

Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame  
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Credentials Released for 2026 Wilson County Ag Hall of Fame Inductees  
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Credentials have been released for the 2026 Wilson County Ag Hall of Fame Inductees. The 19th Annual Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame Banquet will take place on April 7, 2026, in the Farm Bureau EXPO Building at the Ward Agricultural Center in Lebanon with a reception at 6:00 pm and the actual banquet at 6:30 pm. Area FFA and 4-H Members will serve as ushers for the evening. The following individuals will be part of the 19th class of inductees:

### **Glenda Booker**

Glenda began her 4-H Career in the fall of 1956 when she joined the 5th Grade 4-H Club at Oakmont Elementary in Dickson County. Glenda was the first member of her family to attend college. Following graduation from UT Knoxville, 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 on January 1, 1966, and served as Assistant Home Agent/later Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development. Titles changed, but our responsibility was the same---4-H Youth Development. 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 on December 30, 2022, and resides in Dickson County. Since that time, she has continued to Volunteer with Regional and State 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. Glenda also worked part-time in four counties as a Program Assistant with 4-H, TNCEP, 21st Century Grant, and Workforce Readiness Grant.

### **Terry & Helen McPeak**

Helen is the daughter of Harold & Carmine Wilson Cunningham. She grew up on the family farm near the Greenvale and Norene communities. The family Century Farm was established in 1808 with the deed was signed by John Sevier, the first Governor of TN. Helen graduated from Watertown High School, played basketball and was active in 4-H. She worked at the Baptist Sunday School Board. She attended Cumberland University and UT Nashville. She was a realtor and worked at Farm Credit Services. In 2003 she was asked to help in the Fair office. Thus, beginning of her Fair Career. Over the years she has served as Volunteer Coordinator, interim Fair Coordinator and Executive Director. Terry is the son of Lee (Bo) & Dorothy Travis McPeak, Lebanon, TN. He grew up on the family farm in Norene and attended Norene School and graduated from Lebanon High School. He was active in 4-H and FFA. After graduation, he worked as a livestock service agent, the Wilson Farmers Coop, Neely Coble Center, and retired after 41 years as a lineman and safety coordinator from Middle Tennessee Electric. Terry serves

on the Wilson County Promotions Executive Committee, Director of Wilson County – TN State Fair livestock department; serves on the DTC (DeKalb Telephone Coop) Board. Their children (grandchildren) include Justin & Madison McPeak (Hank & Will); Luke McPeak; Travis & Shelby McPeak (Keaton, Walker & Jack). The entire family volunteers and helps at the Wilson County-Tennessee State Fair. Helen and Terry have helped to promote, improve and make positive contributions to the Wilson County - TN State Fair and 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 Farm Bureau EXPO Center, Made in TN, 4-H and FFA, State Perishables, Johnson 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, Wi-Fi, 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 competition and revenue that has enabled many 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.

### **William M. “Bill” Talley**

Bill was born on August 2, 1908, and passed on September 8, 1981. His wife was Gladys Haley Talley. Their children included Bettye Talley Andrews Richardson and Mary Sue “Susie” Talley Earley. He was born to Ferrie Ola and Carver Talley in the Bellwood Community. After attending Lebanon schools, he became a major livestock producer while also raising crops on the Old Rome Pike farm. 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. 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 located on West Main Street, where the 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 of traveling 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 1950’s & 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. In the late 1950s, he bought Santa Gertrudis from the noted Winrock Farms in Arkansas. In the mid-1960s, he and Gladys moved to Palmetto, Florida, where he established Talley Ranch. 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. 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**

Billy Jack 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 Ione 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 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. 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.

“The purpose of the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame is to recognize citizens of Wilson County who have made a significant impact on agriculture in Wilson County, Tennessee, nationally or worldwide” states Keith Harrison, the Chairman of the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame. “We feel the time is right to pay tribute to these very deserving individuals. Each has made significant contributions to Wilson County Agriculture, as well as Wilson County in general.”

Other members of the Board of Directors of the Wilson County Agriculture Hall of Fame are Jeffrey Turner-Vice Chairman, Diane Major-Treasurer, Ben Powell, Louis Fletcher, Isabel Hall. Neal Oakley. Don Willoughby & Lucas Holman. The organizers have established a non-profit status for the organization to enable them to raise money to be used for a facility on the Ward Agricultural Center to be dedicated to the individuals inducted into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame. “Any funds raised over and above the costs of putting on the annual

banquet will be set aside for this purpose” states Jeffrey Turner, Vice Chairman of the Hall of Fame.

Tickets for the April 7 banquet can be purchased by calling 444-1890 ext. 3. The cost is \$30. each. Jordan’s Catering will be preparing the meal that evening, which is another reason to join in on the festivities. “We want folks to come together to recognize these deserving individuals on April 7” says Harrison. “We owe these folks a great deal of gratitude for everything they have done for agriculture.”

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