

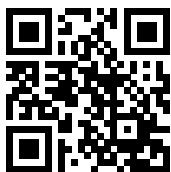
19th Annual
Wilson County
**Agricultural
Hall of Fame**

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**Farm Bureau Expo Center
James E. Ward
Agricultural Center
Lebanon, Tennessee**

April 7, 2026



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Reception

6:00 – 6:30 P.M.

Program

Master of Ceremonies.....Keith Harrison
InvocationElijah Hancock
Wilson County 4-H
Pledge of AllegianceCarter Major
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Dinner

6:30 P.M.

Remarks about WCAHOF.....Jeffrey Turner
Introduction of Special GuestsKeith Harrison
Remarks.....Mayor Randall Hutto
Wilson County, TN

Induction of Honorees

Glenda Booker.....by Kathy Atwood
Helen & Terry McPeakby Randal Clemmons
William “Bill” Talleyby Jere Andrews
Billy Jack & Alice Tubbby Jerry Harris
Closing Remarks.....Keith Harrison

Wilson County

— Agricultural Hall of Fame —

Agriculture has been a cornerstone of Wilson County since it was formed in 1799 and those involved in agriculture have been a vital part of the community. The purpose of the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame is to recognize citizens who have made a significant impact on agriculture. Future plans include a building to be erected on the James E. Ward Agricultural Center to house significant artifacts and pictures of the inductees. Please contact a board member if you are interested in making a donation toward this endeavor or have a suggestion for future inductees.



Glenda K. Booker

DOB: June 25, 1945

Glenda is the daughter of William O. and Medrith Harbison Booker. She is one of three children, Linda Raye (deceased) and William Robert (Bill) Booker.

She began her 4-H Career the fall of 1955 when she joined the 5th Grade 4-H Club at Oakmont Elementary in Dickson County. Glenda also attended Dickson Elementary and Dickson High School, graduating in 1963. Following her sophomore year at UT Martin, she transferred to UT Knoxville.

During her high school years, Miss Polly Fussell was hired as “our new” Assistant Home Agent. Glenda will be quick to tell you that Miss Polly was very instrumental in her being at UTMB (now UT Martin), or any college for that matter.

Glenda was an officer in her local 4-H Clubs, an Honor Club Member, an All Star, and received the Vol State Award. She served as both District and State All Star Scribe, and was a member of the Tennessee 4-H State Council, representing the 4-H All Stars.

Following graduation from UT in 1967, Glenda was employed as the Home Agent in Houston County, with responsibilities for Adult and Youth Home Economics programs. But her heart was with 4-H and devoting more time to programming with youth. She transferred to Wilson County January 1, 1969, and remained as Assistant Home Agent/later Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development until retirement in 2002.

While assisting members with their preparation for the 1967 4-H Junior District Demonstration Contest to be held in Columbia, Glenda made her first 4-H home visit in Wilson County. It was to the home of County Junior Bread Winner, Helen Cunningham, a member of the Watertown 4-H Club. You may know her as Helen McPeak, one of tonight’s honorees.

Glenda was active in the organization of Tennessee’s professional development organization for 4-H Agents, TEA4-HW (later TEA4-HA), which was affiliated with the national organization. It was during the years following that she served in various State and National Board positions. Glenda received many awards.

While in Wilson County, Glenda was a member of Lebanon First Baptist Church, Lebanon Junior Women’s Club, Lebanon Business and Professional Women’s Club and Morning Rotary. She was a member of the Wilson County Fair Board, with responsibilities for the Youth Exhibit Building and the Youth Fair Board.

Glenda retired from UT Extension, December 31, 2002. Since that time, she has continued to volunteer with Regional and State 4-H All Stars and the Tennessee 4-H Performing Arts Troupe. She was member of the State Health Rocks Training Team and attended National and State training sessions. She served on the Operation Military Kids Training Team, attended National OMK Training, and assisted with several OMK summer camps.

Two of Glenda’s goals for her first year of retirement were to complete the Master Gardener Course and join an FCE Club. She enrolled in J.W.’s 2003 Master Gardener Course. In January 2003, she joined the Cedar Hill family and Community Education Club, where she served as Secretary and President.

Glenda returned to Dickson County in 2006. She continued her membership in Cedar Hill FCE until the monthly commute became challenging. Glenda also worked part-time in four counties: as a Program Assistant with the Workforce Readiness Grant, Program Assistant with 4-H, TNCEP, and with a 21st Century Grant.

Although she misses her longtime friends in Wilson County, Glenda has been able to be with her family, which now includes her niece’s husband, Chuck, and two Great nephews – Mycah & Zeke and Great Niece Imani. Her membership in the Creative FCE Club has given her opportunities for growth and volunteering with Club and County projects as well as the County Imagination Library Board.



Terry McPeak and Helen Cunningham McPeak

DOB: Terry, May 7, 1957; Helen, May 15, 1957; Married 1979
Children: Justin & Madison McPeak, Hank & Willa,
Luke McPeak, Travis & Shelby McPeak, Keaton, Walker & Jack

Helen is the daughter of Harold & Carmine Wilson Cunningham. She and sister Ruth, grew up on the family farm near the Greenvale and Norene communities. The family Century Farm was established in 1808 with the deed signed by John Sevier, the first Governor of TN.

Terry is the son of Lee (Bo) & Dorothy Travis McPeak, Lebanon, TN. He was the second of five children, Anita Christian, Beverly Granstaff, Joey McPeak, Julie Reese. They grew up on the family farm in Norene. He attended Norene School through the 8th grade then graduated from Lebanon High School. He was active in 4-H and FFA. After graduation, he worked as a livestock service agent, the Wilson County Farmers Coop, Neely Coble Center, and retired after 41 years as a Lineman, Right of Way Specialist, Safety & Job Training Coordinator from Middle Tennessee Electric.

Helen graduated from Watertown High School, played basketball and was active in 4-H. FFA Sweetheart. She worked at the Baptist Sunday School Board. She attended Cumberland College and UT Nashville. She was a Realtor and worked at Farm Credit Services.

In 2002 she was asked to help in the Fair office. Thus the beginning of her "Fair Career." She served as Volunteer Coordinator, interim Fair Coordinator and Executive Director. She has served on multiple Tennessee Association of Fairs Committees, International Association of Fairs (IAFE) Committees, and the Mid-West Fairs Association. She is Vice President of Fiddlers Grove Historic Village, a graduate of the Institute of Fair Management and awarded as Certified Fair Executive. She received the Thornton Taylor Award for outstanding contributions to the Tennessee Association of Fairs and a graduate of Leadership Wilson and Leadership Middle Tennessee.

Helen and Terry have helped to promote and make positive contributions to the James E. Ward Ag Center. Improvements include: increased livestock shows and Ag Education, 4-H and FFA competitions, livestock judging, Made in TN Exhibits, buildings such as the Expo, Made in TN, 4-H and FFA, State Perishables, Event Pavilion, Hale Moss Exhibit, Heritage Barn, skyride, adding adjoining property, livestock barns, fencing, paving, electrical and plumbing upgrades, upkeep of Fiddlers Grove Historic Village, Fiber to the ticket booths and many of the buildings, storage, WiFi, and a First Aid and restroom building. They have seen Fair attendance increase from 59,015 in 1989 to 795,523 in 2025. They have seen an increase in competitions and revenues that has enabled improvements to the fairgrounds. They have been honored to serve the Fair Board and to see the growth and impact to the community and state over the years.

Terry has served his community as president of the Norene Community Center, Director of the Fairview Cemetery; Wilson County Promotions Executive Committee, Director of Wilson County-TN State Fair livestock department where over 150 livestock shows occur each year during the Fair which impacts thousands of youth; Farmers Breakfast; serves on the DTC (DeKalb Telephone Coop) Board, and instrumental in fiber installation to the James E. Ward Ag Center, Ag Management Committee, Joint Economic Development Board, Wilson County Farm Bureau Board, Wilson County and Tennessee Cattlemen's Associations and serves on the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) Agriculture Committee and a graduate of Leadership Wilson and DeKalb.

Terry and Helen married in 1979, both working outside the home, farming, and raising cattle. They are very proud that their three sons, Justin, Luke and Travis, each farm in addition to their full-time jobs. The entire family volunteers and helps at the Wilson County-Tennessee State Fair.

They are thankful their parents instilled in them the importance of faith, family, hard work, and community and for the lifelong friends they have made all over Tennessee and the entire country.



William M. "Bill" Talley

1908 – 1981

Spouse: Gladys Haley Talley (1918-1992)

Children: Betty Talley Andrews Richardson (1936-2016)

Born to Ferrie Ola and Carver Talley in the Bellwood Community, Bill Talley was a descendant of one of the county's oldest families, all of whom were farmers. After attending Lebanon schools, he became a major livestock producer while also raising crops on the Old Rome Pike farm he owned with his wife, Gladys. They raised daughters Bettye and Susie there.

At a time when the 2nd Army Maneuvers lived and trained across the Talley farm, Gladys drove supply trucks from Nashville to Lebanon's Maneuvers headquarters at Cumberland University. Later, Bill Talley taught farming practices to soldiers and sailors returning from World War II service through the newly enacted GI Bill program.

A partner in Wilson County Livestock Market for almost two decades, Talley was on the scene of a fire that destroyed the sale barn in 1954. A *Nashville Banner* account said the barn and its café were an estimated loss of \$25,000, along with 31 head of cattle, three mules, 50 chickens, and several goats.

That barn was located near the railroad tracks on South College Street. When Talley and partners needed to rebuild, the city wanted the barn way out of town on Highway 70. It was revived on West Main Street, where a Goodwill store now sits. The city's rationale was that Lebanon's city limits would never reach that far.

Talley was known for innovation and the introduction of new livestock to the revenue streams of Wilson County. Texas was known for its robust sheep ranches, giving Talley the idea to travel to the Lone Star State to purchase some. Over the years, he shipped in thousands of sheep to provide replacement females and flock expansion for producers. As a result, Wilson County became the largest producer of sheep during the 1950s and '60s, when Wilson County Livestock was the scene of large 4-H sheep shows.

With a keen interest in beef cattle, Talley produced Herefords for many decades, adding to their dominance in the area. He also traveled elsewhere to bring in other breeds. In the late 1950s, he bought Santa Gertrudis from the noted Winrock Farms in Arkansas, owned by Winthrop Rockefeller of the famous Standard Oil family.

In the mid-1960s, he and Gladys moved to Palmetto, Florida, where he established Talley Ranch. He raised Brahma cattle, boarded horses, and maintained an impressive stable of poultry, including his beloved peafowl, which he raised for decades.

He may have been far away, but that did not stop Talley's influence on agriculture in Wilson County. While Talley sold his interest in the livestock market in 1963 to his son-in-law, Sam Andrews, he continued to trade livestock in Wilson County, shipping and receiving various breeds through the Lebanon sales. Co-owners of the market were Fisher Smith and Arnold Atwood.

Andrews and Talley were quick to find ways to make livestock trading profitable. When the plug pony market in Wilson County saw ponies selling for \$5 or less, Andrews shipped many to Talley Ranch, where Talley sold them for \$100 or more.

Of Talley's eight grandchildren, three grandsons held farming and livestock interests, and three granddaughters married farmers, thereby continuing a tradition steeped in agriculture for hundreds of years. Additionally, his nephew, Stratton Bone, has long been a major force in agriculture and chaired the House Ag Committee in the Tennessee General Assembly.

Talley never fell out of love with his Tennessee home, often saying, "I'd rather be dead in Wilson County than be alive anywhere else." As his health began to fail, he directed Gladys that if she could not take him back home for burial, to make sure he was in a mausoleum, far above ground, as he had seen so many graves flooded in Florida.

He was entombed in a mausoleum until a decade ago, when his grandchildren had the idea to send Bill and Gladys back home to the Bellwood Cemetery, where many Talley ancestors are buried.

During a 12-hour drive, grandson Jere Andrews brought them back in a U-Haul. He made sure to drive them around Lebanon's Square and past their farm one last time.



Billy Jack & Alice Tubb

DOB: Billy Jack 1934-2022; Alice 1938; Married: 1957

Children: Vickie Knight (1958-2020), Tammy Hobbs,
Jacqueline (Jackie) Harris, Toni Burton

Grandchildren: Wendy Knight, Leah Knight Mendoza,
Heather Hobbs Tidwell, Justin Hobbs, Clint Harris, Connor Harris

Billy Jack Tubb was born in Mt. Juliet, TN on December 22, 1934, to James Howard Tubb and Mildred Elizabeth Bradshaw Tubb. Billy Jack was an only child.

Alice Lone Vance Tubb was born in Lebanon, TN on August 3, 1938, to James (Jim) Vance, and Edna Maie Harrelson Vance. Alice was one of thirteen children.

Billy Jack grew up on his family farm in the Riverview community in Mt. Juliet, and Alice grew up on her family farm in Lebanon located on Vance Lane. They both attended and graduated from Lebanon High School, where Billy Jack was an avid baseball player, and Alice an avid basketball player. Alice was elected Future Farmer Attendant in 1956. They started their life journey together and married on May 31, 1957.

Billy Jack and Alice moved to the Laguardo community in 1958, where they made it their forever home. They soon started their family and raised four daughters: Vickie, Tammy, Jacqueline (Jackie), and Toni.

Billy Jack and Alice shared a love of farming, faith, and community. They were active members of the LaGuardo Church of Christ, LaGuardo Saddle Club, Lebanon Saddle Club, and Suggs Creek Saddle Club.

They raised a variety of crops including burley tobacco, corn, hay, tomatoes, and vegetables. They also enjoyed raising cattle, pigs, and horses.

Billy Jack was named Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year by the Lebanon Jaycees in 1963. While Billy Jack spent most of his time on the farm planting, maintaining, and harvesting crops, he also stocked the local grocery stores in Lebanon with vegetables for resale. He provided produce for Moser's, Lebanon Food Center, Dick's Food Market, and Piggly Wiggly for many years. You would find Alice selling their produce at the local farmer's market in Lebanon and Gallatin. Alice was highly active as a volunteer at the Wilson County Community Help Center for many years.

In 1977, they became the second owners of the Bradshaw Farm, which was established in 1916 by Willie and Lena Bates Bradshaw, grandparents of Billy Jack. The farm consisted of 104 acres and was inducted into the Tennessee Century Farms Program in March 2025.

Over the years, Billy Jack and Alice purchased adjoining acreage to add to the farm. Today the farm consists of 133.63 acres. While Billy Jack passed away in 2022, he was truly blessed with a long and successful life as a farmer. Alice continues to be blessed with her health and still lives on the farm.

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Tubb Photos



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