

City of Covington Newsletter  
Highlights from the week of  
May 02 - 06, 2016



**While the official date of “Clean Up – Fix Up Covington” has been changed to May 14, the Covington Public Works Department cleans up and fixes up Covington on a regular basis! Their jobs include waste removal, street maintenance, installing speed signs, water and sewage, grass mowing and maintenance, and more!**

The 6th annual GO LUCY GO event took place in Covington Saturday, April 30. According to GLG sources, it exceeded expectations and over \$30,000 dollars were raised for the Go Lucy Go Foundation. The rain couldn't keep the people away or the spirits down. It was a wonderful day of celebrating life and the heroes for whom we run.



The Go Lucy Go races in Covington on April 30 included events for children and adults.



The Go Lucy Go Foundation is dedicated to serving children and families facing the diagnosis of a brain tumor, providing comfort and support as they face the most important fight of their lives. The Foundation has made gifts that touch every level of patient experience, such as placing refrigerators in each room of the Neurosurgery floor, establishing a "take what you want" Ladybug Library for hospital patients, providing monthly meals to hospital families. The Foundation has also supported hospital operations by buying rehabilitation equipment and sending nurses to critical training seminars across the country.

In recent months the Go Lucy Go Foundation has used funds raised to fly patients in from foreign countries such as Africa and Haiti to undergo life-saving brain surgeries. While here, we have supported these families with housing, food and living expenses. An iPad Learning Center has been created for use by patients and families during their stay at the Neuroscience Institute.

Monday



Covington Fire Department christened the new ladder truck in a ceremony at the North Fire Station Monday. Chief Michael Naifeh welcomed guests, Captain Tommy Dunavant gave some history of the old “Ladder 1” truck, and Mayor Hanson commended the department for their work on this project and for the life-saving work they do for our city.



Following tradition, Covington Fire Department staff pushes the old truck out (above), and the new truck in (right). The new state-of-the-art apparatus has 107' heavy duty ladder, a 550 hp engine, and a lift and tow package, among *many* other features.



## Tuesday

The regular monthly meeting of the Public Works Committee was held at City Hall at 1:00. James Mason of the water department was first on the agenda. He presented the committee with information about the City of Covington's drinking water. Mr. Mason and Director David Gray stated there are no issues with the quality of the water in Covington, in fact, we are well below the limit for lead and other harmful elements allowed by the EPA. Mr. Mason distributed an educational flyer about how citizens can keep their drinking water safe. This will be mailed to our citizens as well as posted on our website. Quick tips include letting your water run for 2-3 minutes each morning before drinking – do not use water from hot water tanks for cooking or making baby formula – if you choose to use a filter, use water filters certified by NSF International. If you suspect your water may be tainted, please call 475-4965 or the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791

In Director Gray's report, he stated his department is in the process of setting up a pre-construction meeting regarding the Antioch Road water line extension project. Once this takes place, he expects the project to get underway. He also stated the speed sign and data collection system has been repaired and is working. He distributed reports generated by this data collection system and stated it is his desire to continue to use this sign throughout the city. He went through the reports with the committee and pointed out how placement of the sign deters speeding. The committee urged the continued use of this sign and a policy designed to regulate its placement.

Director Gray distributed a prioritized list of streets scheduled for paving this year. There is approximately \$150,000 in his budget at this time for repaving, so he is taking great strides in determining those streets most in need. Paving will include 1.5 inch paving with inspection at the asphalt plant as well as on the job site. The committee agreed including the inspection is worth the extra cost. The committee voted unanimously to accept Gray's prioritized list for street paving and gave him the authority to make other decisions for street paving after top three areas have been covered.

After attending a conference about the spread of Zika and other diseases transmitted by mosquitos, Director Gray reported he plans to send information out to the citizens about how to reduce mosquito populations. He plans to get informational booklets to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in Covington schools to inform them. Tips include turning over and cleaning out items that hold water (such as bird baths), do not allow water to stand more than three days, keep grass cut, and wear mosquito repellent and protective clothing. Covington Public Works also sprays for mosquitoes throughout the summer. Codes enforcement officer Lessie Fisher reported she is also working with Gray to reduce stagnant water and reduce clutter and over-growth on properties throughout the city. Citizens are asked to take a close look on their properties and in their neighborhoods and take action to reduce mosquito populations. Call 476-9613 ext 129 to report violations. The committee voted unanimously to accept Director Gray's report.

Clean Up-Fix Up Covington was rescheduled due to inclement weather last Saturday. It will take place May 14. Participants need to report to the Covington Street Department Barn on Ripley Street at 8:00 am to start the day. This is a great and wonderful community project for church and civic organizations, school groups and clubs, and individual citizens, as well. Call 476-9613 ext 127 for more information.



On Tuesday evening, May 3, Boy Scouts from Covington toured the Tipton County Museum as part of their study of rocks and minerals.

### Wednesday

Mayor Hanson's door is always open and people do come in and discuss issues and concerns with him. He fully understands he works for the people of Covington! He is still in budget talks with all the City department heads and has asked each one of them to bring their ideas and visions for their budgets to the next meeting of the Finance Committee. Here, Assistant CPD Chief Cavat Bass joins the Mayor to share ideas.



### Thursday



**Covington Fire Chief Michael Naifeh, Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis, Mayor Justin Hanson, Tipton County Sheriff Pancho Chumley, Chief Billy Daugherty, and Chief Donna Turner attended the Fallen Heroes Remembrance Service at Memorial Park Funeral Home Thursday morning.**



**Zach Cook, Representative Debra Moody, and area ministers and business representatives along with citizens gathered on the Courthouse lawn at noon May 5 in recognition of the National Day of Prayer. The TCA choir sang the National Anthem and other selections for the event.**



**Mayor Hanson was the guest speaker Thursday at the noon meeting of the Millington Rotary.**

Friday



Covington Mayor Justin Hanson and Atoka Fire Chief Henry Posey joined in the fun at the South Tipton Chamber First Friday Coffee. This meeting was called “derby day” in honor of the Kentucky Derby. Mayor Hanson and Chief Posey made a run for the roses on stick ponies.

### Dates to Remember...

- May 07 – May Festival at the [Tipton County Museum](#) **FREE ADMISSION!!** 10:00 – 3:00 exhibits, arts, crafts, etc...
- May 11 – PEACE RUN comes through Covington. Runners meet at Stockdale’s at 2:00
- May 14 – Clean Up-Fix Up Covington. Participants meet at Public Works barn on Ripley Street at 8:00 am
- June 2-4 – Bar-Be Que Festival in Cobb-Parr Park

## Help Control Mosquitoes that Spread Dengue, Chikungunya, and Zika Viruses

Aside from being itchy and annoying, the bite of an infected female mosquito (*Aedes aegypti* or *Aedes albopictus*) can spread dengue, chikungunya, or Zika viruses. People become infected with dengue, chikungunya, or Zika after being bitten by an infected mosquito.

Female mosquitoes lay several hundred eggs on the walls of water-filled containers. Eggs stick to containers like glue and remain attached until they are scrubbed off. When water covers the eggs, they hatch and become adults in about a week.

Adult mosquitoes live inside and outside.

They prefer to bite during the day.

A few infected mosquitoes can produce large outbreaks in a community and put your family at risk of becoming sick.

## Protect Yourself, Your Family, and Community from Mosquitoes

### 1. Eliminate standing water in and around your home:

- **Once a week**, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out items that hold water, such as tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpots, or trash containers. Check inside and outside your home.
- Tightly cover water storage containers (buckets, cisterns, rain barrels) so that mosquitoes cannot get inside to lay eggs.
- For containers without lids, use wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito.

### 2. If you have a septic tank, follow these steps:

- Repair cracks or gaps.
- Cover open vent or plumbing pipes. Use wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito.

### 3. Keep mosquitoes out of your home:

- Use screens on windows and doors.
- Repair holes in screens.
- Use air conditioning when available.
- Put plants in soil, not in water.
- Drain water from pools when not in use.
- Recycle used tires or keep them protected from rain.
- Drain & dump any standing water.
- Weekly, scrub vases & containers to remove mosquito eggs.

#### 4. Prevent mosquito bites:

- Use an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellent with one of the following active ingredients. All EPA-registered insect repellents are evaluated to make sure they are safe and effective. Always follow the product label instructions.
- Reapply insect repellent every few hours, depending on which product and strength you choose.
- Do not spray repellent on the skin under clothing.
- If you are also using sunscreen, apply sunscreen first and insect repellent second.
- Treat clothing and gear (such as boots, pants, socks, and tents) with permethrin or purchase permethrin-treated clothing and gear. Treated clothing remains protective after multiple washings. See product information to find out how long the protection will last.

If treating items yourself, follow the product instructions carefully.

Do **not** use permethrin products, intended to treat clothing, directly on skin.

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- **Active ingredient** Higher percentages of active ingredient provide longer protection **Some brand name examples\* DEET** Off!, Cutter, Sawyer, Ultrathon **Picaridin**, also known as **KBR 3023, Bayrepel**, and **icaridin** Cutter Advanced, Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus, Autan (outside the United States) **IR3535** Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus Expedition, SkinSmart **Oil of lemon eucalyptus** (OLE) or **para-menthane-diol** (PMD) Repel \* Insect repellent brand names are provided for your information only. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services cannot recommend or endorse any name brand products.
- Keep rain barrels covered tightly. Weekly, empty standing water from fountains and bird baths. Keep septic tanks sealed. Install or repair window & door screens.

For more information, visit:

[www.cdc.gov/dengue](http://www.cdc.gov/dengue), [www.cdc.gov/chikungunya](http://www.cdc.gov/chikungunya),

OR [www.cdc.gov/zika](http://www.cdc.gov/zika)

**Free Legal Clinics.....Covington First Presbyterian Church....11:00 – 1:00. 1-844-HELP4TN**

- May 21
- July 23
- September 24



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

**Veteran of the Month for May, 2016**

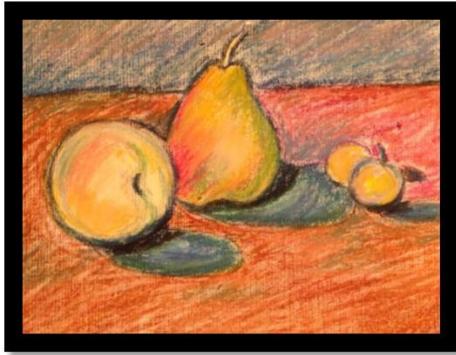
## **William Travis Hawkins**

William Hawkins was born on July 13, 1921 in Thaxton, Mississippi. When he was about a year old, his family moved to Union County, Mississippi, where he grew up on a farm. After his junior year of high school he enlisted in the U.S. Army. In October 1942, he attended basic training in Camp Hood Texas, now known as Fort Hood. He spent the first four months of World War II as a medic. After making Sergeant, he became Gunnery Commander of the first section the 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon and was sent overseas. His unit was the 612<sup>th</sup> Tank Destroyer Battalion Company B, and he was part of the front line that went ashore in Normandy on June 12, 1944. Along with several other soldiers, he was taken prisoner of war on December 17, 1944 in Belgium near the German border. In April 1945 they were marched every day as the Germans tried to keep the prisoners ahead of the allied forces. On April 29, 1945, the prisoners were liberated by General Patton's men.

Bill and his fellow P.O.W.'s found their way to an abandoned home in Germany, where they stayed 3 weeks. They lived on food rations given by the local authorities, as well as food that had been buried in the back yard. They made their way to Leeds, Belgium, where they met up with the American Red Cross. He continued on to France where he caught a boat back to the United States. The rest of his time was spent as an M.P. at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

He moved to Kentucky shortly after his discharge, and enjoyed a varied civilian career. He was a cattle herdsman for 2 years, a pecan factory worker for 1 year, and district manager for Kemper Insurance Group for 15 years. He ended up buying a grocery store in DeSoto County, Mississippi, above which he lived for many years.

Bill lost his wife in January of 2011. He raised four wonderful daughters, one of whom lives nearby in Brighton. He attends the Assembly of God Church, and is a member of the West Tennessee Association of Ex -P.O.W.'s. He was nominated for Veteran of the Month by his good friend Andy Dunavant.



The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial  
& Nature Center Presents

**Artist Series for Kids**

**Paul Cezanne**

When: Saturday, May 14, 2016 , 10 a.m. until noon

Where: Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington

Fee: \$20 Museum Members, \$25 General Public

Barrie Foster will introduce Paul Cezanne to the children, including where he was born and raised. The children will then paint one of Cezanne's own paintings in Oil Pastels. All materials will be furnished, and a snack will be provided. Ages 10 and up, please. Just call the Tipton County Museum at (901) 476-0242 to register. A sibling discount is available.

The Tipton County Museum,  
Veterans Memorial & Nature  
Center

Presents:

## 2016 Artist in Residence Peggy Kunkel

Artist in Residence Peggy Kunkel is a calligrapher with over 25 years of experience and has taught calligraphy extensively throughout the Memphis area. She is a past President of the Memphis Calligraphy Guild and is a member of the Tipton Art League. Her exhibition, "This and That", is on display in the Conference room of the Tipton County Museum. She and her husband Keith live in Covington.

- March 22     **Reception:** Come out and meet Peggy! 6:30 p.m., **Free**
- June 4        **Lecture:** "Rock, Paper, Stone, plus a Demon" The History of Calligraphy, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Free to Members, \$5 Nonmembers
- July 23       **Workshop:** "Improve Your Handwriting", 10 a.m. – Noon,  
\$10 Museum Members, \$15 Nonmembers
- August 13    **Workshop:** "Celtic Knots Simplified", 10 a.m. – Noon  
\$10 Museum Members, \$15 Nonmembers
- Oct. 27       **Host:** "Museum Merchant Gala", Meet local artists, 6 – 8 p.m.,  
Free and Open to the Public
- Nov. 19       **Lecture:** "The St. John's Bible", The 1<sup>st</sup> handwritten, illuminated Bible in 500 years, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Free to Members, \$5 Nonmembers
- Sept. 6, 20, 27, **Calligraphy Class:** "Italic Hand", Tuesday nights, 6 – 8 p.m.  
Oct. 4, & 18   \$60 Museum Members, \$65 Nonmembers for the 5 week class

**Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center**

**751 Bert Johnston Avenue**

**Covington, TN 38019   (901) 476-0242**

The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

Presents:

# Summer Lecture Series 2016

Saturday mornings in June

10 – 11:30 a.m.,

Free to Museum Members

\$5.00 General Public

- June 4      “Rock, Paper, Stone, plus a Demon; the History of Calligraphy.” Peggy Kunkel,  
Artist in Residence
- June 11     “World’s Columbian Exposition of 1893; American Ingenuity on Display Then and Now.” Nancy  
Fosheé, Award Winning Author
- June 18     “A Visual Voyage: The Art & Life of Claude Monet.” Tipton County Museum Director Barrie  
Foster (Optional art class, “Painting with Monet” to follow in the afternoon. Separate  
registration required.)
- June 25     “Everyday Art for Everyday Folk; how to incorporate discarded or reclaimed objects into  
artwork.” Frank Lilly, folk artist & Vietnam Veteran

**Refreshments will be served.**

**Museum memberships start at \$25 and are available at the door.**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

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