of classes including quilting, sewing, felting, doll making, basket making and wood burning. The cost is \$25 per class and class sizes are limited. For more information, please visit the Fiddlers Grove Facebook page or call 615-547-6111.

June 19-27– National Jr. High Rodeo

The National Jr. High Rodeo is back in town on June 19-27, 2017! One of the biggest events held at the James E Ward Agricultural Center, the rodeo is a must see.



FIDDLERS GROVE HISTORIC VILLAGE PRESENTS "KIDZ KAMP"

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JUNE 9, 2017 AND JULY 7, 2017

10:00 A.M. TO 12 NOON

Ages 6—16

Cost: \$25 Covers Class and Materials

June 9 Classes

Woodburning • Beginner Sewing • Beginner Quilting • Punch Art • Fiber Weaving

Basket Making • Felting • Acrylic Painting

July 7 Classes

Woodburning • Beginner Sewing • Beginner Quilting • Fiber Arts • Basket Making

Corn Husk Dolls • Acrylic Painting • Jewelry Making

Must Pre-register by calling Fiddlers Grove - 615-547-6111 by June 5, 2017



Spotlight on the office of...

JIM GOODALL COUNTY CLERK



Mr. Jim Goodall is the Wilson County Clerk. He has faithfully served the citizens of Wilson County since he was elected in 1990. Mr. Goodall's office handles all of the paperwork and collection of fees for the following: motor vehicle, passports, business taxes, notary applications and renewals, marriage licenses, drivers license renewals and address changes. He is also responsible for collecting sales tax for boat purchases, hotel and motel taxes, wholesale beer taxes, and the pet tax. Mr. Goodall's main office is located in the County Courthouse. However, he has multiple locations across the county to assist citizens. Mr. Goodall is the only office holder to implement a fulltime, fully staffed motor vehicle office in Mt. Juliet. Mr. Goodall has also made several improvements to the way mo-

tor vehicle transactions are handled. For one thing, Mr. Goodall's office now prints replacement titles at both motor vehicle office locations. In the past, the only way to do this was to go to Metro Center downtown for a replacement. Mr. Goodall's office has also started doing online renewals, allowing the public to renew online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The online renewal system services over 1000 residents a month, saving citizens time and hassle of coming in person and waiting in line. It also allows the staff in Mr. Goodall's office to service residents more effectively and efficiently. Methods of payment now include debit and credit cards as well. Mr. Goodall's office has started scanning all work, which allows any title or registration errors to be corrected immediately. Mr. Goodall's office has also implemented decals on demand which ensures that the decal number and tag number match. This has lessened the instances of stolen decals dramatically.

Going on a trip anytime

soon? Mr. Goodall's office staff at the County Courthouse are passport acceptance agents for the Department of State. So far, they have collected right at



\$75,000 in fees for the county in the past year. Passports are an added service that Mr. Goodall provides as a way to assist residents but also bring in extra revenue for the county. This service is not just for Wilson County residents

only. Mr. Goodall will process passports regardless of where you live. For the past two years Mr. Goodall's office has held passport fairs on Saturdays. These events have allowed residents from all over Middle Tennessee to come and apply for a passport.

Mr. Goodall's "stone building" location across from the Wilson County Judicial

Center handles all business tax transactions. It's also where residents apply for a marriage license and to be a notary public. The Stone Building also provides drivers license renewals and address changes.

Mr. Goodall and his staff are always friendly and ready to assist the citizens of Wilson County. We have received compliments on

their professionalism here in the Mayor's office time and time again. The County Clerk's office is open Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m and on Fridays 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

Hamilton Springs Groundbreaking



A groundbreaking for Hamilton Springs, Tennessee's first transit oriented community, was held on May 10th. An active member of the Regional Transportation

Authority and the Transit Alliance of Middle Tennessee, Mayor Hutto spoke at the event. He also played a part in the groundbreaking ceremony. Hamilton Springs

will be the only community in Tennessee that will have a train station located within the community. Hamilton Springs will also host shops and businesses

among other amenities for residents to enjoy. Hamilton Springs is scheduled to be complete in 2018.

Congrats Graduates!

Congratulations to all of the recent Wilson County graduates! Mayor Hutto had three graduates of his own this year. His oldest son Alex graduated from Tennessee State University on May 5, 2017 with a PhD in Physical Therapy. His daughter Megan graduated that same weekend with a Bachelors Degree from Tennessee Tech University. His youngest son Brett graduated from Lebanon High School and will be attending Tennessee Tech University in the fall.



MAYOR HUTTO VISITS LITTLE SEED FARM



Mayor Hutto's schedule varies from day to day. Most days, it is packed full of meetings and appointments all centered around county business. However, on May 3, Mayor Hutto made time to visit one of Wilson County's most successful businesses: Little Seed Farm.

Little Seed Farm is owned and operated by James and Eileen Ray.

The couple has an interesting story on how they made it in "the goat business". After living and maintaining successful careers in New York City, James and Eileen decided to leave their fast paced lives behind and move down South. They purchased a farm here in Wilson County and started creating organic soaps and skincare products. Their main ingredient?

Goat's milk. James and Eileen offer a variety of products from skincare, soaps, lip balm and more all sold in boutiques across Middle Tennessee and beyond. They now even have their products featured in Target stores, Kroger and Whole Foods. On the tour, Mayor Hutto met James and Eileen and learned about sustainable farming. He met the goats and saw first hand how

the soaps and skincare products were made. Mayor Hutto had this to say about Little Seed Farm "It's amazing that such a smart and kind couple chose to come to Wilson County from such a successful background in New York City. It really goes to show what an incredible place Wilson County is to call home."

Lebanon Airport New Terminal Ribbon Cutting



Congratulations to the Lebanon Municipal Airport on the addition of their new terminal! The new terminal will serve as a gateway to Wilson County allowing business

leaders from all parts of the county a convenient form of transportation. Mayor Hutto was honored to speak at the event.

The Place to Be

State of Tennessee Commissioner of Tourism, Kevin Triplett, visits
Wilson County



Mayor Hutto's platform is centered around three different , but all very critical components of government: education, public safety, and quality of life. It's important that citizens receive a superior education so that they have the tools to achieve their dreams. It's important citizens feel safe at all times in the environment in which they choose to live so that they are free to live out those dreams. It's also important that citizens

have access to venues and activities that inform, entertain, provide wellness and more so that citizens can nurture those dreams. The Wilson County Convention and Visitors Bureau plays a large role in promoting quality of life in Wilson County. Jenny Bennett, recently hired Tourism Director has soared in her new role. In addition to promoting a wealth of venues and local artisans, Ms. Bennett along with the Tourism Committee

has worked extremely hard to cater to citizens from all walks of life; showcasing that Wilson County truly is the place to be. On Tuesday May 2, The Wilson County Convention and Visitors Bureau hosted State of Tennessee Commissioner of Tourism Kevin Triplett. Elected officials, as well as business and community leaders were all invited to participate in a luncheon to welcome Commissioner Triplett to Wilson County and hear him

speak on the importance of Tourism throughout the State of Tennessee. Following the luncheon, Mayor Hutto along with other elected officials, joined Commissioner Triplett on a tour throughout Wilson County. The tour made many stops throughout the county, including the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store Home Office. Commissioner Triplett was very impressed with all that Wilson County has to offer.



★ — 5th Annual — ★

HONOR RIDE FOR VETERANS

Help support the Veterans' Park and Museum
to honor all those who served and sacrificed to keep us free!

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2017

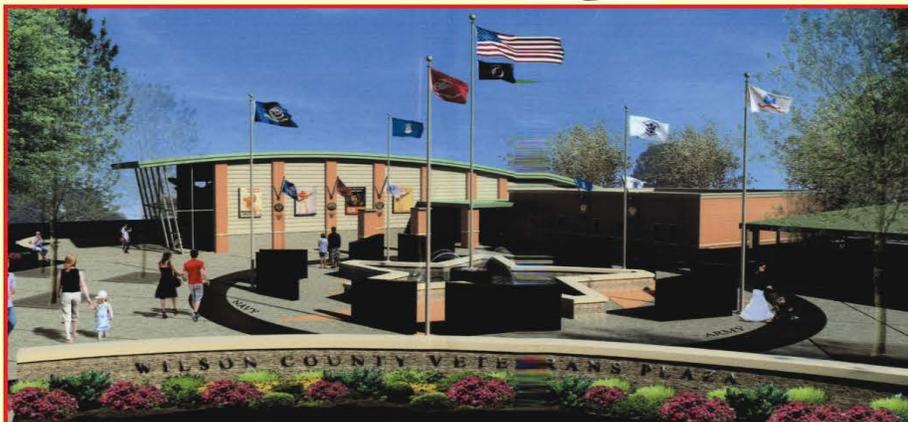
Registration 8am ★ Kickstands up 10:30 am
Meet at James E. Ward Ag Center (home of the Wilson County Fair)

ENTERTAINMENT ★ FOOD VENDORS ★ ALL MOTORCYCLES & RIDERS WELCOME

\$20 per Rider and \$10 per Passenger, includes t-shirt



For more
Information
call
Michael McPherson
at the
Veteran's Office
304 East Main
Lebanon, TN
615-444-2460



HR CORNER

Human Resources is doing a Monthly Employee Giveaway. We have several fun items for you to pick from. All Wilson County Employees will have a chance to win during their anniversary month. Please contact HR at 615-466-5152 or 615-466-5138 to claim your prize.

May 2017 Giveaway Winners

Robert Baines-Operations

Hilton Hamilton-Road Commission

Sandra Graves-Sheriff's Department

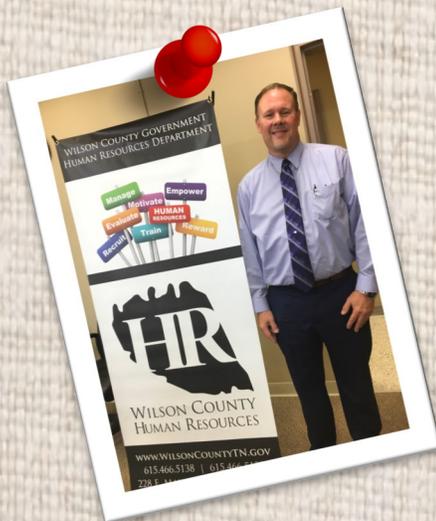
Reginald Seay- Sheriff's Department

Rick Woodward-WEMA

If your name is listed above, please call or come by the HR office to select your gift.

Welcome to Wilson County Government!

...Be sure to say hello to our newest employees...



Pictured (from left to right): Tim Barrett, IT Director; Madeline Jennings, Data Entry Clerk/ Sheriff's Department; and Justin Cagle, Patrol Deputy/ Sheriff's Department.

Not pictured: Felicia Hale, Judicial Commissioner// Judicial Department; Jennifer Reece, Corrections Officer/ Sheriff's Department; Brooke Nicole Ellis, EMT-Paramedic/ FF/ WEMA; Nicholas Wright, Paramedic/FF/WEMA; Thomas Reed, Paramedic/WEMA; Colton Lankes, Correction Officer/Sheriff's Department.

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JULY 14 @ JULY 15

12PM-8PM

10AM-5PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
615-547-6111

945 E Baddour Pkwy Lebanon, TN 37087

FIDDLERS GROVE
OPEN APRIL - OCTOBER





The Lebanon Wilson County Chamber of Commerce Special Events Division and Cumberland University partner for this community event.

Now Accepting Vendor Applications!

Saturday, August 5th, 2017

The first annual Cedar City Food & Artisan Showcase will be held on the Cumberland University campus.

Lebanon needs your talent. Show it off!

Contact 615-444-5503 or tonya@lebanonwilsonchamber.com to reserve your space now!

THINK GREEN THINK CLEAN



The Wilson County Stormwater Department, along with the City of Lebanon Stormwater Department and the City of Mt. Juliet Stormwater Department recently held their 9th annual Think Green Think Clean event. The purpose of the event is to emphasize the importance of pollution prevention throughout community and raise awareness of environmental protection in daily life. On Saturday, May 6, 2017 students and families from Wilson County Schools

and the Lebanon Special School District arrived at their respective schools to pick up litter. A representative was stationed at each school to hand out garbage bags and registration forms. Students and their families worked diligently to pick up trash throughout their communities. The schools with the most participation qualified to win prize money to be used in beautification and/or environmental projects at their school. Students also had a chance to win a free ca-

noe for themselves.

This year's event was a huge success. There were 415 participants that collected 250 bags of trash. The following schools participated: Byers Dowdy Elementary, Castle Heights Elementary, Coles Ferry Elementary, Sam Houston Elementary, Lakeview Elementary, Carroll-Oakland, Rutland Elementary, Winfree Bryant Middle School and Walter J. Baird Middle School. The following schools placed in the

Think Green Think Clean litter pick-up challenge: First place and winner of \$2000.00 was Rutland Elementary; Second place and winner of \$1500.00 was Coles Ferry Elementary; and 3rd place, winner of \$1000.00 was Walter J. Baird.

The winner of the Canoe Drawing was Tine Bratcher, a teacher at Winfree Bryant.

2017 NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH FINALS ★ RODEO

JUNE 18-24, 2017
LEBANON, TENNESSEE ★ JAMES E. WARD AG CENTER



The Tennessee Department of Health Encourages You to Fight the Bite!

Mosquitoes spread Zika & other viruses.



Protect yourself from mosquito bites.



Daytime is most dangerous

Mosquitoes that spread chikungunya, dengue and Zika are aggressive daytime biters. They can also bite at night.



Use insect repellent

It works!
Look for the following active ingredients:
DEET • PICARIDIN • IR3535



Wear protective clothes

Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants and use insect repellent. For extra protection, treat clothing with permethrin.



Mosquito-proof your home

Use screens on windows and doors. Use air conditioning when available. Keep mosquitoes from laying eggs in and near standing water.

For more information:

www.cdc.gov/chikungunya • www.cdc.gov/dengue

www.cdc.gov/zika • <http://tn.gov/health/topic/zika-virus>



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