

**To the Editor:**

My wife Darlene and I would like to commend all the sponsors and volunteers who played a vital role in the success of the 3rd Annual Charity WHIP CRACKIN' RODEO.

Without sponsorship support, events like the rodeo could not be made available to our community, while providing a sustainable impact of support to our local charities and additional commerce to our city.

This year, we were able to provide over 250 special needs children with a very special day of activities and enjoyment. The experience included lots of games and prizes. They got to see ESPN's Omega Force strongman show and the performance of the Coppertown Clown with man's best friend, the rescue dogs known as the Mutley Crew. The kids had the opportunity to ride horses, pet numerous farm animals, and see a few of the events which are held during the Rodeo. Michelle Hill's Empower Me Day Camp was on hand to make sure the Special Events Day was well organized and a huge success. Michelle adds that special touch to any event.

We also had a special guest, to the delight of all, the Nashville Predator's mascot "GNASH!"

Once again our local businesses stepped up to support our community. Our Platinum Sponsors were Wilson Bank & Trust, Permobil, Tickets Nashville, and Bates Ford. Our Gold Sponsors were Payment Express, LoJac Materials, Lochinvar, John Greer's State Farm Insurance, Rose Tire & Services, THW Insurance Services, Manheim Nashville, RCC Western Stores, Bay's Bread, Visionary Design Group, Wilson County Motors and Craighead Home Sales.

A special thanks needs to be expressed to the other sponsors, our volunteers, media and the James E. Ward Ag Center employees.

Thank you Lebanon and Wilson County for making that special effort in filling the arena, both Friday and Saturday nights, for a night the kids will remember for months to come.

## **Mayor thanks all who helped Whip Crackin' Rodeo**

Monday, May 14, 2012

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Through everyone's support, the preliminary estimates project we will be able to support our community with donations totaling over \$43,000. We will continue to look for ways to improve each year.

Please support those who support our community.

**Mayor Philip Craighead**  
**Lebanon**

*Editor's Note: More information about the Whip Crackin' Rodeo may be found at [www.WhipCrackinRodeo.com](http://www.WhipCrackinRodeo.com)*