



THE COUNTY CONNECTION

A Monthly Newsletter from Mayor Randall Hutto
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A Word from Mayor Hutto...

The past months have been filled with awareness and prevention programs along with recognition ceremonies for members of our community. As County Mayor, I am often privileged to meet some of our county's most outstanding citizens, groups, and organizations that selflessly put others before themselves and work towards a common goal: to make our community a wonderful and safe place to live. While there are too many organizations to mention in this newsletter, I do want to mention Prospect, Inc., Wilson Volunteers, and Recover Wilson. Organizations such as these raise awareness about disability employment issues, create volunteer opportunities, and assist families recovering from the March 2020 storm. By raising awareness, we can venture further and find ways to fulfill the fundamental needs of our citizens.

Through the events of this past year, it has been humbling to witness the response of those willing to assist one another. As we know all too well, many of our fellow Wilson Countians and Middle Tennesseans put others before themselves on a regular basis. Though it is not always promoted, there is still a lot of human kindness in the world and it seems to show itself most clearly in times of difficulty. By continuing to work together and support one another, we will get through the most unusual of circumstances and make a positive impact on our community!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randall Hutto".

Commissioner Spotlight: William Glover District 19



Contact INFORMATION

107 Woodmont Avenue
Lebanon, TN 37087
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Great volunteers in your
community?

We want to hear
about them!

for more info
visit

wilsoncountyttn.gov

or contact

Sara Davenport
615/444-1383

applications due
October 23, 2020

Governor's Volunteer
Stars Awards



TORNADO RECOVERY CONNECTION

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TN UMC

RECOVER

Wilson County

UNMET NEEDS? CALL 615-270-9255
RECOVERWILSON.COM

Wilson County LANDFILL

BEGINNING OCTOBER 1ST

WINTER HOURS

Monday-Friday
7:00AM-3:00PM

CLOSED SATURDAY

ALL LOADS MUST BE CHECKED INTO
THE SCALE HOUSE BY 2:30 P.M.

PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS
TO 615.449.6684

MAYOR HUTTO PROCLAIMS OCTOBER NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) and Prospect Inc. has announced their participation in this Awareness Campaign. On September 22, 2020 Mayor Hutto signed a proclamation proclaiming October as National Disability Awareness Month (NDEAM). The purpose of NDEAM is to educate the community about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's Workers with disabilities. Prospect, Inc., provides support to 44 people in Wilson County who are actively and gainfully employed by 18 Employers in Wilson County. Prospect Inc. has 10 Job Developers and Job Coaches who are there to provide support and guidance to enhance the employment experience for the people employed, as well as the employers.

The history of NDEAM traces back to 1945 when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October each year, "National Employ the Handicapped Week". In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM).

Mayor Hutto proclaimed October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month in Wilson County, Tennessee to honor Prospect, Inc. and their Job Developers and Job Coaches who are diligently working to support the people of Wilson County.



Pictured: Andy White, Executive Director; Doug Raines, Job Coach; Kenneth Neal, Supported Employment Manager; Randall Hutto, Wilson County Mayor.

CONTACT

*Wilson County
Courthouse
Offices*

County Clerk's Office

(615)444-0314

Trustee's Office

(615)444-0894

Register of Deeds

(615)443-2611

Property Assessor

(615)444-8661

Planning Office

(615)444-2836

Mayor's Office

(615)444-1383

Finance Office

(615)443-2630

Human Resources

(615)466-5122

Veterans Services Office

(615)444-2460

FREE COVID-19 DRIVE THROUGH TESTING



Anyone with health concerns, or who has concerns about the health of a family member, is invited to come to receive testing for COVID-19. This testing will be provided at no cost to participants, and those who come for testing can remain in their vehicles throughout the process.

**WILSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
945 E BADDOUR PKWY, LEBANON, TN 37087
MONDAY - FRIDAY • 9 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
THE GATE ENTRANCE IS OFF TENNESSEE BLVD
NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**



WILLIAMS BROTHERS MEMORIAL BRIDGE

On September 4, 2020, a bridge dedication ceremony was held near Cainsville Road to honor five brothers—all Wilson County veterans. Claude, Clarence, John, James, and Robert Williams served our country during World War II and the Korean War. Clarence and John Williams served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Their brother, Robert, served in WWII in the U.S. Army, and James and Claude Williams served in the Army during the Korean War. Claude Williams made the ultimate sacrifice for our country when he was killed in action. Mr. Ken Kackley and the Lebanon VFW Post 5015 organized the dedication ceremony to honor the men by naming a bridge in their honor near the home where they grew up. "I can think of no better way to honor them today than to gather in their hometown. President Ronald Reagan said 'Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have ever made a difference in the world. A veteran does not have that problem.' We know that was true for the men that we are here to honor today," said Wilson County Mayor, Randall Hutto.



Randall Hutto, Wilson County Mayor congratulates Mr. Ken Kackley on the success of the bridge dedication.



Pictured: Randall Hutto, Wilson County Mayor, SSG Christopher Cealle, SGT Brian Slaggs and SSG Aaron Hultzlander.



Breast Cancer Awareness Month

WILSON COUNTY VETERAN RECEIVES LEGION OF HONOR AWARD

The Wilson County Veterans Museum hosted a ceremony for Corporal Hasper Ralph Carey on September 11, 2020. The ceremony honored Corporal Hasper Ralph (H.R.) Carey, WWII Veteran and local hero, as he was presented with the French Legion of Honor. The Legion of Honor is the highest award that the French Government can give. At the age of 19, H.R. entered the Army as an infantryman and was quickly selected for training in the US Army Air Corps. Corporal Carey went on to serve as a driver for many officers, including General Dwight D. Eisenhower. He also had the privilege of driving the famed boxer, Joe Lewis, when he came to visit the soldiers in New York. Corporal Carey served in combat for 24 months, taking part in the D-Day invasion at Utah Beach in Normandy. He was selected to be a ground flight control operator in General Patton's 3rd Army. H.R. survived a German air attack while sending important information back to his squadron. He survived the Battle of Northern France, the Battle of the Bulge, the Battle of Rhineland and the Central Europe Campaign. Corporal Carey helped liberate France, making him eligible for the Legion of Honor. He received an honorable discharge on December 9, 1945. "I can't think of a day more fitting to honor this gentleman than on this September 11th, our Patriot's Day...Mr. Carey, we are indeed grateful for your service to our country," said Wilson County Mayor, Randall Hutto. Corporal Carey's dedication to his country is still evident today, decades after his service to our country.



Pictured: Corporal Hasper Ralph Carey and Randall Hutto, Wilson County Mayor



Renee Carey Hudson (H.R.'s daughter) and company perform "What a Soldier Knows", a song she wrote for her father.

2021

PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

HOW TO APPLY



ARE YOU A MIDDLE LEVEL OR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHO'S MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH VOLUNTEERING?

In each state and Washington, D.C., the top middle level and high school youth volunteer will be named State Honorees and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip with a parent or guardian to Washington, D.C., in May.* Runners-up will also be selected in each state and named Distinguished Finalists, receiving a bronze medallion. Other state-level winners will receive Certificates of Excellence. All state-level honorees will be announced in February.

During May's national recognition events, 10 of the State Honorees will be named America's top youth volunteers of the year. These National Honorees will receive \$5,000 scholarships, engraved gold medallions, trophies for their schools or organizations, and \$5,000 grants from The Prudential Foundation for nonprofit charitable organizations of their choice.

Local Honorees who qualify also receive the President's Volunteer Service Award.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). Since 1995, the program has honored more than 140,000 youth volunteers at the local, state and national level.

STEPS TO APPLY

Access the application at
spirit.prudential.com or nassp.org/spirit.

Complete the application and the student/parent agreement; then, on the "certification" page, email or print and deliver instructions to your certifier (**deadline: November 10, 2020**).

Certifiers review applications online and select Local Honoree(s) for state-level judging (**deadline: November 20, 2020**).

Your application can be certified by your school principal or head of a county 4-H organization, Girl Scout council, American Red Cross chapter, YMCA, or a Points of Light Global Network member.

** In the event that circumstances surrounding COVID-19 necessitate canceling the in-person event, a virtual event will be held and no trip to Washington, D.C. would be awarded.*

Learn more at spirit.prudential.com
and nassp.org/spirit.



FUN FALL SCARECROW CONTEST

Fall has arrived, and you may see many scarecrow decorations throughout town! The Lebanon Wilson County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Scarecrow Contest to promote local businesses. Participants are asked to create their own free standing/self-supported scarecrows (no store-bought versions allowed). Businesses that have entered the contest will display their scarecrows throughout the month of October.

The scarecrows will be placed throughout the city in front of participating businesses. If a participant does not have a storefront, a location will be provided for them.

Follow the Lebanon Wilson County Chamber of Commerce on Facebook to vote on your favorite scarecrow in the Scarecrow Contest! Facebook voting will take place October 1st – October 28th. Prizes will be given for the following categories: Best Overall (\$75 value), Most Creative (\$50 value), and Fan Favorite (\$50 value). Photo "likes" will be counted as votes to determine the Fan Favorite. Winners will be announced via Facebook live on October 29th.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FOR TENNESSEANS

Thousands of businesses across Tennessee are ready to assist the state's economy bounce back by reemploying out of work individuals. Jobs4TN.gov, Tennessee's workforce development website, has nearly 200,000 open positions for all job skill levels. American Job Centers across Tennessee are open for business and offering job-seekers free personalized assistance with job procurement. The Tennessee Talent Exchange tool can quickly match individuals with available jobs in the grocery, retail and logistics industries as well. To learn more, the Tennessee Talent Exchange tool can be found at www.tn.gov/workforce/covid-19/jobs.html.



PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS WITH OUR FUN FALL SCARECROW CONTEST

Visit the scarecrows at participating local businesses & vote for your favorite on the Chamber Facebook page!

Contact the Chamber for more information.
615-444-5503

Mid-Cumberland Community Action Agency



seeking volunteers for their commodity distribution on October 8th and 9th from 9:00AM-3:00PM at College Hills Church of Christ.

Volunteers will need to be there by 8:00AM to start boxing the food to be distributed. They will need help boxing and loading into client's cars.

If you are interested or able to help volunteer, please reach out to Desirre Starks at DStarks@midcumberland.org.



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**VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITY**

Do you sew? Want to help?

**TIPS
TRICKS &
TROUBLESHOOTING**

**JOIN THE
MOVEMENT**

Healthcare workers have an increased need for face masks due to COVID-19. After identifying this need, the Tennessee Association of Family and Community Education (TAFCE) began the Masks of Love Project. The project's main objective is to sew face masks for Tennessee healthcare workers. If you know how to sew, volunteering opportunities are available. In Wilson County, volunteers sew masks at home, then drop the masks off at the Vanderbilt Wilson County Hospital. The hospital has set up a drop off box at the surgery center entrance. From there, the masks will be distributed to medical personnel. Masks can be donated to other nearby hospitals as well. For more information, contact Shelly Barnes, Extension FCS agent at sphill24@utk.edu or 615-444-9584.

MRS. RUTH CORRELL RETIRES

After twenty-six years, Mrs. Ruth Correll retired from the Wilson County UT-TSU Extension. She began her career with the Wilson County Extension on October 1, 1993 as a program assistant with the EFNEP program. Throughout the years, Ruth worked her way to the Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent, and later became the Director of UT-TSU Extension. Throughout her career, she provided invaluable resources for our county residents. Ruth is the only University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture employee to ever be selected to win two professional awards in the same year. In 2020, Ruth earned both the Charles and Patricia Goan Customer Service Award, University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, and the Charles and Julie Wharton Award for Outstanding Extension Achievements, University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture.

During the September County Commission meeting, Mayor Hutto and the Ag Extension Committee signed a Proclamation recognizing Ruth of her many achievements. Together, they surprised Ruth and presented the Proclamation to her in front of her staff and the County Commission.

As part of another surprise, Mrs. Ruth's team at the Ag Extension Office organized a retirement parade on September 25, 2020. The parade allowed colleagues to celebrate Ruth's career and give her a proper sendoff while maintaining social distancing guidelines. Mrs. Ruth, we wish you a very Happy Retirement!



Ruth Correll pictured at her Surprise Retirement Parade on September 25, 2020.



Ruth Correll with the Ag Committee (pictured left) and her staff (pictured right) at the September County Commission meeting.

WILSON VOLUNTEERS DEVELOPS LATEST PROGRAM



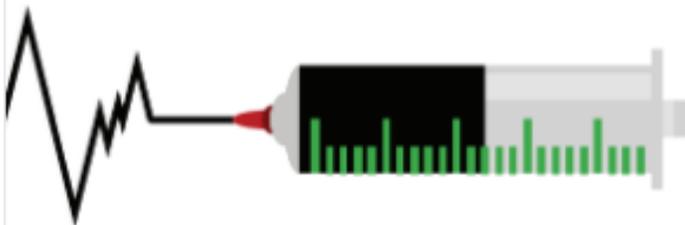
submitted by Susan Shaw

Mayor Hutto continues to enrich his vision to change the face of aging in Wilson County with new initiatives. "Wilson Volunteers" is a developing program to connect active retirees and all other volunteers in Wilson County with people, causes and organizations who seek a helping hand. We envision an active volunteer community that gives back, which enriches the lives of people who serve and helps those in need. Wilson Volunteers provides a technology platform where folks can go online to see where volunteers are needed. Have a passion for helping animals? See where you can help on a specific day, or on a recurring basis. Have a passion for making sure families have food? Find out where a food drive is taking place and sign up to volunteer. Maybe you are passionate about the arts and want to know where you can volunteer your time. The Wilson Volunteers system will be organized by type of opportunity and will show whether they need volunteers for a one-time event or for an ongoing commitment.

Wilson Volunteers is currently conducting a pilot program for non-profit organizations to enter their volunteer opportunities and recruit volunteers. The feedback from the pilot program will ensure that the system is useful for both non-profits and for those who want to volunteer their time in community service. The pilot runs through the end of the year with partners including Compassionate Hands, the Empower Me Center, Hickory Hill Farm, Rest Stop Ministries, and others.

The board members include Lorraine Morris, President, Rebecca Nofi (GNRC), Paul Kevetter, and Susan Shaw. The board is currently seeking new members and is pursuing sponsorships for 2021. If you are interested in participating in the pilot as a volunteer for any of these organizations, or to find out more about Wilson Volunteers, please contact Susan Shaw in the Mayor's Office at 615-444-1383.

Faster 9-1-1 Response to Drug Overdose



Ensure 9-1-1 Can Help You Faster When Seconds Count

At [Smart911.com](https://www.smart911.com), you can create a Safety Profile for your household, including any information you want 9-1-1 and first responders to have in an emergency. Providing details such as addresses, medications, potential risks of drug abuse, or the location of Narcan in your home can reduce response time and save lives.



Because every second counts. Sign up today.

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FIRST ANNUAL CHALK ART FESTIVAL COMING SOON

Cumberland University Community Arts Council presents the first annual Chalk It Up! Virtual Art Festival. The virtual art festival will run from Saturday, October 10, 2020 through Saturday, October 24, 2020. All Wilson Countians are encouraged to participate by creating chalk artwork on their own driveway, sidewalk, patio, or porch. Please check with the business or organization with nearby entrance(s) before using a public sidewalk to display art. Share your artwork by posting or tagging a photo of your finished chalk art on Facebook and Instagram by using the hashtag #CUCACCHALK. Social media voting ends at 11:59PM on Tuesday, October 27th for the virtual chalk art fest. Registration and more information can be found at <https://bit.ly/3402R2U>.

A People's Choice award will be given in each of the four entry categories based on social media voting! The four categories are Kindergarten to age 12; 13-18 years old; ages 19 and over; and Family/Group or Team. The five chalk art artists with the most votes overall (not based on category) will be invited to compete in a final art competition on Saturday, November 7, 2020.

The Cumberland University Community Arts Council (CUCAC) was established in 2020 to cultivate an appreciation and support of the arts for the entertainment and enrichment of the community through accessibility, education, and participation. The organization has a vision to establish Wilson County as a premier arts community in Middle Tennessee.

CHALK IT UP!
Art Fest

CUMBERLAND UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS OUR FIRST ANNUAL

VIRTUAL CHALK ART FEST

OCTOBER 10TH - 24TH

GET YOUR CREATIVE JUICES FLOWING AND DRAW YOUR BEST CHALK ART
POST ON FACEBOOK USING #CUCACCHALK
free chalk available! prizes awarded!

STEP 1: REGISTER AT [BIT.LY/3402R2U](https://bit.ly/3402R2U)
STEP 2: PICK UP YOUR FREE CHALK
OR USE YOUR OWN (SEE GUIDELINES FOR INFO)
STEP 3: GET CREATIVE AND START DRAWING!
STEP 4: POST YOUR FINAL WORK ON FACEBOOK OR
INSTAGRAM FROM OCT. 10TH TO THE 24TH

Sponsored by:
Cumberland University Community Arts Council

MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION AT:
[BIT.LY/3402R2U](https://bit.ly/3402R2U)

COSTUME CONTEST

WILSON COUNTY EMPLOYEES

OCTOBER 30, 2020

***DETAILS FORTHCOMING**

Want to learn more about available resources in Wilson County?
Visit www.wilsoncountyttn.gov to learn about available assistance for
businesses and individuals in our community.



Wilson County
Tennessee

MOLDEX-METRIC, INC. LOCATES NEW MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS IN WILSON COUNTY

On September 20, 2020, Governor Lee, Community Development Commissioner Rolfe and Moldex-Metric, Inc officials announced that the company will locate new operations in Lebanon, TN. Moldex is the second largest manufacturer of N95 respirators in North America. The new manufacturing operations will create over 200 new jobs in Wilson County in the coming years.

"Having conducted an exhaustive search for a suitable site, the State of Tennessee provided unique advantages to accomplish our expansion plans and it quickly became clear that Tennessee was the best location for our facility. In addition to expanding our capacity for N95 respirators, adding a distribution facility in Lebanon will place our products closer to many of our customers. We look forward to our partnership with the State of Tennessee, TNECD and the Lebanon community," said Mark Magidson, President/CEO, Moldex-Metric, Inc. Moldex also announced that they will donate 50,000 N95 masks to first responders as well as other government entities in Wilson County. WEMA Director, Joey Cooper, will oversee the distribution of masks in Wilson County and its three cities. "I would like to express my appreciation to Governor Lee and Commissioner Rolfe for all of their efforts that led to the announcement. Working with our county commissioners and our economic team has led us to be able to welcome Moldex to our community. We appreciate their confidence and look forward to a long-term partnership," said Mayor Hutto.

Learn more about Moldex Operations in Wilson County by visiting www.tn.gov/eecd/news.html.

NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH OFFERS FREE FLU SHOTS

Neighborhood Health plans to make flu shots available throughout the 2020-2021 flu season. The non-profit network of community health centers is the only health care provider in Tennessee currently offering free flu, pneumonia and shingles vaccinations to the community while supplies last.

Everyone over the age of 6 months is encouraged to get a flu shot this year, unless certain underlying conditions or allergies exist. This is especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We hope that everyone in the community will protect themselves and their loved ones and schedule an appointment to be vaccinated," said Brian Haile, CEO of Neighborhood Health.

Appointments are required and may be made by calling 615-227-3000.

"Anyone on our sliding fee scale or anyone with insurance can get the vaccines at no additional cost for the shots. For a family of four, this means anyone making less than \$4,300 a month", added Haile. "We simply want to keep our community safe by providing access and availability to these vaccinations."

Neighborhood Health has locations throughout Nashville, in Madison and in Lebanon. Specific clinic locations and hours, telehealth visits, and more are available by visiting www.neighborhoodhealthtn.org.



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