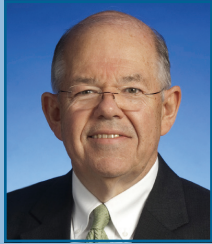


## JULIUS JOHNSON - OUTSTANDING ADVOCATE



The Board of Directors of the Tennessee Council of Cooperatives is pleased to recognize Mr. Julius Johnson for his outstanding advocacy for the cooperative form of business. Mr. Johnson joins only six others who have received this recognition from the Council: Cotton Ivy, Tom Purkey, Jerry Kirk, Dan Wheeler, Joe Jackson and Ricky West. Mr. Johnson has supported cooperatives in Tennessee in many ways for many years - most recently as Tennessee's 36th Commissioner of Agriculture and prior to that in his 37 years of leadership within the Tennessee Farm Bureau. Mr. Johnson is a native of Forbus, Tennessee in Fentress County where he grew up on the family farm and in the family business, the Forbus General Store. Mr. Johnson received his Bachelor's degree in animal science from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.



Robert and Lindsay Elliott of Robertson County won third in the nation in the Young Farmers & Ranchers Excellence in Agriculture competition at the 2018 American Farm Bureau Convention

# Cooperatively Building a Better Tennessee



## TENNESSEE YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE

February 23-24, 2018

Drury Plaza Hotel  
Franklin, Tennessee



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## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018

- 12:00 p.m.** Registration Opens (Pre-function Lobby)
- 1:00 p.m.** Depart Hotel for Tour (Shuttle vans provided)
- 1:30 p.m.** **Tour of Music City Center - 201 Fifth Ave S., Nashville**  
*The meeting location where we will begin and end is inside the building at the corner of Demonbreun and 6th Avenue S. There is a UPS branch at that corner inside with a seating area. So from the parking garage at P2 you would walk across 6th Avenue and enter the building at those doors. You can also drop off participants before you enter the garage on the east side of 6th Avenue right next to the building. It is best to carpool. Those driving, use the entrance at P2 and park anywhere in the garage. Vouchers for parking in Music City Center garage are anticipated.*
- 3:30-5:00** Visit with Sponsors (Leipers Fork Ballroom)
- Donate Auction Items (Franklin Ballroom)
- 4:30-5:00** Orientation & Door Prizes (Leipers Fork Ballroom)
- 4:30-6:00** Drury Plaza Kickback Buffet (Food Court)
- 6:00 p.m.** **OPENING GENERAL SESSION (Franklin Ballroom)**
- Welcome
  - Keynote - Shane Petty, Chief Ranger TN State Parks
- 7:30 p.m.** Entertainment by Brandon Maddox
- 8:30 p.m.** Real Ice Cream Social

### **HOSPITALITY ROOM**

**Leipers Fork Ballroom**

*Everyone invited both Friday and Saturday nights after the program*

### **CHILDCARE**

**Lotz Room, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor - Provided during sessions**

### **PHOTOS MADE FOR SPONSORS**

**Leipers Fork Ballroom**

*All attendees please stop by*

*Friday 4:00–6:00 p.m. & Saturday 7:00 -10:45 a.m.*

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

- 5:30-7:45 a.m.** Breakfast - Drury Plaza Buffet (Food Court)
- 7:45 a.m.** **GENERAL SESSION & Door Prizes (Franklin Ballroom)**
- Ham & Issues – Session about Issues Facing You
- Stefan Maupin & Kevin Hensley
- 9:15 a.m.** **BREAKOUT SESSION I**
- A. Growing Forward (Leipers Fork Ballroom)
  - B. Advocating Your Cause (Franklin Ballroom)
  - C. High Voltage Electrical Safety Demonstration Trailer/ Middle Tennessee EMC (Outside - Meet in Lobby)
- 10:15 a.m.** Break (Food Court)
- 10:45 a.m.** **BREAKOUT SESSION II**
- A. Growing Forward (Leipers Fork Ballroom)
  - B. Advocating Your Cause (Franklin Ballroom)
  - C. High Voltage Electrical Safety Demonstration Trailer/ Middle Tennessee EMC (Outside - Meet in Lobby)
- 12:00 p.m.** Granite City Catered Meal (Food Court/Leipers Fork)
- 1:15 p.m.** **GENERAL SESSION (Franklin Ballroom)**
- Keynote - Senator Mark Green
  - Special Recognition of Julius Johnson
- 2:30 p.m.** TCC Annual Meeting & Board Meeting (Carter Room, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor)
- 2:30 p.m.** •• **NEW SESSION** •• Win Trucks, Tractors & More with Young Farmer & Ranchers (Leipers Fork Ballroom)
- 4:30 p.m.** Drury Plaza Kickback Buffet (Food Court)
- 6:15 p.m.** **KEYNOTE SESSION (Franklin Ballroom)**
- Young Farmer Video
  - Motivational Speaker - Dr. Alanna Vaught
  - County Young Farmer & Rancher Activity Awards
- 7:45 p.m.** **AITC & JOHN WILLIS MEMORIAL AUCTION (Franklin)**  
(Yes, kid bids count!)