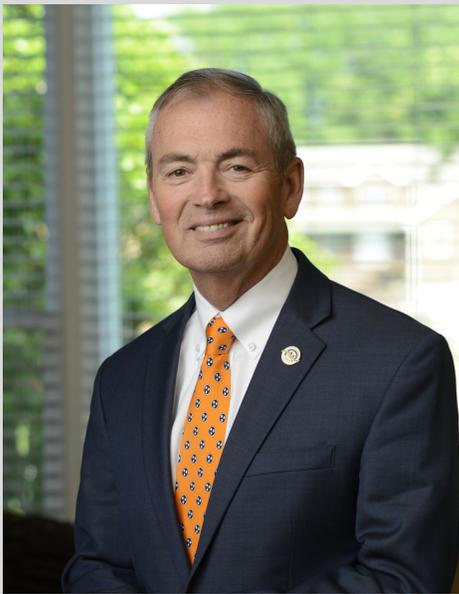




THE COUNTY CONNECTION

A Monthly Newsletter from Mayor Randall Hutto
Mt. Juliet | Lebanon | Watertown



In this newsletter:

**Commissioner Spotlight:
Kenny Reich- District 6**
(Page 02)

**Murphy Reappointed
Road Commission
Superintendent**
(Page 04)

**Wilson County Mural
Project: How Art is Helping
Beautify the County**
(Page 07)

A Word from Mayor Hutto...

What a successful summer it has been here in Wilson County! The Wilson County Fair just wrapped up with the second highest attendance on record at 578,131 people. It's no secret that we have one of the best county fairs in the United States but it's always so rewarding to hear just how many people attended. Thank you Wilson County Fair staff and volunteers for all of your dedication year after year! In addition to a successful fair, our schools are off to a great year. Recently 12 reward schools were named within our district. A "Reward School" is the most prestigious title given to a school by the State. This would not be possible without our incredible administrators and teachers. It would also be impossible without the hard work and dedication of our students. We are looking forward to more great achievements this year.

Additionally, I would like to personally thank the County Commission for another hard-working fiscal year. In our August Commission meeting, the County Commission passed the budget for 2019-2020 without a property tax increase. At the rate Wilson County continues to grow, this is quite the feat. Our Commissioners work endlessly to provide citizens with the many services they need at the smallest cost possible, and do an incredible job managing the county's funds. Along with overseeing budget requests, the County Commission also reviews a variety of proclamations and resolutions to benefit citizens. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve alongside each person and look forward to another successful fiscal year.

Commissioner Spotlight: Kenny Reich District 6



Contact
INFORMATION

Address: 6575 Hartsville Pike
Lebanon, TN 37087

Phone: 615-443-1216



A Conference on Homelessness

Featuring



Joe Savage, Jr.
Regional Director
United States
Interagency Council
on Homelessness
(USICH)



Dr. Stephen Loyd
Substance Abuse
Professional
SeventyX7

September 9-10, 2019
The Mill
300 N. Maple Street
Lebanon, TN



To register:
www.midcumberland.org

\$35 per person, group
discounts apply
Workshops by local and
national experts

Understand the gap. Build your bridge. Impact your community.

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

By: Sara Davenport

Wilson County's local leaders gathered to sign the annual Suicide Prevention Awareness Proclamation last month. The proclamation is a call to encourage all residents to take the time to inquire as to the well being of their family, friends, and neighbors and to genuinely convey their appreciation for their existence by any gesture they deem appropriate.

The city mayors of Lebanon, Mt. Juliet and Watertown (Mayors Bernie Ash, Ed Hagerty and Mike Jennings) gathered with Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto in his office to sign the annual proclamation and hear a brief report from Ms. Brenda Harper and Nathan Miller about suicide prevention and stats from 2017. "It's so important that we educate the public about the warning signs of suicide and spread the word that help is available. I appreciate folks like Ms. Harper and Mr. Miller who work so diligently to reach the public about available services." - Wilson County Mayor Hutto.

Wilson County reported 22 suicides in 2017 while the state of TN reported more than 1,163 for the year 2017. "We must continue to fight the stigma related to individuals seeking mental health care in order to decrease the number of suicides in our county. We can all make a difference by becoming informed and educated" - Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network Advisory Council Co-chair Brenda Harper. September is national suicide prevention awareness month throughout Tennessee as declared by our Governor. As part of the awareness program the Wilson County Health Council will host the annual "Never Alone" event to honor friends and loved ones touched by suicide. This will be the 9th year for the Never Alone event. The event is scheduled for September 5th, 6:00PM at the Cumberland University's Baird Chapel. Light refreshments will be served starting at 5:30PM due to the sponsorship from Vanderbilt Wilson County Hospital. For more information about suicide prevention and resources, please visit www.tspn.org.



**WILSON COUNTY CARES:
If you or someone you know is
contemplating suicide, please
call 1-800-SUICIDE (784-
2433).**

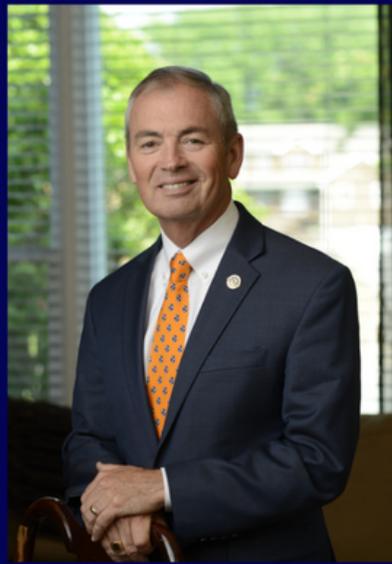
Meet the Mayor

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



I will be joined by
Congressman John Rose
during the month of August

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



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

WILSON COUNTY SOLID WASTE

The Wilson County Commission and employees of Wilson County Government are joining forces to help a future Habitat homeowner achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life. You can help too! No matter your experience on a construction site, there are many tasks that need to be accomplished and something for everyone (and skill level) to do. The main goals of the day will be to complete the siding on the house, complete the porch and overhead trim and air seal the interior. All tools, food and water will be provided. The build will take place on Saturday, September 7, 2019. The home will be located on Park Avenue in Lebanon. Volunteers are to arrive at 7 am and serve until mid-afternoon (or when goals are completed). Please note that there will be no weather delays unless the site becomes dangerous. Therefore, even if it is raining, the job will continue! If you are interested in being part of this memorable team-building experience while also serving a family in need, please contact Susan Shaw in our office for more information. Susan can be reached by email at shawsu@wilsoncountyttn.gov or by phone at 615-444-1383.

Know someone who's a
GREAT volunteer?

We want to hear
about them!

Nominate them for the
Governor's Volunteer Star
Award

visit
www.wilsoncountyttn.gov
under announcements
for more info.

applications due
November 22, 2019

Steve Murphy Reappointed Road Commission Superintendent



Wilson County reappointed Steve Murphy as Road Commission Superintendent on Friday, August 2, 2019 at the Road Commission meeting. Mr. Murphy was sworn in the following Monday and will begin his new 4 year term on September 1st, 2019. The position was posted on the county's website and the state's website for 30 days and was also posted in local publications. The job posting ended on July 12th at noon. Mr. Steve Murphy was the only candidate that applied for the position. Wilson County Government sent Mr. Murphy's name to the state for certification and notice of certification was received on July 25th, 2019. The Road Commission members voted to reappoint Mr. Murphy at their monthly meeting on August 2, 2019. Steve Murphy is looking forward to another four years serving Wilson County citizens stating "I really enjoy working with the citizens and with the Road Commission. Steve Lynch and the entire staff work endlessly to provide safe roadways in Wilson County. I'm thankful for the opportunity to continue to be a part of such a hardworking team."

Mayor Hutto had the following to say about Mr. Murphy's reappointment "Steve has been a great asset to our county in the role of Road Superintendent. He takes the safety of Wilson County citizens very seriously and always takes the time to listen to the concerns of our citizens. He is an outstanding leader and I have no doubt he will continue to serve Wilson County well in this role". Road Commission member and District 6 County Commissioner Kenny Reich said the following of Mr. Murphy: "Steve has done a great job as Road Commission Superintendent during the past four years. He's done an excellent job taking care of citizens and paving the county's roads. He's been very easy to work with and his staff thinks very highly of him. He's taken care of Wilson County." The Wilson County Road Commission office is located at 970 Tennessee Blvd., Lebanon, TN 37087. The Road Commission office is open Monday through Thursday, 8-4 PM. Road Commission meetings are held on the first Friday of every month at 9:00 am at the Road Commission office. For inquiries or more information, please call 615-444-9022.

Wilson County
HR NEWS

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.

September Winners

Brenda Ashford
AG Center

Thomas Bobo
Property Assessor

Beverly Sellars
Property Assessor

Jonathan Woodard
Property Assessor

Valerie Worley
Property Assessor



THURSDAYS | 4-7PM
MAY - OCT
at the

WILSON COUNTY
EXPOSITION CENTER 

945 East Baddour Parkway

PRODUCE
EGGS
FLOWERS
MEAT
CHEESE
BREADS
DESSERTS
& MORE



THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS COMMUNITY PARTNERS



BatchAndBushel.com

 [/batchandbushel](https://www.facebook.com/batchandbushel)

 [@batchandbushel](https://www.instagram.com/batchandbushel)

[#batchandbushel](https://twitter.com/batchandbushel)

Wilson County Reward Schools

Wilson County Schools recently announced the 2018-2019 Reward Schools. A "Reward School", is a distinction that's given to schools that not only experience high academic achievement, but also see substantial gains in student growth. It is the highest achievement a school can achieve from the State of Tennessee. Congratulations to the following schools on achieving the status of "Reward School" for 2018-2019:

Lakeview Elementary

Mt. Juliet Elementary

Mt. Juliet Middle

Mt. Juliet High School

Rutland Elementary

Springdale Elementary

W.A. Wright Elementary

Watertown Elementary

Watertown High School

West Elementary

West Wilson Middle School

Wilson Central High School

WCTV Announces Launch of "Sports Saturday" -by Tressa Bush



Wilson County Television, WCTV, is adding to its programming with **Sports Saturday**. WCTV is setting aside much of the day to feature local sports. The first group to begin donating their video to the channel is Blue Devil Broadcasting. The group is allowing WCTV to replay two of the shows they produce: **The Coach's Night Out** talk-show and the Lebanon High School football games. BDB has been broadcasting the LHS football games since 1997.



The voice of the LHS Blue Devil football team, Tommy Bryan, hosts **The Coach's Night Out** from the Town Square Social on Lebanon's Historic Square each Wednesday starting at 6:30 PM. The show kicks-off with interviews with LHS Head Coach Chuck Gentry and Cumberland University Head Coach Tim Mathis. Bryan wraps up the show with coaches from other county teams. **The Coach's Night Out** will air on WCTV each Saturday at 9 AM and will be followed by the LHS game from the evening before. D.T. McCall & Sons, which has a location in Lebanon, is sponsoring these two programs for WCTV. The BDB team is pictured top left. Standing is Joe Gardner, Sideline Reporter. Seated left to right are as follows: Bob Lea, Color Commentator; Tommy Bryan, Play-by-Play; and Terry Stafford, Man with the Numbers. Tick Bryan, Tommy's brother, is seen in the other photo. He does everything "behind-the-scenes" that it takes to put together both programs. WCTV airs around the clock on Charter 198, AT&T and streaming via TwitchTV (a link can be found on the Wilson County TV page of the county's website. That page is under the ABOUT tab. If you have a programming idea, please email Tressa Bush. Her email is tressa.bush@wilsoncountyttn.gov



Tourism Launches Mural Project

by Crystal Petet

The Wilson County Convention & Visitors Bureau (Visit WilCo) has embarked on an exciting new journey into the arts: a mural project to beautify Wilson County! Cities around the U.S. are experiencing the positive impact and benefits of public mural art and with this initiative, Wilson County communities will reap those same benefits. Mural art has endless possibilities in genre, theme, composition and medium. For that reason, the Paint WilCo initiative will provide variety for the masses. Interactive murals, community murals, temporary and mobile murals, murals produced from something other than paint, as well as culturally centered murals are among the options Paint WilCo would like to produce. By sourcing local artists, supplies and sponsorships in the production process, Visit WilCo will be able to highlight the wonderful artistic resources available in Wilson County, while producing assets that will bring revenue through tourism for years to come. The inaugural mural of the initiative was unveiled on Friday, August 16th at the Wilson County Expo Center and was painted by local business owner, Mallory Jennings. Sponsored by the Expo Center to be a representation of the agricultural heritage at the center of the communities in Wilson County, the 8' x 8' mobile plywood mural depicts a vibrant representation of a woman farmer.

Strategically planned to coincide with the Wilson County Fair, the mural continues to be well-received, drawing enthusiasm from young and old alike. For the second mural of the initiative, just in front of the Mt. Juliet Community Center at Charlie Daniels Park lies is a train caboose patiently waiting to be painted. Visit WilCo cannot wait to share more details about this unique mural location as they are solidified! In order for the vision and goals of this initiative to be fully realized, community support through sponsorships, donations and volunteering is vital. If you are interested in finding out how you can help, please email the Visit WilCo office at tourism@wilsoncountyttn.gov or call 615-547-6438.



Expo Mural Photo by Jordan Hunter Photography; Model: Madeline Jennings

Goals for Mural Project

1. Create 10 unique murals in locations throughout Wilson County by the end of 2020.
2. Boost tourism by creating shareable, interactive photo opportunities for visitors to the county, as well as residents.
3. Beautify Wilson County.
4. Integrate art into communities.
5. Spark interest in the arts.

#PaintWilCo

Parkinsons Disease

Support Groups

This past month, Mayor Hutto spoke with residents at Del Webb over services offered throughout our county targeted towards senior citizens. During his time at Del Webb, he came across several support groups for those struggling in our community with Parkinson's Disease.

The following support groups and resources are available through the Peterson Foundation for Parkinsons:

Support Group Meeting-Second Thursday of Every Month

11:30 AM

Green Hill Church, Mt. Juliet

Parkinson's Choir-Every Thursday Morning

10:00 AM

Green Hill Church, Mt. Juliet

For more information, please check out "Peterson for Parkinson's Support Group of Mt. Juliet" on Facebook.

Lebanon Wilson County Chamber of Commerce

FREE ALL SPORTS CAMP



Join us for a

FREE All Sports Camp

September 8, 2019, 3-5 pm

Boys and Girls Ages 7-14

PARENTS MUST BE PRESENT THROUGHOUT CAMP

With



Please Register at <https://www.lebanonwilsonchamber.com/allsports>

Call 615-444-5503 for more information.



Sonic Drive-In will be giving out free drink tokens to the participating children.

NEVER ALONE

Join us for our annual Never Alone event as we honor our friends and loved ones touched by suicide.

**September 5th
6:00-7:00 PM**

Refreshments provided by Vanderbilt Wilson County Hospital starting at 5:30 PM

Cumberland University Campus-Baird Chapel
1 Cumberland Square, Lebanon

Sponsored by:



"Saving Lives in Tennessee"

