

# WILSON COUNTY CONNECTION

Lebanon Mt. Juliet Watertown



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## A Word From Your County Mayor Randall Hutto

Every so often, I join my in-laws-Joe and Polly Riggan-for lunch at their home in Lebanon. I like to take the time to check in on them and always enjoy their company. The food is delicious, and (the best part of all) always free of charge. I always leave feeling full; not just from the food, but from the conversation. My mother-in-law, Ms. Polly, is a historian of sorts. She avidly collects stories, photos and articles from all through the years. Recently, Ms. Polly shared a newspaper with me dated September 1969. The newspaper, tattered and weathered with age, shared all sorts of photos and facts from Wilson County's history. One photo in particular caught my eye. It was a photo of a young man in uniform. Under his photo were the words "First Wilson Coun-

tian killed in World War II". As the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day approaches, I couldn't help but dig into his story. The name of the man in the photo was Harry Swann. Harry was a Chief Petty Officer in the US Navy. We searched among genealogy sites online and wasn't able to locate much, if any information, so we reached out to our Director of Archives Ms. Linda Granstaff. Linda looked through the county's archives to find out as much information as possible on the young man in the photo. Along the way, we found an interesting discovery. Though Harry Swann was the first reported Wilson County casualty in World War II, he was not, in fact the first casualty. It turns out that a gentleman by the name of William Knight of Mt. Juliet was the first to die from Wil-

son County in World War II. He was buried at sea in 1942. We may not have a first-hand account, or very much information at all about the life of Harry Swann or about William Knight. So, why are their stories important? For one, their deaths brought the reality of World War II home to Wilson County. Their choices to sacrifice the one life they had is part of the reason we are living in freedom today. Their lives of service influenced the course of history forever-as does every life of service, when done so out of love. Their stories are important because their stories preface our story. Without their lives, bravery and sacrifice, we would not have stories of our own to tell today. My lunch dates at my in-laws always leave me searching



for more information, and finding out more about my history-our history. As we pause to remember the events of D-Day, mourn the lives lost and commemorate the incredible sacrifices made, I hope that it will remind us all the importance of learning more about "where we came from". If we take time to sit and listen to the elders in our lives, we may uncover stories that we never knew existed. Stories of bravery. Stories of sacrifice. Stories of service. Ultimately stories that make us proud to be who we are at the end of the day.

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## Wilson County Oldest Veteran turns 100 Years Old, Celebrated on Memorial Day



Memorial Day in Wilson County was like no other in the past. This year, several Wilson County citizens gathered together to celebrate Max Anderson's birthday, a WW II veteran and the oldest veteran in Wilson County. Mr. Anderson turned 100 years old. Max Anderson was a Navy pilot trainer during World War II. Following the war he continued his military service for a total of seven years. He then became a pilot for Nashville Flying Service. He logged over 20,000 flight hours as a pilot with Nashville Flying Service and other agencies during his career. Max and his wife Flossie, who have been married 75 years this

June, are residents at the Rutland Center in Mt. Juliet.

Max is a member of American Legion Post 281 of Mt. Juliet. Mayor Hutto attended the birthday celebration along with Mt. Juliet Mayor Ed Haggerty and Lebanon Mayor Bernie Ash.

## shop springs creamery groundbreaking



Mayor Hutto attended the Groundbreaking Ceremony for "Shop Springs Creamery". The creamery will be located on Sparta Pike and will serve fresh milk and ice cream.

## Newspaper Recycling

Recycle your old newspapers at the following  
convenience centers:

Lebanon- 921 Baddour Parkway  
Martha- 1530 Powell Grove Road  
Suggs Creek- 3519 Stewarts Ferry Pike

# Think Green Think Clean

The 11th Annual Think Green Think Clean event took place on May 16, 2019. It was a huge success! There were a total of 698 participants that collected over 330 bags of trash. A breakdown of the results is below:

## Winners:

- Walter J Baird-166 Participants
- Byars Dowdy Elementary-95 Participants
- Sam Houston Elementary-84 Participants
- Rutland Elementary-73 Participants
- Mt. Juliet Elementary-66



## Other Participating School Totals:

- Lakeview Elementary-59 Participants
- Coles Ferry- 23 Participants
- Castle Heights-32 Participants
- Watertown Elementary- 12 Participants
- Winfree-Bryant Elementary- 6 Participants
- Southside Elementary-20 Participants
- Watertown High School-26 Participants
- Carroll-Oakland Elementary-16 Participants
- Mt. Juliet Middle School-20 Participants

Ms. Patsy Anderson, Ms. Johnnie Payton, Mr. James Vaden, Mr. Rick Stewart and Mayor Bernie Ash stopped by the office and gave Mayor Hutto an overview of the event. We are so thankful for everyone's hard work to keep Wilson County clean!



# BRAND IDENTITY WORKSHOP

## CREATE A BRAND GUIDE LIKE A PRO

Thursday, June 6, 2019 | 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

**Space is limited! Register today!**

Hosted by  
The Lebanon Wilson County Chamber of Commerce  
Led by Amber Hurdle

**REGISTER TODAY! ONLY \$59!**



Whether you are promoting your brand, recruiting and training a team or enlisting the help of others in your marketing, you must have a consistent, fiercely competitive brand presence. If you want to uplevel and clarify your brand identity, your customer experience...and really *your own* experience as a business owner or leader, this workshop-style training is for you! In this interactive presentation, you will:

- Clarify your brand messaging
- Identify your ideal customer(s)
- Craft your brand standards
- Develop your brand personality and “voice”
- Define your one-of-a-kind features and benefits
- Create service standards to teach your team
- Eliminate competition by defining how your brand experience is unique to you
- And reference all of that and more in a visually appealing guide!

Brand expert, Amber Hurdle, will walk you through each step to create your brand messaging guide: the very guide you will use to compose your sales scripts, social media posts, website copy, advertising, recruitment conversations and more! If you are done feeling stuck doing the same ol' same ol' as everyone else in your market, rest assured you are capable of more. This workshop will help you articulate your distinct competitive advantages, and you will leave with a plan of action to take all of the necessary steps to next level your business and life.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

2019

# NEDDY JACOBS DAYS

CRAFT & MUSIC  
IN THE GROVE

LIVING HISTORY  
DEMONSTRATIONS

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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES | ARTISAN CRAFTS

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JUNE 7 @ JUNE 8

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10 AM - 4 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL  
615-547-6111

945 E Baddour Pkwy Lebanon, TN 37087

FIDDLERS GROVE  
OPEN APRIL - OCTOBER



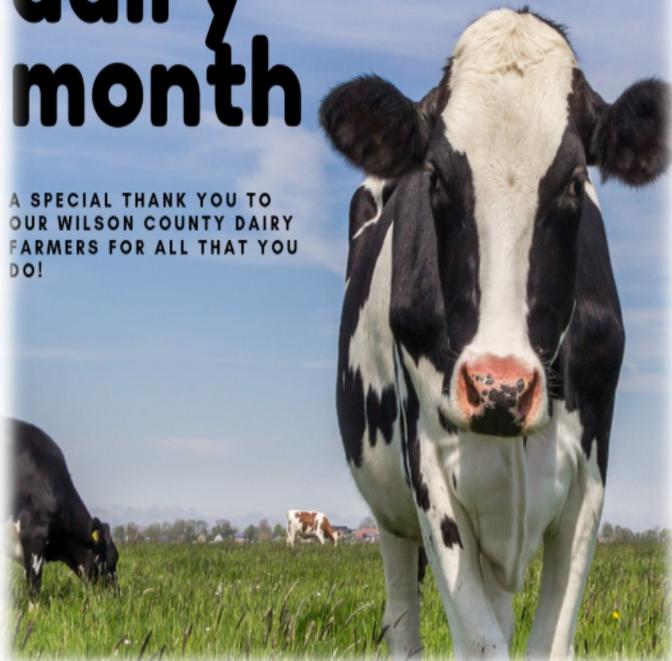
# Drug Free WilCo



Dr. Manny Sethi of Healthy TN held a roundtable discussion in partnership with DrugFree WilCo on “Working Together To Find Solutions To the Opioid Crisis”. Leaders of the various sectors of our community gave great input to this statewide paper to be written by Dr. Manny and presented to Governor Lee. Dr. Sethi was very complimentary on how well our county works together.

# june is dairy month

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR WILSON COUNTY DAIRY FARMERS FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!



# Wilson County Day of Kindness

Thanks to Leadership Wilson’s “Sparks of Kindness” Team, Wilson County Government proclaimed May 8th, 2019 as Kindness Day in Wilson County. The day held several events promoting kindness among children and adults including the “Stuff the Bus” campaign. Students and families joined together to stuff a school bus full of food for the Wilson County Backpack programs. The Backpack programs benefit both the Lebanon Special School District and Wilson County Schools by providing food for children who otherwise may go hungry on weekends or over summer break. It was estimated that over 10,000 items were collected and over \$1000 donated to this cause. In addition, LSSD also held the “I-Guardian Internet Safety Workshop. Presenter Andy Hendrix guided parents on how to keep their children safe and kind online.





*Your Local American Job Center is here to help!*

# **JOB FAIR**

**EVERY Third Wednesday of the month**

**From 9 am - 1 pm**

***Located inside the Tennessee College of Applied Technology  
(TCAT)***

***415 Tennessee Blvd. Lebanon, TN 37087***

***615-444-9355***

**The American Job Center provides the following services:**

- Jobs4tn.gov registration assistance
- Resource room with computers, internet, telephones & fax machine
- Daily and monthly Hiring Events
- Variety of training and certification programs
- Re-employment services
- Veterans services

**All services are FREE OF CHARGE!!!.**

**Priority of service is given to veterans and their eligible spouses who meet certain eligibility requirements.**

**Veterans Services:**

**Pete Pritchard – DVOP (615) 444-9355 or (615) 898-8081 [Peter.Pritchard@tn.gov](mailto:Peter.Pritchard@tn.gov)**

**Joe Ferguson – Veterans Employment Representative (615) 898-8081**

**[Joseph.Ferguson@tn.gov](mailto:Joseph.Ferguson@tn.gov)**

**In order to utilize any of our services, we ask that you register on [Jobs4TN.gov](http://Jobs4TN.gov)**

**For more information you may also contact Sarah Buckles at [Sarah.Buckles@tn.gov](mailto:Sarah.Buckles@tn.gov)**

**or call (615) 494-4278**

# Drug Court News

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*Pictured above: Jeff E. Dickson, Nathan Miller, James Lea, Peter Pritchard, Shelley Thompson Gardner, Paula Langford, Michelle Allison*

Cumberland Mental Health Center, a division of the Volunteer Behavioral Health Care System, recently donated two Netbooks to the Fifteenth Judicial District Drug Court. The donation was made in conjunction with expansion of the Online Recovery Support Services. This service is available to those in recovery as an online form to assist in peer-to-peer support.

According to Paula Langford, Sr. Case Manager, "this is just another tool in the toolbox to support those who want to remain active in their recovery." Program such as Drug Court struggle daily to further the recovery lifestyle and keep participants focused on a positive lifestyle change.

The Fifteenth Judicial District Drug Court and Cumberland Mental Health have partnered for many years in an effort to meet the needs of those who struggle with addiction on a daily basis.

## 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*



THURSDAYS | 4-7PM  
MAY - OCT  
at the

WILSON COUNTY  
**EXPOSITION** CENTER 

945 East Baddour Parkway

PRODUCE  
EGGS  
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MEAT  
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BREADS  
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# CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS



Wilson County Mayor, Randall Hutto proclaimed May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as Children's Mental Health Awareness Day in Wilson County. Mayor Hutto was joined by Tennessee Voices for Children representatives Marris Pollard and Brain Taylor. Each year, as part of the Children's Mental Health Awareness Week activities, proclamations are obtained from mayors across the state of Tennessee to assist with recognizing the National Awareness day (May 9<sup>th</sup>).

Tennessee Voices for Children places a high emphasis on educating the community, assisting children and families with advocacy, and erasing the stigma placed on mental health and co-occurring disorders. The proclamation assists in Tennessee Voices for Children's efforts to continuously bring about change to children's mental health.

*"Wilson County became involved in this activity last year when we signed our first proclamation and I was honored to sign another proclamation this year. It's important that we recognize the need for mental health awareness, especially in children, and do what we can to provide help to those in need. I'm humbled to be just a small part of the effort to bring about awareness and change."* – **Randall Hutto, Wilson County Mayor**

For more information, please visit [invoices.org](http://invoices.org).

## 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 Winners:

Timothy Owings- WEMA

Elizabeth Anderson- Sheriff's Department

Mary Carney- Expo Center

Joe Goode- Finance Department

## "Run for the Wall" Event



Mayor Hutto attended the "Run for the Wall" Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Wilson County Veterans Plaza. A special thank you to all of our men and women who have served in our military!



# Johnny Trice Road Naming Ceremony



*Wilson County honored Johnny Trice on May 30, 2019 by dedicating a road at the James E Ward Ag Center in his honor. Mr. Trice has served Wilson County in several capacities, He was instrumental in the purchase of the James E Ward Ag Center and also served as President of Wilson County Promotions for several years.*

THE NASHVILLE SYMPHONY

ENJOY AN EVENING OF MUSIC UNDER THE STARS WHEN THE NASHVILLE SYMPHONY COMES TO THE ESTATE AT CHEROKEE DOCK!

## FREE COMMUNITY CONCERTS

JUNE 26 • WEDNESDAY • 7:30 PM  
175 CHEROKEE DOCK RD  
LEBANON, TN 37087

# HIRING EVENT

americanjobcenter  
TENNESSEE

JOBS4TN.GOV

## Wilson County Hiring Event

### Event Time

Wednesday, June 19, 2019  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

### Location

American Job Center  
[415 Tennessee Blvd](#)  
[Lebanon, TN 37087](#)

**\*\*Located inside the  
Tennessee College of Applied  
Technology School (TCAT)\*\***

For additional information, contact Jeff  
Glidden [jeffrey.glidden@tn.gov](mailto:jeffrey.glidden@tn.gov) or  
615-494-4271

### Employers Include:

**FedEx Freight  
Yates (Nissan)  
Hamilton Ryker  
Westrock  
National Guard  
The Budd Group  
2020 Census Bureau  
LSI- Landscape Services  
Metro Industrial Service**

**\*\*Warehouse, Forklift, CDL  
, Door to Door Reps, and  
Many More positions**

Register on [Jobs4TN.gov](http://Jobs4TN.gov) for even more! **available!**

**\*Priority of service is given to veterans and their  
eligible spouses who meet eligibility requirements.**

American Job Center

Tennessee is not responsible for the participation of any advertised employers at our hiring and resource events.  
We solicit their participation in good faith that they may attend but acknowledge that unexpected events occur, which may prevent their attendance.