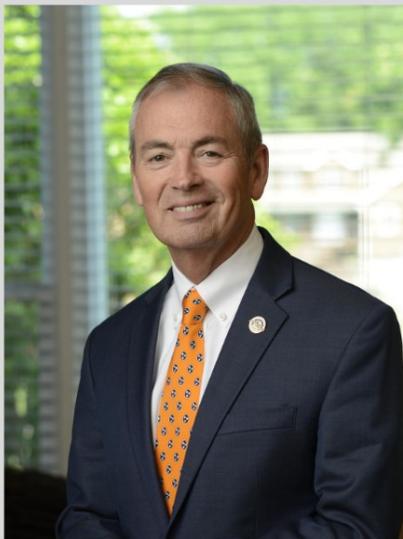




THE COUNTY CONNECTION

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



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A Word from Mayor Hutto...

As County Mayor, I feel that my most important task is to help the citizens of Wilson County in any way that I can. Whether it is through better customer service, employment opportunities, or access to quality education, I strive to work on the behalf of citizens from all walks of life to make Wilson County the best place to call home. With that said, September is National Suicide Prevention Month. Suicide does not discriminate between the wealthy and the poor, the young and the old, the healthy and the sick. It is a unique pain that that is often associated with depression or devastating circumstances. Suicide prevention is not just a national, state or county responsibility: it's a human being responsibility. This year, the Wilson County Health Council announced that they would provide ribbons for families and individuals to tie on a tree in remembrance of loved ones who have passed from suicide. The Wilson County Courthouse is a host of the Ribbon Campaign, which helps create awareness on suicide prevention and helps stop the stigma of mental conditions. I invite anyone who would like to participate to come get a ribbon at the Wilson County Courthouse and tie it on a tree near the courthouse or Veteran Services and Museum building. This visual remembrance will create a display for awareness. Throughout the month of September, citizens and residents are encouraged to show their support for suicide prevention by tying a ribbon on trees around the county and around our courthouse. It is my mission that Wilson County is the best place to call home in all of Tennessee. That mission includes ensuring that citizens are safe and have the opportunity to live a full life. By working together, we can spread awareness about mental health and suicide prevention to save lives. For lifeline resources and support during a crisis, call or text by dialing 1-800-273-8255.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randall Hutto".

Commissioner Spotlight: Lauren Breeze District 18



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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.**

**PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS
TO 615.449.6684**

TENNESSEE BUSINESS RELIEF PROGRAM

We know that the COVID-19 pandemic has been tough on Tennessee businesses, and the Tennessee Department of Revenue has identified around 40,000 businesses that are potentially eligible for a relief payment through the Tennessee Business Relief Program. More than 60 types of businesses qualify. There's no need to apply, and the payments come at no cost. The Revenue department is identifying potentially eligible businesses and sending them letters or emails directly. If you have received one of these notices, please certify your business by visiting the TNTAP website, tntap.tn.gov/eservices, and clicking "Tennessee Business Relief Certification/Status." Once the certification form has been completed and your eligibility confirmed, the department will send your business a relief payment. If you have questions, the Department of Revenue is happy to help! Call (615)253-0600 or email revenue.support@tn.gov.

40,000 Businesses are Eligible for the Tennessee Business Relief Program

Complete the Certification Process at Tntap.TN.gov/eservices

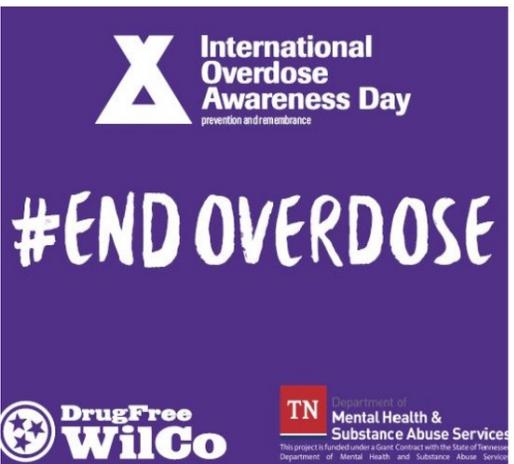
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INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY *submitted by Susan Shaw*

Monday, August 31, 2020 was International Overdose Awareness Day. In Wilson County, DrugFree WilCo had several activities designed to raise awareness in the community to help people learn about resources to help prevent drug misuse and to help those in recovery. The focus of this day was to end overdose and help people understand how to avoid and prevent overdose. Mayor Hutto gave a Proclamation to End Overdose to members of DrugFree WilCo and YPC WilCo, the youth prevention division of DrugFree WilCo. With the support of Sumner County and TN Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services, DrugFree WilCo placed sidewalk decals around the Wilson County Courthouse, the Judicial Center, and the Criminal Justice building with the message #EndOverdose. YPC WilCo gave out DisposeRX packets at Lowe's to help dispose of prescription drugs. Our regional Overdose Prevention Specialist conducted Narcan training for anyone interested in learning to use this overdose prevention method. DrugFree WilCo is a coalition with the mission to prevent and reduce drug misuse and addiction among youth and adults; and to provide education, communication and awareness of resources in Wilson County, TN. Coalition meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday each month. For more information, please contact Susan Shaw at 615-444-1383 or shawsu@wilsoncountyttn.gov.



Pictured left to right: Cpl. Matthew McPeak, Mike Ayalon, Wilson Co. Mayor Randall Hutto, Susan Shaw, Brett McPeak, Gillian Fuhrmeister, Tammy Grow



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

NEW TESTING TIMES BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 8TH

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**





**Still need to
complete your
2020 Census?**

Visit

[2020CENSUS.GOV](https://2020census.gov)

**Census counts are
completed every
10 years and the
data forms the
basis for federal
funding which
supports county
education, roads,
and healthcare
along with many
other benefits to
our residents.**

**Respond over the
phone or request a
paper form by
calling (844) 330-
2020.**

**BE COUNTED AND
HELP SHAPE OUR
FUTURE!**

COUNTY BUILDINGS UPDATE SECURITY FEATURES

Mayor Hutto has always been concerned and proactive about the safety and security of the county employees and visitors that enter the County's Buildings. After careful research, Robert Baines, the Director of Operations, has organized to make a safe yet welcoming environment. Last year, Officer Corey Buhler of the Wilson County Sheriff's Department was selected to be stationed at the Courthouse and the county's nearby buildings. Since that time, Officer Buhler has assisted Wilson County residents and employees alike while conducting business in county offices. Having an officer on-site has made those inside the courthouse feel that they are in a safe environment. In our world today, having protective measures in place should not be taken lightly. Precautions for fire, weather, and other emergency situations have been organized. Being prepared for various circumstances allows our employees and citizens to feel comfortable while conducting business inside county offices. Furthermore, a plan to keep county employees and residents as safe and healthy as possible from COVID-19 has also been established. Numerous screen protectors have been installed in our offices and courtrooms. The cleaning and sanitation process of county buildings has also been updated. "We are thankful to have an excellent group of county employees to work with and we want to do our best to provide them with the best environment possible," said Robert Baines, Wilson County's Director of Operations.



Robert Baines, Director of Operations



Officer Corey Buhler, Wilson County
Sheriff's Department





TAFCE

masks
of **LOVE**



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.



TORNADO RECOVERY CONNECTION



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TN  UMC

RECOVER

Wilson County

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

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615-270-9255 ★ RECOVERWILSON.COM**

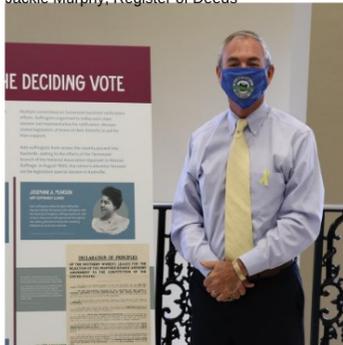
HISTORICAL EXHIBIT AT THE WILSON CO COURTHOUSE

To Make Our Voices Heard: Tennessee Women's Fight for the Vote

The Wilson County Courthouse presented *To Make Our Voices Heard: Tennessee Women's Fight for the Vote*, a new traveling exhibition in August. The exhibition, created in partnership with the Tennessee State Museum and the Tennessee State Library and Archives, explored the history of the woman's suffrage movement, Tennessee's dramatic vote to ratify the 19th Amendment in 1920, and the years that followed. "This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment's ratification. My office is proud to offer this exhibit to the public, and commemorate the brave activists that paved the way for women's suffrage," said Wilson County Mayor, Randall Hutto. The exhibition was constructed of multiple dynamic panels, which offered guests a touch-free experience of archival images, engaging stories, and introductions to the leaders of the fight for and against the cause of woman's suffrage. These panels were displayed separately, which allowed visitors to social distance. *To Make Our Voices Heard: Tennessee Women's Fight for the Vote* will be available for public viewing once again soon. Keep an eye out in our newsletter for updates on upcoming exhibits! *To Make Our Voices Heard: Tennessee Women's Fight for the Vote* was organized by the Tennessee State Museum and the Tennessee State Library and Archives with funding provided by The Official Committee of the State of Tennessee Woman Suffrage Centennial. The project is also funded in part by a grant from Humanities Tennessee, an independent affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.



Diane Weathers, District 16 Commissioner and Jackie Murphy, Register of Deeds



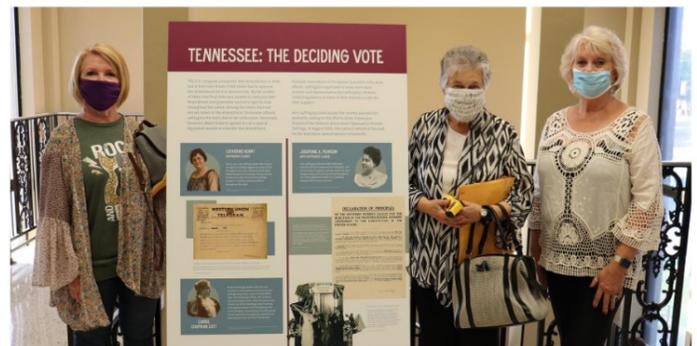
Randall Hutto, Wilson County Mayor



Boy Scouts of America Group No. 293



Wilson County Mayor's Office staff: Sara Davenport, Susan Shaw & Brooke Driver



Sonja Robinson, District 13 Commissioner, Joy Bishop, District 24 Commissioner, Sue Vanatta, District 23 Commissioner

MS. BARBARA WEBB RETIRES *submitted by Sara Davenport*

After 46 years serving in the Wilson County Clerk & Master's Office, long time Clerk & Master, Barbara Webb retired on July 31st. Ms. Webb served in this position for 23 years. She was appointed to the position on January 17, 1997, by Chancellor C.K. Smith. Prior to her appointment, Barbara was a Deputy Clerk & Master for 23 years.

The Clerk & Master oversees all clerical and administrative duties conferred upon all elected Clerks of Court in Tennessee. Such duties include attending court, maintaining rule and execution dockets, investing funds under the Clerk's control, filing and entering all documents, pleadings, papers and exhibits and perform all other duties as required by law. In addition to her administrative duties in the Chancery Division, Barbara also served as a Judicial Officer for the Probate Division.

The Clerk & Master's Office touts additional Deputy Clerks with a combined fifty-four (54) years of experience and part-time Deputy Clerks with decades of combined experience in various offices throughout Wilson County's Court system. Barbara is described by former co-workers as the type of person who always had the back of her employees and was very appreciative of their hard work. Ms. Barbara loved what she did and enjoyed being around people. She enjoys spending time with friends and family, especially, her 2 granddaughters. Barbara loved to cruise and looks forward to the time when she can get back to that activity. Filling the shoes of Ms. Webb is Ms. Millie Sloan. Ms. Sloan was sworn in as the new Clerk & Master for Wilson County on August 3rd. Millie has worked in the Clerk & Master's office since February 2020. Prior to her employment with Wilson County, Millie spent 22 years working in the Lebanon Special School District. Ms. Sloan has been married to John M. Sloan of 30 years and is the mother of 3 children Whitney, Cain and Madison and will add a son-in-law to the family (Cody McCray) in November 2020.

"I can't begin to thank Ms. Webb enough for her years of service to the citizens of our county. 46 years of service certainly brings its share of triumphs and tribulations. I appreciate Ms. Webb's steadfastness and willingness to serve as a public servant for so long. She and her staff are second to none. They work hard, every day, for our county and I have no doubt they will continue to provide the same extraordinary service under Ms. Sloan. I congratulate Ms. Webb on 46 years of dedicated service and wish her well in her retirement. I wish Ms. Sloan the best of luck as she begins this new journey." – Randall Hutto, Wilson County Mayor.

Congratulations Ms. Webb! Enjoy this next chapter of life! Ms. Sloan, we look forward to working with you.



Barbara Webb, Clerk & Master's Office



Chancellor C.K. Smith (left) shakes the hand of Millie Sloan (right)

UT-TSU EXTENSION WILSON COUNTY DIRECTOR HONORED WITH MULTIPLE AWARDS *submitted*

The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture recognized extraordinary service from members of the faculty and staff across the state during its annual awards and promotions event, held this year on August 21, 2020. Honorees were recognized virtually during a Zoom presentation rather than a fun, in-person luncheon. This change in venue did not minimize the amazing accomplishments for 2020. Many of the awards are gifts made possible by past faculty, alumni and friends of the Institute.

Ruth Correll, director for UT-TSU Extension Wilson County, was the only two-time winner for the event. Correll is the winner of the Charles and Patricia Goan Excellence in Customer Service Award. This honor is named for the former UT Extension dean emeritus and his wife and recognizes excellence in delivering Extension programming. Correll is also one of three winners of the Charles and Julie Wharton Award. The award recognizes winners in agriculture, family and consumer sciences and 4-H and includes an agent from each region of Tennessee. Correll represents agriculture and Middle Tennessee. The other winners are Michele Atkins of UT Extension Henry County, a family and consumer sciences agent from West Tennessee, and Sharon Davis of UT-TSU Extension Knox County, a 4-H agent in East Tennessee.



Ruth Correll, UT-TSU Extension Wilson Co. Director

“I am humbled and honored to have been nominated and selected to receive the Charles and Patricia Goan Customer Service Award and the Charles and Julie Wharton Award for Outstanding Extension Achievements,” Correll says. “Thank you to the many who have been my mentors and supporters throughout my career. I am thankful to have worked with the very best administrators, agents, specialists and staff. I appreciate I was given the opportunity to serve the people of Wilson County at a career that has been a lifestyle, not a job.”

Correll has served with UT Extension for 26 years, all in Wilson County. She is active with gardeners and cattle producers, helping them in herd management, genetics and forage production. She is also a key planner of the famed Wilson County Fair. UT Institute of Agriculture Senior Vice President Tim Cross hosted the Zoom session for the award winners and praised them for their work.

“Now more than ever, it’s critical that we take time to acknowledge the award-winning work that our faculty and staff carry out, even in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic,” Cross says. “Tennesseans can count on the real-life solutions that the UT Institute of Agriculture provides to students and stakeholders from communities throughout Tennessee and beyond to enhance the economy, conserve the environment, and develop leaders for the future.”

Congratulations to Mrs. Ruth and all of the award winners for your accomplishments in 2020 thus far! Your work is greatly appreciated by our community!

SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH



REMEMBRANCE TREE



Join us in recognizing September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. All four of our Mayor's; Mayor Hutto, Mayor Ash, Mayor Haggerty and Mayor Jennings followed Governor Lee in declaring it as such throughout Wilson County. In 2018, Tennessee had 1,159 loved ones die by suicide and 22 of those individuals were our fellow Wilson Residents. We want to remember their lives. Please help us remember those that have been lost to suicide by attaching a ribbon.

For questions contact our local Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network volunteer at bsharper@comcast.net

In order to remember those that we have lost to suicide, we have identified REMEMBRANCE TREES where you can tie a ribbon on the tree in memory of someone that has been lost. You are welcome to write the person's name on the piece of ribbon which will be provided. The trees will be identified by a sign with information as to where to get the ribbon. The

trees are at the following locations:

Wilson County Courthouse

City of Lebanon City Hall

Wilson County Veteran's Museum

Cumberland University Campus

Mt. Juliet - next to the museum beside City Hall

LATEST MURAL UNVEILED IN LEBANON

The Wilson County Murals Committee and the Wilson County Convention and Visitors Bureau are one step closer to achieving their goal of completing ten murals in Wilson County by the end of 2020! The "Lebanon Looks Good on You" mural was recently unveiled on August 20, 2020. This mural is located in Lebanon at 1340 West Main Street, and is the sixth mural to be unveiled so far this year. Painted by artist Kim Gregg and sponsored by Carl and Barbara McKinney, the mural has a creative yet uncomplicated message for its viewers, "Lebanon looks good on you!" Visitors and residents alike are welcome to stop by and take a photo in front of the mural. The Murals Committee asks that you remember to include #PaintWilCo in your social media posts! 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.



Pictured left to right: Carl McKinney, Barbara McKinney, Kim Gregg, Susan Shaw, Ashley Shores, Bart Barker, Kim Parks and Jason Johnson

Great volunteers in your community?

We want to hear about them!

for more info contact:

Sara Davenport
615.444.1383
davenport@wilsoncountyttn.gov

applications due
October 23, 2020

CENSUS TAKERS VISIT HOMES TO COMPLETE 2020 CENSUS

The U.S. Census Bureau is sending census takers to visit homes that have not yet responded to the census. If a census taker comes to your door, the person will be wearing a mask and will stay at least six feet away from your door after knocking or ringing the bell. They will present a government-issued photo I.D. , and you are welcome to ask them for a second photo I.D. as well. They will also be carrying a bag with the census logo and a data collection device such as a cell phone or tablet with the census bureau logo on it. If you would like to further verify that the person is a census taker, you can call the Philadelphia Regional Census Center at 267-780-2600 and provide the name of the person visiting you. The census taker will only ask for the name of the householder, whether they are renting or purchasing/own the home, a contact phone number, the last four digits of the householder's social security number (never the full number), and the name, birth-date, race, and relationship to the householder for each person living in the home. They will also ask whether this is the person's primary residence. This should take 5-10 minutes. If you would like to avoid answering these questions on your porch, you can self-respond to the census online at 2020census.gov, by phone at 844-330-2020, or mail back the completed paper questionnaire if you received one.

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WILSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY. OFFICES WILL OPEN AGAIN ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH.

BLOOD DRIVE

ONE DONATION SAVES 3 LIVES



Vanderbilt Wilson County Hospital

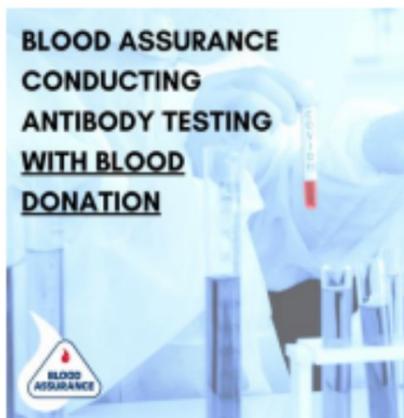
Wednesday, September 2
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment:

Contact Bob at bobmurray@bloodassurance.org or
click on this link: bloodassurance.org/VWCH9.02

Please eat a good meal, drink additional water and avoid energy drinks!

**All donors receive a So Long Summer Giveaway item! Donors will receive either a pocket T-shirt or a beach towel! 18+ donors still have time to enter our Big Green Egg Giveaway! Give twice between June 1st and September 30th to be entered!
All donors will also be tested for COVID-19 antibodies.**



#balifesaver

@bloodassurance

WBT STRONG FACE MASKS *submitted by Susan Shaw*

Regarding COVID-19, Benjamin Franklin's quote "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" has new meaning. Since there is no cure yet and vaccines are still in the future, Wilson County is focused on prevention through mask wearing, disinfecting, and social distancing when possible. Wilson Bank and Trust sponsored Wilson County Flag masks which were developed through the TN Branded Mask initiative, and the masks are available in various places around the county. The county also had box stands made to hold the masks. Law enforcement, Chambers of Commerce, WEMA, and the Lebanon Civic League have all either distributed or placed masks in the boxes at their place of business. In Mt. Juliet, the police department placed mask boxes at all major grocery stores as well as at City Hall and Police Headquarters. Cumberland University has masks for students and visitors. If you need masks, please contact anyone in Mayor Hutto's office at 615-444-1383.



SEMICOLON SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH AWARENESS EFFORT *submitted by Captain Chandler, MJPD*

To build awareness for suicide prevention during September, National Suicide Prevention Month, law enforcement and emergency services across Wilson County are marking their vehicles with the semicolon symbol placed on the back.

This visible effort acknowledges that suicide is preventable, and no one's story is over. In literature, a semicolon is used when the author could have ended the sentence but decided to keep going. In all of our lives, the author is every person, and the sentence is their life -- keep going!

We must all work together to prevent suicide. As individuals, we all need to listen without judgment and be there for one another. Wilson County's law enforcement and emergency service teams are here for anyone.

If you're thinking about suicide, are worried about a friend or loved one, or would like emotional support, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is there for you and available 24/7. They can be reached at 1-800-273-8255. You can also text HOME to 741741 to have a confidential text conversation with a trained crisis counselor from the Crisis Text Line.



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SUICIDE

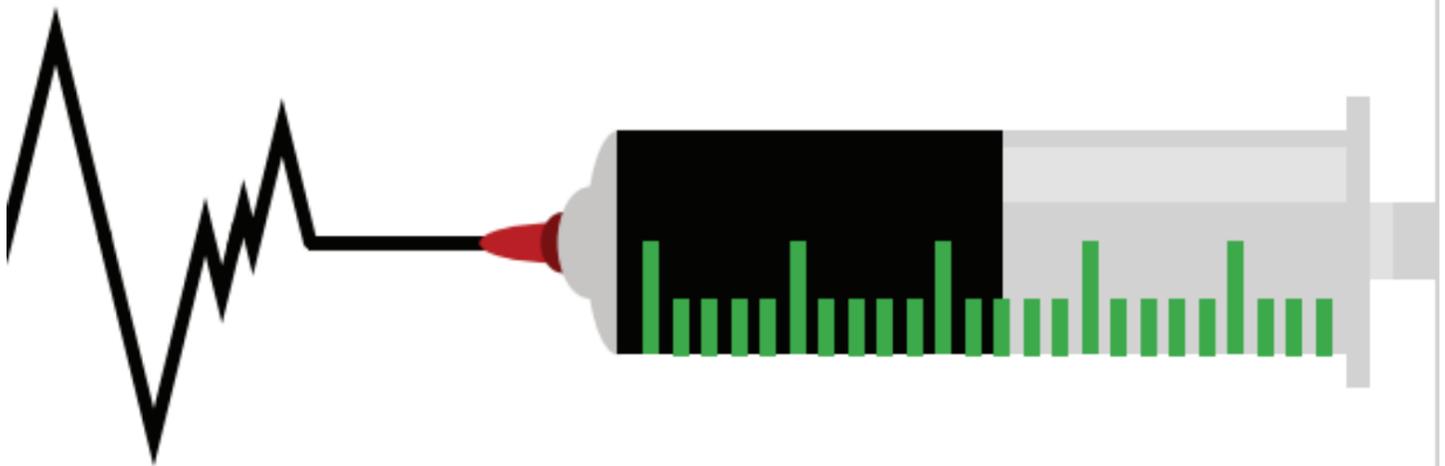
PREVENTION

LIFELINE

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Faster 9-1-1 Response to Drug Overdose



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

At **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.



WE WILL NEVER FORGET

9/11
Remembrance

12 Noon
Ag Center Pavilion
Watertown

SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

*Please join us as we honor the memory of those who lost
their lives on the morning of
September 11, 2001*

*Observers may bring a lawn chair if preferred.
Social distancing and face masks are strongly encouraged.*