



WILSON COUNTY CONNECTION



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A Word From Your County Mayor Randall Hutto

I was honored to issue a Proclamation designating the month of June as Alzheimer's and Brain Health Awareness month in Wilson County.

"Proclamations, such as this, help raise awareness about Alzheimer's and brain health. We are so grateful to Mayor Hutto for recognizing the impact on our wonderful community" says the Alzheimer's Ambassador and Wilson County resident, Amanda Martin.

As a state, Tennessee ranks 7th

in the nation in Alzheimer's deaths with 120,000 Tennesseans struggling with the disease. An estimated 5.5 million people aged 65 and over have Alzheimer's disease and another 200,000 people under age 65 have younger-onset Alzheimer's disease.

several events to raise awareness and promote healthy lifestyle tips essential to maintaining optimal brain health.

Alzheimer's Association®



Throughout the month of June, the Alzheimer's Association will be promoting

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzhei-



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mer's care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's®. Visit www.alz.org or call 800.272.3900.



Tennessee Scholars Banquet



Mayor Hutto served as the keynote speaker at the Tennessee Scholars Banquet on May 3rd. The ceremony honored upcoming graduates for achieving all necessary requirements for the Tennessee Scholar's program.

The Tennessee Scholar's program adds significant value to a high school diploma. In addition to a rigorous course load, the Tennessee Scholar's program also requires students meet and/or maintain the following stand-

ards: no out of school suspensions, 95% attendance for 4 years (no more than 36 total days missed in 4 years), maintain a C or above average in all classes, and perform 80 hours or more volunteer service hours. Wilson County

lead the state this year in the number of graduates with the Tennessee Scholar's distinction at 401. We are so proud of our students!

Meet the **MAYOR**

the last Wednesday of every month

Mt. Juliet
Chamber of Commerce
8:30AM-10:00AM

Watertown
The Depot Junction Cafe
11:00AM-12:30PM

Lebanon
Chamber of Commerce
1:30PM-3:00PM



*no appointment necessary,
drop by and let's talk*



Tennova Healthcare – Lebanon Offers Free Sports Physicals

Healthcare professionals screen more than 300 student athletes at May 5 event



Front row: Dr. Mark Kent, Dr. John Kane, Dr. Andre Olivier, Callie Tuggle (Nurse Practitioner), Bobby Sobieszczyk (Director of Therapy Services). Back row: Drew Grey (ACEO), Nathan Johnson, Jacob Woodard, Carl Newton, Kristina Ryder, Lee Allison, James Tapia (Athletic Trainers). Not pictured: LeaBeth Pack (Nurse Practitioner)

Tennova Healthcare – Lebanon hosted a free Sports Screenings Day on Saturday, May 5, at the hospital. Three hundred and twenty-four middle school and high school students were screened for potential athletic health problems. The event is sponsored annually by Tennova’s Sports Medicine Outreach Program.

“We have been offering free sports screenings for 21 years as a way to give back to our community,” said Robert Sobieszczyk, director of therapy services at Tennova Healthcare – Lebanon. “This is among the most satisfying events of the year for our healthcare team. They are

always willing to volunteer their time and expertise for this important screening day. In some situations, students would not be able to participate in athletics for the coming school year without this screening.”

Sports screenings are required by the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) in order for students to participate in school athletics. The screening includes a TSSAA medical questionnaire and evaluation of height, weight, blood pressure, heart rate, vision, and musculoskeletal function by a healthcare professional. Students who successfully completed a sports screening at Tennova on

May 5 are eligible to participate in sports throughout the 2018–2019 school year.

According to Sobieszczyk, the annual sports screening event is a vital component of the hospital’s outreach program at the four Wilson County high schools. “Tennova provides each high school with a licensed athletic trainer who is qualified to quickly evaluate and treat many injuries that can happen on the playing field. Our athletic trainers get to know each student athlete, and are present on a daily basis for practices and games. In addition, they also provide valuable insight to the coaching staff on strength-

ening and injury prevention,” he said. For athletes not able to attend the sports screening event on May 5, Tennova Family Medicine, located at 1616 West Main Street in Lebanon, is offering sports screenings for \$25.00. The office is open Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. No appointment is necessary. For more information or to find a doctor, call 1-855-TENNOVA (836-6682) or visit Tennova.com.

2018 Volunteer Stars

Each year, in conjunction with the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award program, one youth and one adult in all of TN's participating counties are selected to attend the Governor's banquet and be honored for their volunteer work. Here in Wilson County, we like to take it a step further

and recognize all of our nominees. For the past several weeks, our office along with the Lebanon Democrat have publicized articles and Facebook posts of our winners and nominees, outlining their many accomplishments. While we know there are more throughout our great

county, this year we received 15 nominees; 5 youths and 10 adults. We were fortunate this year to have Mr. John McDearman from Wilson Bank & Trust sponsor our award plaques. On the pages ahead, you will see a photo of each nominee along with a short description of their

volunteer work. We are honored to have to many remarkable individuals and groups here in Wilson County that truly allow Tennessee to live up to its title of "the volunteer state". Congratulations, again to each nominee and winner!

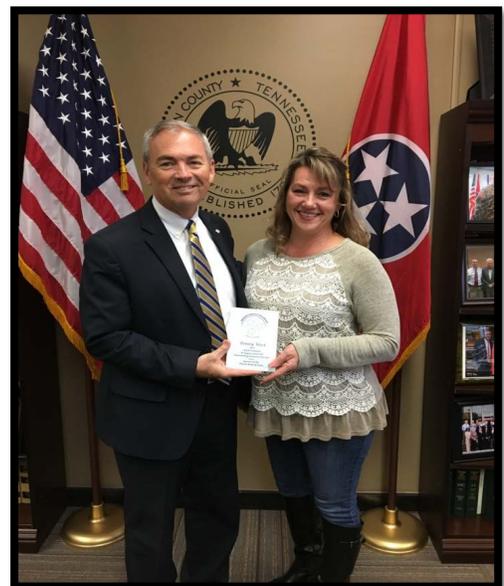


Bob Pergler, 2018 Adult Nominee

Bob Pergler has been an active responder with Rehab 23 since the organization's inception in the fall of 2013. Rehab 23 provides a support system to Wilson County first responders during extended emergency situations such as structure fires, hazmat emergencies or SWAT team events. Rehab 23 provides first responders with relief from climatic conditions, as well as rehydration, food, rest and recovery. For the past 3 years Bob has served as the Operations Officer for the organization ensuring all three response units are in good working mechanical order and have all needed supplies. Bob is also proactive with communications to all responders that serve with the organization.

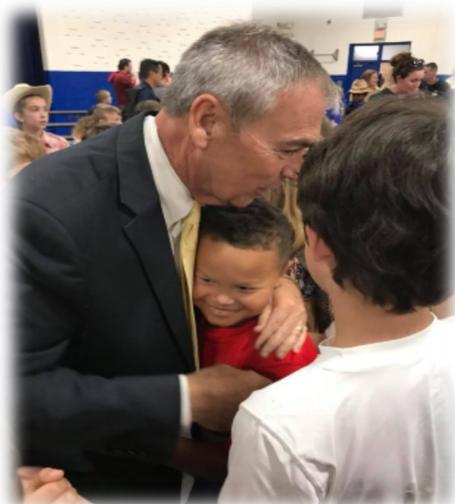
Penny West, 2018 Adult Nominee

Penny West serves as a volunteer with the Wilson County Family and Community Education (FCE) clubs. She served as her local club, Tuckers Crossroads FCE, as the "Sunshine Girl" sending cards, making phone calls and visits. She also regularly makes and collects items for the Ronald McDonald House, makes walker bags for the elderly, assists with specialized sewing projects, collects school supplies for needy children and volunteers with Extension wherever needed. Penny's most notable projects to date have been coordinating the Smokey Mountain Christmas Ornament Competition at the Wilson County Fair and the recent Angel Gown Workshop.



LAKEVIEW SPRING CONCERT

On Tuesday, May 8th, Mayor Hutto attended the Lakeview Elementary Spring Concert. Mayor Hutto had a great time visiting with both teachers and students. There is a lot of talent in Wilson County!



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www.wilsoncountytn.gov



Spotlight on the office of...

UT/TSU Extension

Follow any road in Wilson County and you'll find people whose lives have been influenced by Extension's educational programs. Extension agents help people solve problems and lead richer, fuller lives.

Agents are the two-way link between the citizens of both urban and rural communities and university specialists, scientists and researchers. Education is Extension's goal.

Extension agents teach citizens how to have better homes, farms and communities. Agents initiate, create and conduct educational programs for people who want to help themselves to an improved quality of life.

The Extension Office is a cooperative effort of the University of Tennessee and Tennessee State University Extension programs. The Extension Office is staffed with agents who are college graduates in agriculture and/or family and consumer sciences. They are highly trained professionals who can provide information on a variety of



subjects, ranging from landscaping to nutrition, from animal health to family money management. These programs are available to all county residents.

Extension also gives special attention to youth. Challenges facing Tennessee's young people are greater than ever before. Extension's 4-H youth development program helps youth from 9 to 19 develop self-esteem, leadership and citizenship skills, and gain knowledge in a wide range of subjects. From health to public speaking, wildlife and photography, 4-H brings tomorrow's world to today's youth, and encourages advanced education. Wilson Coun-

ty 4-H clubs have continually produced state and national winners in project competitions, and there are approximately 3000 members reached through in-school clubs and project groups.

The Wilson County Extension Office provides a variety of programming to the citizens of Wilson County. The programs can be divided into three different categories: Agricultural Education, Family and Consumer Science and 4-H Youth Programs. The Agricultural Education programming consists of specific training in beef production, forage production, small ruminant production, gardening, pesticide use and safety, equine manage-

ment, weed management, insect identification, turfgrass management, horticultural education and row crop production. Some specific programming offered through the Wilson County Extension Office includes: The Master Beef Producer Program, Master Gardener Program, Master Small Ruminant Program, Master Equine Program, Beef

Quality Assurance Training, Private Applicator Training for Restricted-Use Chemicals, Demonstration Gardens at the James E Ward Ag Center and Extension Office, gardening and ornamental care programs and community service initiatives.

Family and Consumer Science (FCS) programming focuses on healthy lifestyles, better nutrition, food preservation, family finances, Family and Community Education Clubs (FCE), and Early Childhood Education.

The FCS agent works to improve the lives of all citizens but focus on improving the health and welfare of limited resource citizens. Community service is a very important component of the FCS program as well. Some specific programs that the Wilson County Extension Office participates in are as follows: The Poverty Simulation (Used as a tool for teachers and community leaders to experience the issues of poverty), McKinney Vento Grant for Homeless Youth, Tennessee Home Buyer Training

and Food Preservation.

4-H Youth Programs are in-school clubs for 4th grade-6th grade for training youth in life skills such as communication skills, decision making skills, responsibility and leadership including "On My Own" training for Jr. High and Sr. High youth. Wilson County 4-H Project Groups include the following: Livestock Group (Beef, Sheep, Goat and Hog), Sewing Club, Cooking Club, Honor Club, Horse Club, Home-school Group, and after school groups for Jr. High youth.

There is an Extension Office in every county in the State of Tennessee which is cooperatively funded by federal, state and local government. Unlike other county offices, Extension is unique to county government in that the County Director is selected by the University of Tennessee. Ruth Correll is the County Director for Wilson County as well as the Agricultural Extension Agent. Other staff members include: Shelly Barnes, Family and Consumer Science Agent; Morgan Beaty, 4-H Agent; Stephanie Sher-

field, 4-H Agent; Lucas Holman, Horticultural Extension Agent; Diane Marsh, Administrative Assistant II; and Shelly "Sissy" Shrum, Administrative Assistant.

The Wilson County UT/TSU Extension Office serves Wilson County citizens, as well as government employees under the motto "Education to Improve Lives". The Wilson County UT/TSU Extension Office is located at 925 E. Baddour Parkway, Suite 100, Lebanon, TN 37087. The office is open from 8 AM until 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

Ready to Recycle, Wilson County?

Details coming in July edition



Wilson County Veterans' Museum

Article and Photographs Submitted by PEG Channel Manager, Tressa Bush

If you have not visited the Wilson County Veterans' Museum, Plaza and Library then I must ask, what are you waiting for?

The museum's official opening was last fall and now we're gearing up for a summer full of events. The museum is open weekdays from 8am to 4pm, the same hours as county government offices. And starting May 26th, the museum will also be open every other Saturday from 10am – 3pm.

While the museum is set up to be self-guided, on these days a volunteer will be there to answer questions.

Most of the volunteers are veterans. They will be sharing their story for those who want to hear.

The museum started as just a dream for County Commissioner and County Historian Jerry McFarland almost a decade ago. "There used to be a funeral home on this site. When it closed, the county looked at buying it all, but decided the structure would not meet our needs, but the land would, as it is adjacent to the courthouse. So, I and others, had a vision

that this would be the perfect place for a veterans' museum...and after a lot of hard work... here it is".

The museum is more than 4,000 square feet. It features a Huey Helicopter that flew in Vietnam War and an Army Jeep from the Korean War.

There are 100s of artifacts on display



inside secure cases. Visitors will see military uniforms, guns, newspaper clippings, military medals, foreign money, mess and personal kits, and much more.

Ten conflicts are highlighted: Longhunters/Settlers, the War of 1812, Civil War, World War I & II, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War 1 & 2 and there's a special section for the Tennessee Maneuvers.

At each of the 10 areas, visitors can push a button that

will start a video about that



ite stones beautifully engraved with a military scene honoring each of the 5 branches of American military. On the opposite side of each stone, are the names of Wilson Countians who served our country.

conflict.

The first button is an overview of that conflict, the second button explains the pictures that are on the wall over the display case, button three describes some of the artifacts and finally, the fourth button stops the videos.

The building that houses the museum includes

the offices for the county's veterans' services office and the county's military library.

Make sure to take time to stroll the exterior grounds or the plaza as it is often called. There, you'll see huge gran-

As you walk on the plaza, look down and see the names of folks who've purchased a brick in honor of memory of their loved one.

To purchase a brick or to add your loved one's name to a stone, call the Wilson County Veterans' Services Office at 615/444-2460.



There is no charge to tour the museum, but donations for future projects are welcome. Group tours are welcome. Please call the office to schedule yours.

Older Americans Month

Mayor Hutto took part in celebrating “Older Americans Month” all throughout the month of May. An active supporter of senior citizens centers all throughout the county, Mayor Hutto visited each presenting certificates and reading proclamations in honor of the older Americans in our community. Mayor Hutto is an advocate for senior citizens in Wilson County and was honored to celebrate them all month long!



Mayor Hutto presenting the Lebanon Senior Activity Center with a certificate to accompany a proclamation by Lebanon City Mayor, Bernie Ash.



Certificate presented to Lebanon Senior Center declaring May as “Older Americans’ Month”

DRUG COURT HOLDS FOOD DRIVE



The Fifteenth Judicial District Drug Court Program staff and participants recently held a can food drive with the proceeds going to The Wilson County Community Help Center. May is Drug Court Awareness month and

everyone associated with the program wanted to organize an activity that would give back to the community while supporting a positive life-style change by the participants. Donations came in from as far away as Jackson

County which has recently started a Misdemeanor Drug Court Program. The Fifteenth Judicial District Drug Court Program started in 2002 and serves Wilson, Smith, Macon, Jackson, and Trousdale

Counties. Judge John D. Wootten, the Drug Court Judge, pointed out that “the program has grown over the past 16 years and it is very rewarding to see the participants reach out to help others.”



★ — 6th 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, JUNE 30, 2018

Registration 8 am ★ Kickstands up 10:30 am

**Meet at Fiddlers Grove at the Wilson County Fairgrounds
945 Baddour Parkway, Lebanon, TN**

**ENTERTAINMENT ★ FOOD VENDORS ★ ALL MOTORCYCLES & RIDERS WELCOME
\$25 per Rider and \$10 per Passenger, includes t-shirt**

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of World War I

For more
information
call the
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Lebanon, TN
615-444-2460
or email

robertst@wilsoncountyttn.gov





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Honoring America's Flag

The rain didn't dampen spirits at the "Honoring America's Flag" event in Mt. Juliet on May 28th. A large crowd gathered together to pay homage to the American Flag and the values that it represents. The "Honoring America's Flag" event is a tradition in Mt. Juliet,

going on its 6th year. The event is put on by several hardworking individuals, but none more so than Ms. Nancy Britt and Mr. Pat Unger. All of the funds raised at the event go to charities throughout Wilson County, as well as to support veterans and

their families all across the United States. Mayor Hutto attended the event, as he does every year, and had the following to say: "The 'Honoring America's Flag' event is always such a blessing to be a part of. It makes you stop and think about the significance of the Amer-

ican flag and what it represents as well as who it represents. Men and women throughout history have died for the same flag we stand to salute- and that thought itself makes you realize it's immense significance."



HR CORNER

WILSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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.

June 2018 Winners

Yamile Grijalva- Circuit Court

Hayden John Hittle – Sheriff's Department

Justin Green -Sheriff's Department

Robert Hall JR.- Solid Waste

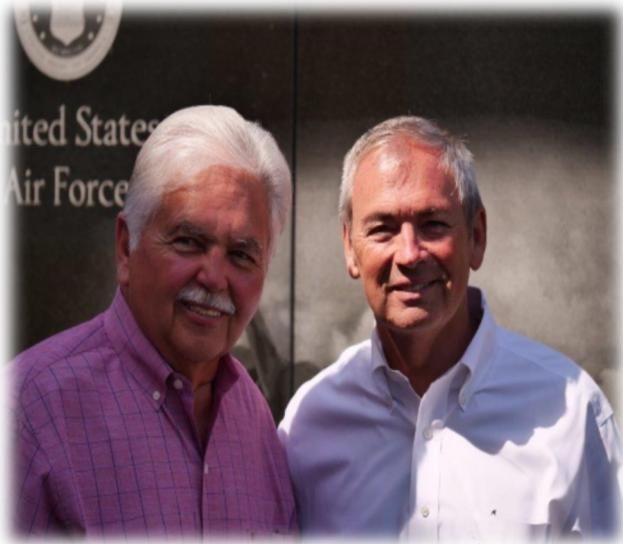
Val Vastola- Property Assessor

Mayor Hutto Tours New Adult High School Location



The Wilson County Adult High School recently relocated to 415 Harding Drive on the back side of the Administrative and Training Complex. Mary Ashby, the school's principal, recently invited Mayor Hutto to tour the new facility. During Mayor Hutto's visit, he toured the school and spoke with students working towards earning their high school diploma. He quizzed the students about "life after high school". Mayor Hutto congratulated the students on their achievements thus far and shared with them how proud he was of their efforts to obtain their diploma.

Memorial Day



The Wilson County Veterans Services Office along with Wilson County Veterans, Wilson County Government and the City of Lebanon held a special ceremony on Memorial Day to honor those who had lost their lives fighting for our freedom. Mayor Hutto attended the ceremony along with his family to pay tribute to those who served. Above, Mayor Hutto is pictured with former Veterans Services Officer, and current Mayor of Lebanon, Bernie Ash.

Thank You



A special thank you to everyone that vote in the 2018 Main Street Media Awards. Mayor Hutto was voted as the 2018 Best Elected Official in Wilson County, an honor he has received for the past three years. A special congratulations to all of the nominees and winners! Wilson County is truly the place to be!