

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 into March 2017. This year is flying by and we are just getting started.

They say if March "comes in like a lion" it usually "goes out like a lamb". I am hoping that is the case after a devastating start to March 2017 in the southeastern part of the county. The tornados that ripped through the Watertown community left a path of destruction, causing many of our citizens a great hardship as they rebuild. Thankfully, no one was hurt in the storms. Buildings can be rebuilt and restored; loved

ones cannot. When I visited the Watertown community following the tornados on March 1st, I was amazed at the spirit of volunteerism. There were people of all backgrounds helping one another and providing comfort. Volunteerism is one of Wilson County's greatest strengths. As you will see in this issue of "The County Connection" Wilson County Volunteers are some of the best in the State of Tennessee. The Governor's Volunteer Stars Awards took place on February 12th. We had an adult and youth repre-

sentative from Wilson County. Ms. McKayla Tobin (Youth Winner) and Ms. Tina Wilke (adult winner) both sacrifice their time and utilize their talents to help others. Wilson County is honored to call them our own. Also, the Wilson County Town and Country Garden Club recently donated a Blue Star Memorial Marker to be placed on the grounds of the Veterans Plaza. The marker serves as a reminder of the sacrifice that so many men and women give every day to serve

and protect our country. Wilson County, the State of Tennessee and the United States as a whole would not be what it is today without the volunteer spirit and sacrifice of those who serve, and have served in our Armed Forces. This month, as spring nears, I ask you to find an organization to get involved with and volunteer. Helping others is the greatest gift we can give ourselves.

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MID CUMBERLAND

Meals-on-Wheels



Cards make a difference for senior citizens! Nourishing Notes is an initiative of Mid-Cumberland Meals-on-Wheels to help seniors feel connected to their community and lessen loneliness. Research shows loneliness is the major factor causing a senior to start showing decline.

Seniors who struggle with loneliness have a 45% greater chance of death than seniors who are not lonely!

Seniors love receiving cards from the community and often display them proudly in their homes. Most Meals-on-Wheels seniors are homebound 24/7 and may have very little con-

tact with the outside world. Imagine the excitement of receiving a card along with the Meals-on-Wheels meal. The seniors are amazed that strangers would take the time to write them a card, and they feel the love of community surrounding them.

Mid-Cumberland Meals-on-Wheels en-

courages individuals, civic groups, businesses, churches, or schools to write cards to deliver with the meals. For more information, contact smcdaniel@mchra.com.

Story and Photo Submitted.

Blue Star Memorial

On February 24, 2017, the Town and Country Garden Club presented the Wilson County Veterans Plaza with a Blue Star Memorial Marker. The marker honors all active, retired and deceased men and women that served in the United States armed forces. It was a wonderful day for the unveiling and dedication of such a

special memorial marker. The ladies of the Town and Country Garden Club put on a presentation that highlighted the importance of remembering and honoring our Veterans. There was a great turn out for the event. As always, thank you to all of those who serve and have served our county.



PEDAL FOR PAWS

SAVE THE DATE

April 15, 2017

Gallatin Civic Center in Gallatin, TN

[Facebook.com/PedalforPawsTN](https://www.facebook.com/PedalforPawsTN)

Register at [ACTIVE.com](https://www.active.com)



The Wilson County Health Department is hosting a Blood Drive on March 9, 2017 from 11 am to 3pm and you are invited!

The American Red Cross blood supply is extremely low and every drop is extremely valuable! Please consider giving the gift of life.

**Contact for Scheduling: Betty Barnes, RN Betty.A.Barnes@tn.gov
Wilson County Health Department
927 East Baddour Parkway
Lebanon, TN 37087
(615)444-5325**



**American
Red Cross**

Together, we can save a life

Woodman Life Donates Flags to Wilson County



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Woodmen Life-Watertown Chapter 1025 graciously donated 2 American flags to be displayed at the new Wilson County Veterans Memorial Plaza and Museum. They also donated an American and State of Tennessee flag to be displayed at the Wilson County Expo Center. Woodmen Life celebrates patriotism in a number of ways including, presenting U.S. and religious flags. Woodmen Life is one

of the largest distributors of U.S. flags. The organization has donated more than 2 million American flags and presented them to worthy non-profit and community organizations. Woodmen Life celebrates and honors the American flag throughout the year. They present American Patriot's Handbooks to schools, libraries and newly naturalized citizens, present American history awards to students and

plan Flags Across America projects and observances annually on June 14. Watertown Chapter 1025 has been responsible for donating flags and poles to many of Wilson County's entities and plan to do more in the future. The chapter is very active with responding to the immediate needs of the community through non-profit organizations and strives to ensure the U.S. flag is visible at all fire stations. "On behalf

the Veteran's Memorial Plaza and Museum I'd like to thank president Amason and Commissioner Sara Patton for donating these beautiful flags. Woodmen Life has been very active in making sure the American flag is displayed at all Wilson County entities and we are very appreciative of everything they do."-
Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto

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★ CONGRATULATIONS ★ GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER STARS

The Governor's Volunteer Stars Award is an annual award given to outstanding volunteers across the state of Tennessee. This is the 4th year that the County Mayor's office has assisted in giving out this award in Wilson County. Sara Davenport in our office worked closely with a committee that reviewed the nominees and selected both an adult and youth winner. The winners represented Wilson County at the statewide banquet held on February 12th.

nominees



★ CONGRATULATIONS ★

GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER STARS

winners



Miss Mikayla Tobin was nominated and selected as the winner of the youth 2016 Governor's Volunteer Star. As a county winner, Mikayla was invited to attend the State of Tennessee Banquet on February 12 where all the county winners both youth and adults were recognized for their volunteerism. Miss Mikayla is only 9 years and attends Lakeview Elementary and has an active role volunteering with the Down Syndrome Association of Middle TN (DSAMT). Mikayla is a positive role model who provides friendship to those with Down Syndrome. Mikayla began volunteering with DSAMT in 2013. She gives up a week of her summer, each year, to vol-

unteer at the DSAMT Creative Arts Camp where she is assigned a group of campers with DS as a counselor. She helps the campers gather materials for projects, interacts and builds friendships with them. Most of all, she is a source of encouragement for the campers. She participates in attending as many events for DSAMT as she can and helps to with setting up these events. Even at such a tender age, Mikayla recognizes the value in helping others and being a friend to all. Congratulations Mikayla! You are certainly an encouragement to us all. We look forward to the great things you'll accomplish throughout your life. Keep up the great work!

Ms. Tina Wilke was nominated and selected as the winner of the adult 2016 Governor's Volunteer Star. As a county winner, Tina was invited to attend the State of Tennessee Banquet on February 12 where all the county winners both youth and adults were recognized for their volunteerism. In addition to her active involvement with her church and community, Tina was nominated for this award for her

volunteerism the Middle Tennessee Chapter of Project Linus. Project Linus' mission is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need. She organizes "Blanket Days" in various locations in middle Tennessee coordinating and collecting supplies and equipment (including sewing machines) to make these blankets. Tina

also supervises the work of other volunteers to create colorful blankets for children. Since 2001, Tina's chapter of Project Linus has donated blankets to approximately 25,000 children. These blankets go to comfort children who are hospitalized, grieving the loss of loved ones, victims of disasters from Tennessee and around the world and even to Sandy Hook Elementary School. Congratula-

tions Tina! What a great feeling of pride you bring to all of us in Wilson county for your work with children. In a world that often times, seems to have "gone mad" we take comfort in knowing that not only you but so many others of our county are still working tirelessly to make a difference. Thank you for what you do





The course is ours for the entire day, help us fill it up, sign up for an 8am or 1pm shot gun start, or both for special rate. We will have prizes on 9 out of 18 holes, and always, lots of fun, food, and surprises on the course.



Hosted by Mayor Hutto, joined by retired NFL players, Ice Girls, Branch & Dean, and many other surprise guests. Your registration includes lunch for a.m. golfers and dinner for p.m. golfers, we ask that all join us for the after party if able.

Please follow us on Facebook for updated details.



Thank you to our Tournament Sponsor, Mr. Jim Mitchell of Mitchell Mr. Transmission



TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

April 22, 2017 • Windtree Golf Course
Shotgun Start 8am or 1pm please let us know when registering

GOLF TEAM REGISTRATION FEES: All checks payable to Cure For Our Friends

\$500 Team Registration

\$125 Individual Registration

NAME _____ E-MAIL _____ PHONE _____

Mail to: Vera Smith, P.O. Box 1385, Mt. Juliet, TN 37121 or phone 615-330-2850

Or Email to cfofvera@gmail.com or go to cureforourfriends.org

You can also contact Al Hentsch at 615-969-1103 or Michelle Butler at 615-926-8000.

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- One Four Person Team in the Event
- Banner on Club House

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- Banner on Club House
- One Four Person Team in Event

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- Two Paid Playing Spots in the Event
- Signage on Range

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- Two Paid Playing Spots in the Event
- Signage on Putting Green

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Cure For Our Friends is a 501 c (3) Non-profit Organization a receipt for your donation will be provided.

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VISTA POINTS
SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST

Spring Gala
BENEFITING THE
MT. JULIET SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

Friday, March 31, 2017
At
Victory Baptist Church
6PM - 9PM

Sponsored by:

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FOR AN EVENING OF
FINE FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT AND SILENT AUCTION.



TICKETS: \$40.00

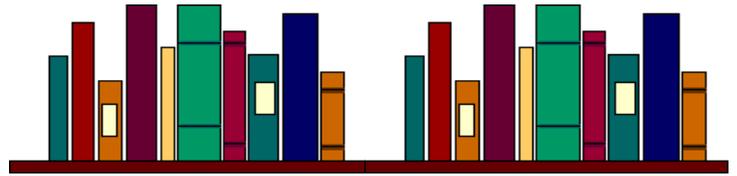
(\$25.00 FOR MEMBERS OF MJSAC)

Entertainment By:
THE CHESSMEN



Call 615.758.9114 for Ticket Information

LIBRARY ROAST



Please make plans to attend the 2017 Library Roast hosted by the Wilson County Public Libraries! This year's event will be roasting County Attorney and Watertown

Mayor Mike Jennings. The event will take place on March 28th at 7:00 PM at Castle Heights Upper Elementary School. Tickets for the event are \$35 each for indi-

viduals. You may purchase a table as well for \$250. The tables seat 8 people. All proceeds and ticket sales benefit all three county libraries (Lebanon, Mt. Juliet and Wa-

tertown). Tickets may be purchased at any of the three libraries or from any Wilson County Library Board member.



Mike Jennings

Walk Across Wilson

Join us March 25th at 9am at Don Fox Park in Lebanon TN as the Wilson County Health Council and Tennova Healthcare host Walk Across Wilson!

Walk Across Wilson is a 4-week walking program for teams of approximately 4-8 people. This event will be a unique and fun way to motivate your employees, church members and county residents to become physically active. Team members do not have to walk together. Some may prefer to walk outside, while others walk on a treadmill. You may choose from a variety of activities by using physical activity equivalents.

You will register and rec-

ord your activity using the WAW Log available on FACEBOOK @ Walk Across Wilson. Each team's Team Lead will be responsible for team registration, shirt-sizes, and collecting WAW Logs. Name your team lead and turn in your registration form today to get started. Please note that shirt sizes will be guaranteed based on the timely completion and submission of registration forms.

Everyone who participates will take home a healthy habit . . . and some very cool giveaway items from the event. The proceeds of this event will go directly back to supporting the needs of all schools in Wilson County & Leba-

non Special Schools District.

2017 Walk Across Wilson - \$10 Registration includes t-shirt.

Turn in Registration Form to: Wilson County Health Department 927 E. Baddour Parkway, Lebanon, TN 37087 - Attention: WAW – Marisa Hunter

UT Extension provides a gateway to the University of Tennessee as the outreach unit of the Institute of Agriculture. With an office in every Tennessee county, UT Extension delivers educational programs and research-based information to citizens throughout the state and provides equal opportunities in all programming

and employment. In cooperation with Tennessee State University, UT Extension works with farmers, families, youth and communities to improve lives by addressing problems and issues at the local, state and national levels.

For more information on this or other family and consumer sciences related topics, contact Shelly Barnes, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension agent for UT Extension in Wilson County. Barnes can be reached at sbarnes@utk.edu or 615-444-9584.

-Information submitted by Shelly Barnes

Spotlight on the office of...

Debbie Moss Circuit Court Clerk



Each month, the “County Connection” will be highlighting a different office throughout Wilson County Government. Each office works hard to save Wilson County citizens tax dollars, time and hassle. However, not every office is always commended, as they should be, for all of their hard work. It is our hope that these “Spotlight” articles highlight the hard work each office contrib-



utes to make Wilson County as a whole, a success. Debbie Moss serves as Wilson County’s Cir-

cuit Court Clerk. The Circuit Court Clerk is responsible for overseeing the offices for the various court clerk offices we have in Wilson County. These offices keep records and process documents for the following: Circuit Court, General Sessions Court (Both the Civil Division and Family Court), Juvenile Court and Criminal Court. Since Ms. Moss has taken over as the Circuit Court Clerk, she and her staff have made a variety of improvements. The biggest improvement to the office, according to Ms. Moss is communication. The Circuit Court Clerk’s office has an updated

website with multiple options for instant information as well as a variety of links and forms

available to view and print. The website features linked access to docket call in Circuit Court to aid attorneys. The website also features a new subscription service available to agencies so that they can research and find information without having to call or



send someone to the clerk’s office. There is also an option to pay fines and fees online.

In addition to improvements to the website, Ms. Moss installed a debit/credit system for Circuit Court for ease in paying fees; implemented a scanning system for General Sessions that improved scanning to all clerks desks; and set up an email system for the jury to provide another avenue of communication. One of the biggest

advancements Ms. Moss has made is the hiring of a bilingual clerk. The bilingual clerk has been a great help in situations where language is a barrier. Ms. Moss has also hired a clerk that is fluent in sign language.

Ms. Moss greatly values the safety of her employees and also creates a fun office environment. She has installed cameras for clerk protection as well as updated the counter in Circuit Court for the protection of the clerks in her

office. Ms. Moss’ employees always participate in “dress up” days at the courthouse such as the Halloween Costume Contest and Ugly Christmas Sweater Day. Wilson County is thankful for the leadership of Debbie Moss and for all of the hard work each member of her staff contributes. The court clerks’ offices for each court are open from 8 AM-4PM, Monday through Friday. For more information, please visit wilsoncountycourts.com.

In Remembrance...



Former County Commissioner Mr. David "Billy" Swindell, age 86, passed away on February 28, 2017. His funeral took place at Sellars Funeral Home on March 3, 2017. Mr. Swindell served in the United States Navy, the West Nashville Kiwanis Club, the Tuckers Crossroads Elementary PTA President, and as a Wilson County Commis-

sioner. He was previously personnel manager at Precision Rubber, and retired as plant manager at Springs Bath Fashions. He spent his free time golfing, hunting, and fishing. Mr. Swindell was a member of Saulsbury Baptist Church. In addition to serving as a County Commissioner, Mr. Swindell also served on the Water and

Wastewater Authority Board. He attended his first meeting of the board on November 10, 1995 after his September appointment and confirmation. Mr. Swindell was a strong supporter of the historic mission of the Authority to extend water lines into rural areas and saw much progress during his tenure. Mr. Swindell was also a strong supporter

of the Authority's mission to provide wastewater collection and treatment services in the county. His service on the Water and Wastewater Authority Board and the Wilson County Commission was a great benefit to present and future citizens of Wilson County.

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

