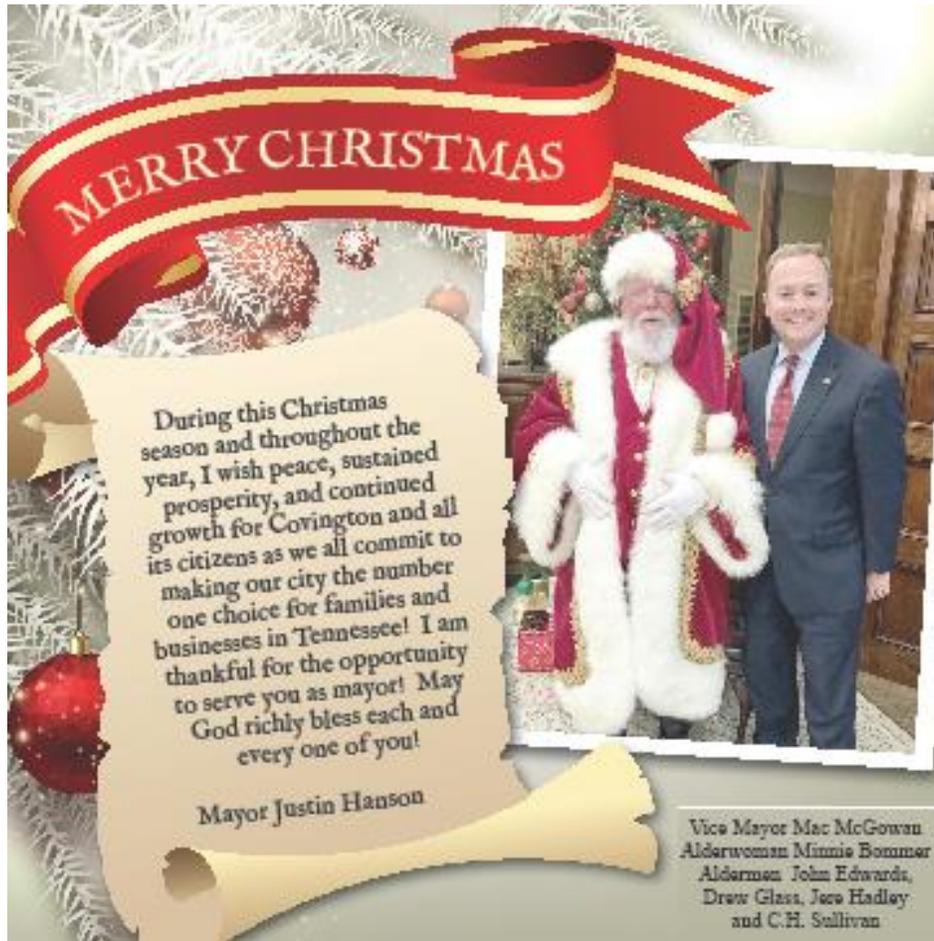


City of Covington Newsletter
Highlights from the Week*
December 11 – December 17



The Lions Club had a Christmas surprise when the Crestview Middle Honor Choir, directed by Carol Mathis, came to sing Christmas songs at their regular meeting at the Covington Country Club.

CHS Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) Visit with Mayor



Members of the CHS HOSA class along with their teacher Tab McDivitt discussed their latest project with Mayor Hanson. They are working on a campaign to help educate people about prescription drug abuse and their motto is “Don’t pop it – just lock it and drop it!” They shared with the mayor some prescription drug abuse statistics from Covington and Tipton County. The class is partnering with Drug Free Tipton to help educate the public and provide locking pill containers, like the one on the table (top left).

Covington Christmas Parade Largest in Recent History



With 55 entries, this year’s Christmas parade was largest in recent years. The guidelines required that all participants must be Christmas related, and all participants must be a Civic, Religious, Business, or Educational organization. The floats were judged on appearance, construction, and originality. Coming in first was Visualizing Hope, second place went to Garland Baptist Church, and third place was Munford Fire Department. The weather cooperated and a large crowd enjoyed this festive event.





Mayor Hanson welcomed Miss Tipton County, Miss Teen Tipton County, and Miss Tennessee Grace Burgess (R) to Covington. This was the first time a reigning Miss Tennessee participated in our Christmas parade. Miss Tennessee Junior High, High, and Collegiate were here, as well (above). Miss Senior Tipton County Wanda Bellow (below right) also participated.



Visualizing Hope won first place in the Floats Competition.

New Positions and Changes for Board of Mayor and Aldermen



After 21 years of service to the City of Covington, December 13 was Alderman Ed Timberlake's (above L) last Board meeting.

Alderman Timberlake was thanked for his years of service (above) and was presented a key to the city and a proclamation by Mayor Hanson.



Alderman Minnie Bommer (above) was sworn in by Judge Bill Peeler for another term after being re-elected in District 1.



Alderman Jere Hadley (above) was sworn in by Judge Bill Peeler for another term after being re-elected in District 2.



Alderman C.H. Sullivan (above) was sworn in by Judge Bill Peeler for his first term on the Board after being elected in District 3.

In other business at the December 13 Board meeting, Mayor Hanson appointed the aldermen to committee positions. Alderman Mac McGowan remains Vice Mayor. Alderman C.H. Sullivan was appointed Chairman of the Finance & Administration Committee and all other Board members are also on this committee. Alderman Mac McGowan is chairman of the Public Safety Committee and other members are Alderman Minnie Bommer and C.H. Sullivan. Alderman Mac McGowan was also appointed chairman of the Public Works Committee and other members are Alderman John Edwards and Alderman Drew Glass. Alderman Drew Glass was appointed chairman of the General Welfare/Public Relations Committee and other members are Alderman Minnie Bommer and Alderman Jere Hadley. Drew Glass was appointed to the Covington Electric Board and C.H. Sullivan was appointed as to the Covington Planning Commission. Alderman Edwards was offered a chairmanship, but he declined the offer.

Dickens Christmas a Big Success

There was a large turnout for the 6th Dickens on the Square in Covington and businesses reported record breaking sales.



CIAA Drama Club Presents "The Lion King"

Every year, Covington Integrated Arts Academy's Drama Club presents a play in the school's theater. The entire cast is made up of students in grades K-8. This year, they performed

The Lion King

Directed by Deborah Walker



To help support the arts at CIAA, please contact Dr. Bonnie Wright at 901-840-9150

Mayor Hanson visited with some of the cast after the show



Kindergarteners make a Christmas visit to Covington Care



Kindergarten students from CIAA visited with residents at Covington Care. They presented them with Christmas cards they made (R) and sang Christmas carols.



City of Covington holds Christmas Open House

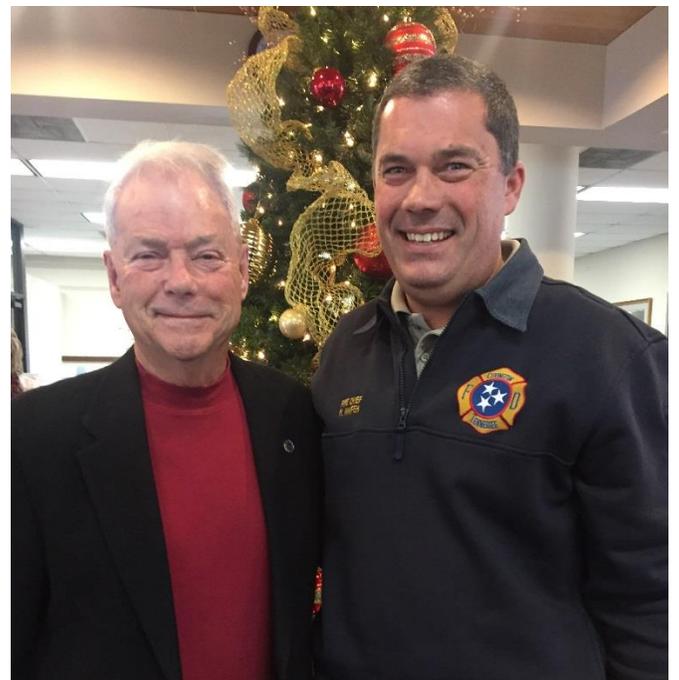
Christmas music, carolers, food, good cheer and Season's Greetings were served to the public at Covington City Hall



Crestview Middle honor choir serenaded guests with beautiful Christmas music.



Guests came from all around Covington and neighboring communities to share in the holiday festivities.







Covington gets New Sweeper Truck



Covington Public Works Department has received a new sweeper truck. Director David Gray expects it to be fully operational next week. It will be operated by Eric McGee (R), who will attend special training in Texas. The training is fully funded by the truck company.



Dates to Remember...

- December 22 – Lifeblood blood drive – 9:30 – 2:00 – Covington City Hall – scroll down for more info.
- Christmas Holidays at Covington City Hall – Closed on Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26, as well as Monday, January 2.
- January 14 – Ty's Heart 5K – scroll down for more information.
- February 16 – Tribute to Ms. Hattye Yarbrough for her contributions to Black History here and for The Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C.



Keep up with News, Events, and Information from Covington and Tipton County

[City of Covington](#)

[Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Tipton County](#)

[Covington Sportsplex](#)

[Tipton County Schools](#)

[South Tipton Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region](#)

[Covington Aquatic Center](#)

[Tipton County Museum](#)

Tipton County Veterans Services Officer Alex Jones has announced new hours at the Munford location. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact his office 901.476.2456.

Monday: 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

Tuesday: 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

Wednesday: 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

* Information in this newsletter is an overview of events. All official minutes and documents can be viewed at Covington City hall at 200 West Washington Street, Covington, TN.
or on our website at www.covingtontn.com
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Covington High School Book Drive

Please donate any unwanted books to a local Chamber of Commerce, business, or directly to Covington High School.



All books will be used throughout Tipton County to promote literacy among students. Books not age appropriate will be sent to other Covington schools or traded in for more age appropriate material.

Thank you for your support of our students!

Please call Megan Young at 901-475-5850 or 901-552-8336 for more information.
She can provide a collection box and pick-up, if needed.

**Want to give back but don't
know how?**

DONATE BLOOD

Date: Thursday December 22, 2016

Time: 9:30 AM-2:00 PM

Place: Covington City Hall-200 West Washington
Street 38019

Contact: Mayor Hanson's Office or go to:
Clublifeblood.org & enter sponsor code L198
to schedule a appointment. Thank you!!!!!!!

Who does your blood donation help?

Meet Allie. She was born 8 weeks premature and weighed just over 3 pounds. Her doctor knew right away that she needed a blood transfusion. Thankfully, she didn't have to wait because of the generous act of blood donors like you.

Today, Allie is a vibrant 7-year-old who loves going to the park and reading.

Thank you for donating blood and saving local lives.



Successful donors get a t-shirt!

For more information call 901-522-8585 or visit www.lifeblood.org

Lifeblood
A red blood drop icon is positioned below the word "Lifeblood".

REGISTRATION SHEET AT FIRST WINDOW IN COVINGTON CITY HALL

Covington [Parks and Rec](#) Announces Holiday Hours of Operation



Covington Parks and Recreation Christmas Hours of Operation:

Friday December 23, 2016: 5 am - 1 pm

Closed Saturday December 24 and Sunday December 25

Monday December 26 8 am-12 noon

**** The Covington Sportsplex and the Covington Aquatic Center will operate on the same schedule. ****



Free Admission during Holiday Break for School Employees



ALL SCHOOL
EMPLOYEES

Free admission to the Covington Sportsplex &
Aquatics Center

Christmas Break 2016–2017



Offer good from December 21, 2016 – January 2, 2017 only

School employee ID required for admission

The Sportsplex and Aquatics Center will have abbreviated hours during the holidays
please check our website or social media pages before you leave for your workout or swim.

TY'S HEART



Online Registration ends
December 30, 2016



RUN TO GLORY SERIES

Garland Baptist Church, and the City of Covington Parks & Recreation Department have partnered to Host "Ty's Heart 5K" to assist the family of 2 year old Richard Ty Bryan who is under going -I Transposition of the great arteries for Pulmonary Atresia with VSD.

*Info for this defect can be found at www.chw.org

Run thru Covington's beautiful Cobb-Parr Park & Munford Cemetery

Ty's Heart Inaugural 5K

5K

Garland Baptist Church



ONLY \$30

To register or go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/TN/Covington/TysHeart5K>

January 14, 2017



10:00 AM @ the Covington Sportsplex
790 Bert Johnston Ave
Covington TN 38019

Sign up before
December 30, 2016
for a Ty's Heart T-shirt

LIFEGUARD CLASSES STARTING AT COVINGTON AQUATIC CENTER
901-476-9178



Become a Lifeguard

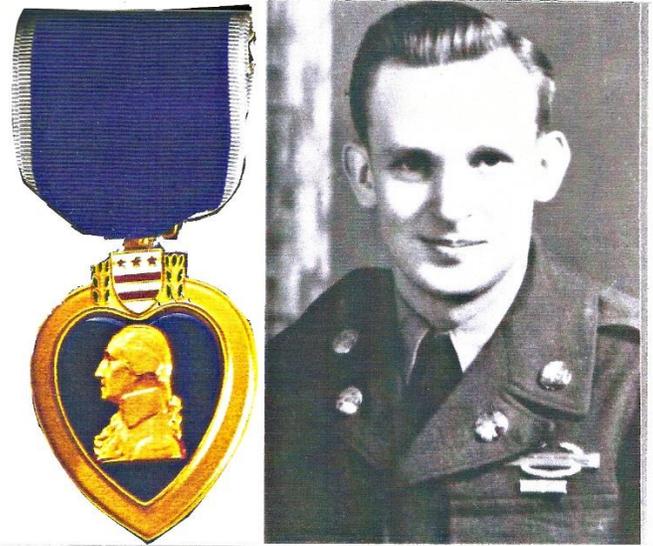
- Lifelong lifesaving skills
- Hands-on training
- Certification in as little as 24 hours of training
- American Red Cross certification, a name employers know and trust

Sign Up Today

American Red Cross

* You must be at least 15 years old.

What's Happening at the Museum?



December Veteran of the Month Ernest Bowling was honored in a ceremony and reception at the Tipton County Museum Tuesday Night.

Ernest Bowling (corporal) u.S. army 9th Infantry Regiment 3rd Battalion (B) Company, 2nd Division.

Received the Purple Heart Medal 23 February 1951 for shrapnel wound too left wrist, while engaged in combat with North Korean and Chinese enemy forces at Sang-Sok Korea 11 February 1951 at approximately 3 PM in the afternoon.

MUSEUM DOLLARS



**At the Tipton County Museum
In Covington!**

Museum Dollars! We now have Museum Dollars at the Tipton County Museum in Covington. They may be purchased for any amount and may be used towards Museum Memberships, our Gift Shop, and Art Classes. They make great gifts and may be purchased at any time. Just call the Tipton County Museum at (901) 476-0242 and we will be glad to help you.

**The Tipton County Museum,
Veterans Memorial & Nature Center
751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019
(901) 476-0242**

**The Tipton County Veterans Council and the Tipton County Museum, Veterans
Memorial and Nature Center**



Veteran of the Month for December 2016

Ernest Bowling

Ernest Bowling was born in southeastern Kentucky on October 30, 1931. After graduating from high school and with his only other options for employment being in the coal mining or timber industries, he joined the U.S. Army. In October 1950 he completed basic training in Ft. Knox and was shipped directly to Korea. He was there when the Chinese attacked and earned his Purple Heart on February 11, 1951 in a battle against North Korean and Chinese enemy forces at Sang-Sok, Korea. That September Ernest transferred to Ft. Benning, Georgia, where he was honorably discharged in 1953. He returned home to Kentucky where, in November 1955, he completed vocational school to become a machinist. With no jobs available, Ernest joined the U.S. Air Force in January of 1956. His duty stations included Freising, Germany; Hamilton AFB, San Francisco; and Pease AFB, Illinois. Following his honorable discharge in 1960, he worked for the Kentucky State Highway Department for several years. In September of 1967, he joined the U.S. Navy and served two tours of duty in Vietnam. His other Navy duty stations were Bermuda, Diego Garcia, Memphis, Hawaii, and Japan. After his retirement in 1984, Ernest enjoyed a 10-year civilian career as a private contractor working for the Navy. During his military career, Ernest earned the Combat Infantryman Badge, Korean Service Medal (four awards), Air Force Longevity Service Award, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (two awards), Fleet Marine Combat Operations Insignia, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Navy Good Conduct Medal (four awards).

In 1994, Ernest and his wife, Amy Jean Couch Bowling, retired to their home in Munford. They have one son who lives in Tipton County and one daughter who lives in Florida. Sadly, Amy Jean passed away 15 months ago. Ernest attends the Chapel at NSA Mid-South in Millington and is a member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 116 in Munford. He was nominated for Veteran of the Month by his son Lonnie.

VETERANS – Clinics are held WEEKLY to provide you with information – click [here](http://www.tiptonco.com/veterans_services/index.php) to learn more:
http://www.tiptonco.com/veterans_services/index.php



FEBRUARY is
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
at the TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM



Local Teacher, Historian and Artist Ms. Hattye Yarbrough recently donated her scrap book to the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History in Washington, D.C. Please join us as we honor Ms. Hattye for her contributions to our community.

When: Thursday evening, February 16, 5:30—7

Where: Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington

Refreshments will be served and everyone is invited!

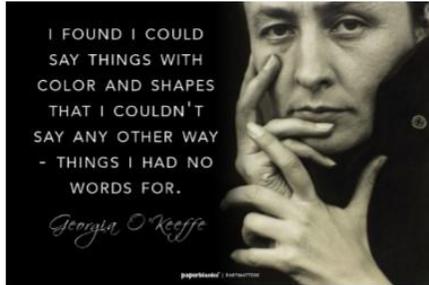
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MARCH is WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
At the
TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM



Saturday, March 4, 10 a.m.—11:30, Artist in Residence
Richard Reed lectures about the life and artwork of
Georgia O'Keeffe, then leads participants in painting her
"Blue Morning Glories" in acrylics from 1 to 4.

Saturday, March 11, 10 a.m.—11:30, Garden
Historian Dominique Bellott talks about Women
Landscape Architects in "Women in the Garden."



Saturday, March 18, 10:30 a.m.—11:00,
Military Women Across the Nation presents
"Women's Military Service Through the Years."

Lectures are FREE to Museum Members, \$5 General Public

O'Keeffe Art Class \$35 Members, \$40 General Public

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