

## Lions Club Pancake Breakfast Longstanding Tradition in Covington

For 62 consecutive years, the Covington Lions Club has held their annual pancake breakfast to raise funds that are used to help people with hearing and vision problems. This year, it is estimated they served over 900 people. Many local residents have made this a “must do” event and have attend faithfully. It is held in the cafeteria of Covington Integrated Arts Academy on Bert Johnston Avenue.



The café was full and the line was long for the Lions Club annual pancake breakfast. Thanks to all who support this worthy cause.



While some people have enjoyed the annual Lions Club Pancake Breakfast for years, there are others who are just starting the tradition.





**2016 Miss Tennessee Grace Burgess** stopped by Covington City Hall Monday morning to visit with Mayor Justin Hanson. Grace was crowned Miss Tennessee last June at the Carl Perkins Civic Center in Jackson. Pursuing a career as a Child Life Specialist in the hospital setting, Grace is a state spokesperson for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education. She is an advocate for the West Tennessee STEM Hub, and will help launch STEM programs in several Tennessee counties. Grace is the author of a children's book promoting STEM education titled **YES, Girls Can!** This encourages girls to pursue their dreams in any field, and proceeds from the sale of the book go toward literacy initiatives.



## VBLOC at Crestview Middle School

**VBLOC – Volunteers Building Lives in Our Community** is a group of volunteers who work with youth after regular school hours to help them set life-long goals, determine steps necessary to meet those goals, and mentor and celebrate milestones along the way.

VBLOC **STRIVES** to fulfill its purpose and mission and to uphold its Core Values:

**Service** – To understand, determine, and deliver what our youth need to utilize their God-given gifts and talents, to rise to their potential, and to find avenues for success in our community.

**Trust** – We believe that trust and respect are necessary in building young people to become productive citizens.

**Relationships** – We believe in good relationships and fairness in all our dealings. Building strong and meaningful relationships is at the core of our mission.

**Integrity** – We are committed to a high standard of integrity and will not tolerate anything less. We will hold each other and all we work with to high standards and ethical & meaningful behavior.



**Mark Heaston and Isaiah Davidson (above)** worked with students at CMS last week. A field trip is in the works for the students to visit TCAT in Covington.

**Value People** – All people matter and are integral members of our community. We encourage and support developing people to reach full potential and become successful & productive citizens

**Excellence** – We will excel in our efforts to develop our communities by developing people within, focusing primarily on youth.

## SRVS Signs Lease for Covington Site

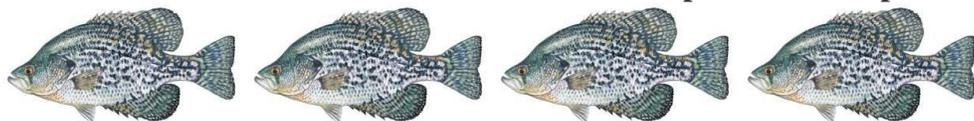


Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Justin Hanson, Oma Fiedler and Olean Anderson of the Covington Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) along with Ashley Brown of [SRVS](#) (Shelby Residential and Vocational Services) celebrated the signing of a lease by SRVS for a building on North Main Street in Covington. SRVS provides services for people with disabilities.

## Local couple gives “*Gone Fishin*” a New Meaning



The Covington (TN) husband and wife team of Paul and Elizabeth Turner - the reigning Crappie Masters Male/Female Angler Team of the Year - went wire to wire to win their first [Crappie Masters Tournament](#) sponsored by The Renewable Fuels Association "Ethanol Fueled With Pride", American Ethanol, and Bass Pro Shops, tournament, in turn claiming the *Louisiana State Championship* at the Lake D'Arbonne National Qualifier Louisiana State Championship sponsored by Spike It in Farmerville, Louisiana. Day one of the tournament saw near record warm temperatures and strong winds, which did not allow many of the ninety-six teams from fourteen states to fish the areas they wanted. However well over half of the participating teams weighed in their seven fish limit, and Paul and Elizabeth Turner topped the scales with an impressive 13.24 pounds!



## Dates to Remember

- March 04 – A Day of Art at the Tipton County Museum – Georgia O’Keeffe – 10:00 – 11:30
- March 04 – CHS Charger Baseball Blitz Day – drop by **CHS** from 8:00 – noon to purchase ALL your **CHARGER** merchandise and support **COVINGTON CHARGERS BASEBALL!**
- March 04 - Rachel Harrell, Blake Glass, and friends in concert – 2:00 – Ripley UM Church - see below
- March 06 – Airport Advisory Council – Covington Municipal Airport – 8:00 am
- March 06 – Lifeblood drive at Covington City Hall – 9:00 – 2:00. Scroll down for more info
- March 11 – Flapjack and Bacon breakfast at Applebee’s - Covington 7:00 – 10:00 – **CHS** baseball
- March 11 – “Women in the Garden” – a look at women landscape architects – Museum - 10:00-11:30
- March 13 – 20 - DSCC Week at Sportsplex and Aquatic Center – scroll down for more information.
- March 15 – KICK BUTTS! Eat BBQ and Kick Butts because *we only smoke* BBQ! Scroll down for info.
- March 16 – **Third Thursday** – Chamber Center on Covington Square – Boys & Girls Club hosts. 5:00
- March 16 – **Tipton’s Got Talent** – 6:00 – Covington High School. Scroll down for more information.
- March 16 – Internet Safety Class – 6:00 – Tipton County Justice Center. Scroll down for more info.
- March 18 – Veteran’s Council Pancake Breakfast – 7:00 – 10:00 – Restoration Church, Munford.
- March 18 – Women in the Military – Service through the Years – 10 – 11:30 – Museum – scroll down
- March 21 – TASTY TUESDAY – Covington Krystal – everyone invited to join The Chamber staff for this “Dutch-Treat” lunch each 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. Scroll down for more information.
- March 24 – Walk with TEAM TIPTON at 10:00 at EITHER Atoka Greenway or Brighton Park.
- April 8 – **GO LUCY GO DAY** in Covington. Race begins at 9:30, live music & food on the square begins at 11:00, swim meet starts at 3:00. Don’t miss this day of fun and celebration for **GLG**. Scroll down
- April 22-29 – Clean Up Fix Up Covington. Walk through town on April 29 starting at the City Barn on Ripley Street at 8:00 am...Great event for civic groups and scouts! Scroll down for more information.
- April 29 – Relay for Life – Munford City Park – scroll down for more information
- May 6 – CASA 5K – Munford Centennial Park - Scroll down for info or go to [www.casatipton.org](http://www.casatipton.org)



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Mr. Gaetano “Guy” Critelli is the **Tipton County Veterans Service Officer**. His office hours are ***Monday thru Wednesday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm***. You are encouraged to schedule an appointment, but walk-ins will be seen.

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\* 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](http://www.covingtontn.com)

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## Drug Free Tipton Announces KICK BUTTS Day



Kennisha Stowe of [Drug Free Tipton](#) stopped by Mayor Hanson's office to share information about KICK BUTTS day coming up on March 15. Kick Butts Day is a national day of activism that empowers youth to stand out, speak up, and seize control against tobacco. Drug Free Tipton is observing Kick Butts Day by selling T-shirts and BBQ lunches. BBQ will be available for pick up or delivery on March 15 from the north fire station on Tennessee Avenue in Covington. Contact Kennisha Stowe at 901-738-0545 for T-shirt orders or details about the lunches. Please scroll down for more information.



## Public Safety Committee Gives Green Light to Fire and Police Department Requests

The Public Safety Committee met at Covington City Hall on February 28, 2017 with the following present:

Chairman Alderman Mac McGowan, CFD Chief Michael Naifeh, CPD Chief Buddy Lewis, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman Jere Hadley, Alderman C. H. Sullivan, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Mayor Justin Hanson, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, Codes Officer Lessie Fisher, Margaret Fleming, Laura Fleming, & Echo Day.

Alderman McGowan called meeting to order at 1:00 – quorum present – and asked Fire Chief Michael Naifeh to report.

### CFD Chief Michael Naifeh

- Promotional process in final stages. Chief Naifeh hopes to finalize within next 10 days. Naifeh has been working with MTAS and City of Covington HR to help ensure we have an open and fair process.
- The old tanker truck is in need of repairs, money has been spent just in the past 2 months, and it needs more repairs. Chief Naifeh believes it is time to start the process of replacing the old tanker with something that is newer, safer, better functioning, and helps our ISO rating. This would be an expenditure out of a fire fund account that is collected for service to county areas outside of the Covington city limits. Naifeh believes it would take about 10 months for delivery. Chief asked for direction from committee. Alderwoman Bommer asked if there are enough funds in the fund to purchase this piece of equipment. Chief Naifeh stated with a trade in of old tanker, the money is available. Mayor Hanson stated while the money is available, the expenditure would reflect on general fund. Bommer stated we need to go on and do this – particularly in light that funds are there. Alderwoman Bommer then motioned for Chief Naifeh to start the process of the purchase of a new tanker-pumper as he outlined in his report this day. Mayor Hanson seconded, and stated this will be reflected in the 2017-18 budget. Chief Naifeh said he will put options together and bring them back to this committee for approval. Motion passed unanimously.
- New paramedic - hires have applied for the DSCC paramedic program. They are expected to start in August and will finish in July of 2018. This will give us a certified paramedic on each shift.

- Work on 2017-18 CFD budget is underway
- 260 hours worked by volunteers for month of January.
- Report of CFD calls from January 24, 2017 through February 24, 2017 – 278 calls, which is about 40 above the average. Those calls include 47 sick – general illness, 25 fire alarms, 24 shortness of breath, 13 control burns, 13 medical alarms, and 11 grass fires, among others.
- CARE report was also submitted by Chief Naifeh outlining CARE Officer Mark Heaston’s events for the month.

Mayor Hanson motioned to accept Naifeh’s report and Alderwoman Bommer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.  
CPD Chief Buddy Lewis

- Discussion of CPD building and official inspection. CODES Enforcement Lessie Fisher stated that the Fire Marshal’s office sent an inspector Monday for electrical safety, and she expects a report from that visit today or tomorrow. These things will need to be addressed in a timely manner. Chief Lewis went on to say the gas meter needs to be relocated immediately and he has addressed this with Utilities Manager Calvin Johnson.
- Chief Lewis included a letter he received from City Attorney Rachel Witherington regarding the current CPD facility. She recommended moving out of the current facility ASAP. A copy of the letter from the City Attorney was included in Chief Lewis’s handout for committee members. Lewis stated he has already begun touring available buildings, including the two city-owned buildings adjacent to the Covington Municipal Center on Main Street. Alderwoman Bommer stated it seems we have been down this street already and she thought Chief Lewis already had permission to seek alternate locations. Bommer stressed she feels this committee wants them out of that building and wants to do what needs to be done and get into a place that is safe. Chief Lewis stated he is in agreement, but it will take money to do that. He feels the debate has been to either spend money to fix up/repair the current facility, move to another location, or construct a new facility. Chief says money has been spent to fix things, but problems are ongoing. Bommer says it appears now they are going to have to move out of the building. Mayor Hanson stated that it seems only common sense that rather than continue to put money into the current facility that does not meet our needs, it will be more cost effective and safer to spend money to move them into a building the city already owns, and the buildings on Main Street may be the best place for them. Having said that, Mayor Hanson believes we may need to table our plans for having those buildings appraised. Alderman CH Sullivan asked what we would do with current CPD building. Mayor Hanson believes it needs to be demolished, but that will be determined by the Board. Sullivan asked how much it might cost to get the two buildings prepared to house CPD. Hanson stated he doesn’t know that right now, but it only makes sense to him to fix these buildings up now for our police department until they can build a new facility. Hanson stated he has asked Chief Lewis to gather estimates. Bommer said we need to go ahead and make this decision so they can find a better, safer location. Hanson suggested to move as quickly and expeditiously as possible to meet the demands of upcoming Fire Marshal Report as well as getting into a better facility. Bommer made motion for Chief Lewis to move forward making plans to get out of the current facility as soon as possible and Mayor Hanson seconded that motion. Motioned passed unanimously. Hanson stated this is money that just has to be spent and he has instructed Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn to search for available funds as this issue has taken on an emergency status. Lewis went on to say he feels it is imperative for the City of Covington to hire a full-time maintenance person who can take care of issues, such as what he has experienced, before they become emergencies. Hanson stated that will be addressed in upcoming budget hearings.
- Chief Lewis then updated the committee on the new building study done by Stockton Reeves of the Center for Public Safety. Chief Lewis asked about the possibility of the Newman Property as a site for a new police facility. Mayor Hanson recommended for Chief Lewis to research this possibility, because that land is part of LPRF (Local Parks and Recreation Funding) and is under strict guidelines. The City of Covington also spent \$300,000 as a match for the grant that purchased that property (86 acres). Chief Lewis anticipates another visit from Reeves later in March to look at this and other possible locations. Mayor Hanson motioned to accept Chief Lewis’s report and Alderwoman Bommer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

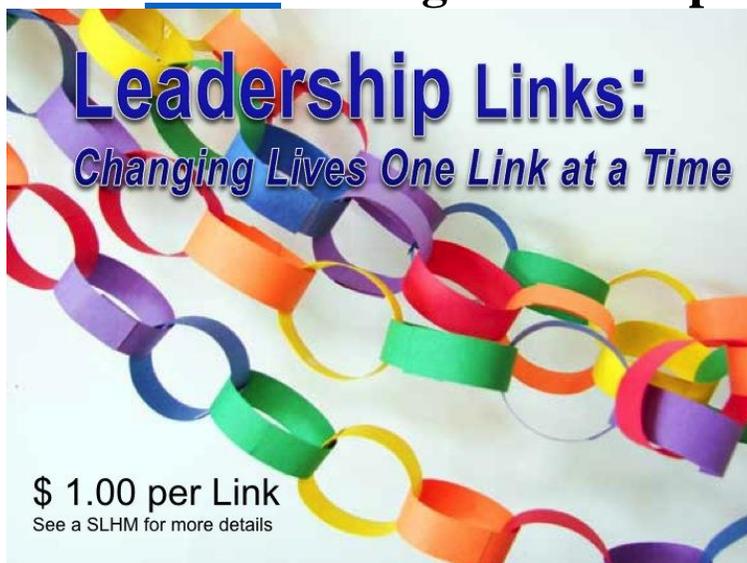
Chairman McGowan stated he will be out of town next month on meeting date and asked to reschedule the March Public Safety Committee meeting for Wednesday, March 29 at 1:00 pm. All agreed and date was changed.

## Brighton High School's Total Youth Visit with Mayor Hanson



Members of Brighton High School's Total Youth Leadership Class visited with Mayor Hanson to "pick his brain" on topics like college and how to be successful. L-R Logan Kohan, Robert Amundson, Sarah Swain, Lydia Edmonds, and Valarie Breckenridge asked him a wide variety of questions and enjoyed their visit. Interviewing community leaders is one of the requirements of the Total Youth Leadership program.

## CIAA Selling Leadership Links to Support TLIM



CIAA is kicking off the 2nd annual **Leadership Links** - Changing Lives one Link at a Time - fund drive. Every \$1 raised will go towards their commitment to [The Leader in Me](#) (TLIM). Their goal is to raise at least \$1500 and sell enough links to connect the entire building. The grade having the most links will be announced at the intramural game April 13. CIAA started TLIM three years ago and the resulting culture in the school has led them to be a Tennessee State Reward School (2015), and has increased performance on State tests. The Leader in Me works with not only the schools, but through the communities surrounding them. To purchase Leadership Links or find out more about the program, please call 901-840-9150.

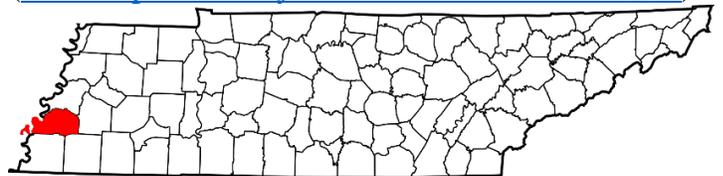
**CIAA welcomes you to stop by for a visit *any time* to see [The Leader In Me](#) at work in their school. They appreciate your support!**

## Jacob Tipton Descendant Stopped by for Visit



A direct descendant of Tipton County founder General Jacob Tipton visited Covington recently and spent time with historian David Gwinn and Mayor Justin Hanson. Mr. John Parrish of the Tipton Family Association of America (far left) dropped by City Hall Tuesday. Parrish and Historian David Gwinn informed the Mayor about the upcoming Tipton reunion Oct. 7 at the Tipton County Library. On average, 40-60 descendants attend this annual reunion. To learn more, check out their website at

[www.tiptonfamilyassociationofamerica.com](http://www.tiptonfamilyassociationofamerica.com)



## CIAA Celebrates Black History with Music and Drama



Dance and Drama teacher Deborah Walker (R) welcomed guests to the show last Tuesday afternoon at the school. Special appearances were made by recording artist Marco Alexander and 9 year old dancer Malachai Stewart. The CIAA band and choir, as well as the dance team, were also involved in the presentation.



## Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce Announces Tasty Tuesdays

Join the Chamber Staff on the 3rd Tuesday of each month for

TASTY  
Tuesday

March 21st Tasty Tuesday is Noon at...



712 Highway 51 N.  
Covington, TN 38019

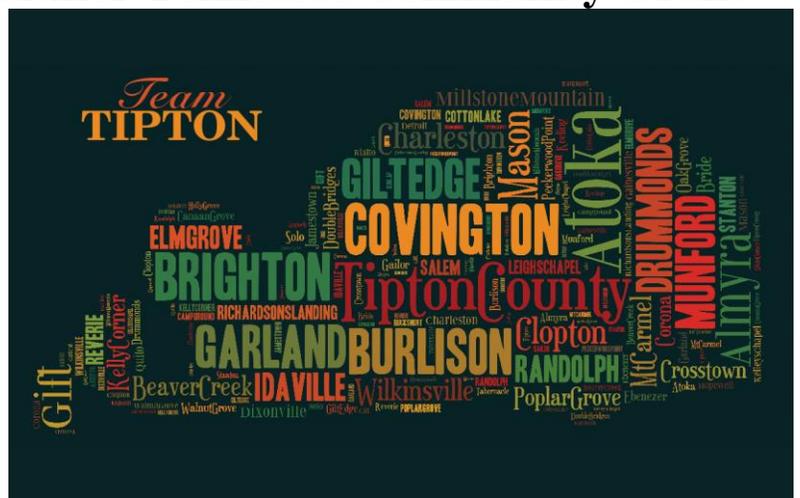
Dutch treat lunch at a randomly drawn Chamber Member Restaurant each month!



Chamber Director Maleia Evans and Assistant Director Lauren Fletcher invite *everyone* to join them for Tasty Tuesdays – a Dutch treat lunch at various Chamber member restaurants in Covington and Tipton County. The first event was held at the Covington Applebee's (above right). Mayor Hanson and County Court Clerk Mary Gaither joined the Chamber staff along with Mary Marbry, the Regional Manager with the Tennessee Department of Tourism for the first event. Come and enjoy lunch and get to know your Chamber Director and Assistant Director. Join in on the conversations for continuous growth and improvements in our fine city and surrounding areas. Look for dates and locations for upcoming Tasty Tuesdays in this newsletter and on the [Chamber website](#).

## Tipton County Receives Healthier Tennessee Community Grant

The Governor's Foundation for Health and Wellness recently announced that Tipton County has been awarded a \$5,000 Healthier Tennessee Community Grant to help sustain community-wide projects that encourage and enable physical activity, healthy eating and tobacco abstinence. "We are pleased to present this grant to Tipton County in recognition of the great work being done there and with the belief that it will boost efforts to improve the health of local citizens and the overall quality of life in the community," Governor's Foundation CEO Richard Johnson said. Please join us for the NEXT WALK on March 24<sup>th</sup> at Atoka Greenway or Brighton Park at 10:00.



To be designated a Healthier Tennessee Community, Tipton County had to initiate and sustain community-wide events and activities that support physical activity, healthy eating and tobacco abstinence, and then track and measure outputs and accomplishments of the program.

## Tennessee Trucking Foundation Teaches Young Drivers to Share the Road



[The Tennessee Trucking Foundation](#) wants to do more to educate teens about driving safely around large trucks and commercial vehicles. Motor vehicle crashes are the single biggest killer of teenagers – more than AIDS, street violence, and drug use combined. The nationally known curriculum “Teens & Trucks Share the Road” program was created in collaboration with the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA), Arizona Trucking Association, Arizona Department of Public Safety and American Trucking Associations. This is an excellent resource complete with instructor lesson plans, student workbooks, DVDs and pre and post-tests. Above, the THP truck visited Covington High School and local teen drivers “practiced” using the simulators.

## Covington Parks and Recreation Hosts First Friday Coffee in Munford

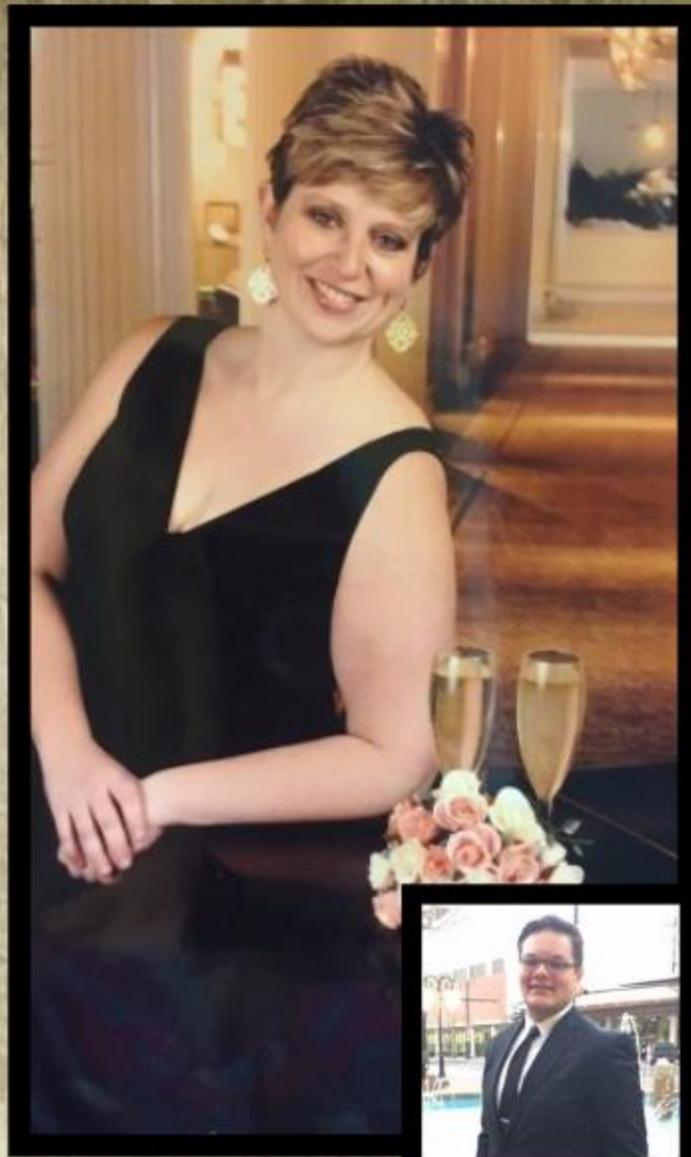


**Covington Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Mack and his staff were hosts of the South Tipton Chamber First Friday Coffee March 3<sup>rd</sup> in Munford. Liz Stambaugh - Aquatic Director, Michelle Tomlinson – Recreation Coordinator, Chase Weston – Sports Coordinator, Barrie Foster – Museum Director, and Director Mack shared information about Covington’s facilities, visited with the guests, and answered questions.**

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**MARCH**  
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**PLACE: Covington City Hall**

**CONTACT: Justin Hanson**

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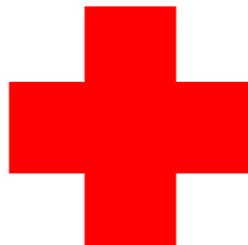
## **The COVINGTON AQUATIC CENTER is looking for LIFEGUARDS**

Please visit our HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT for more information.

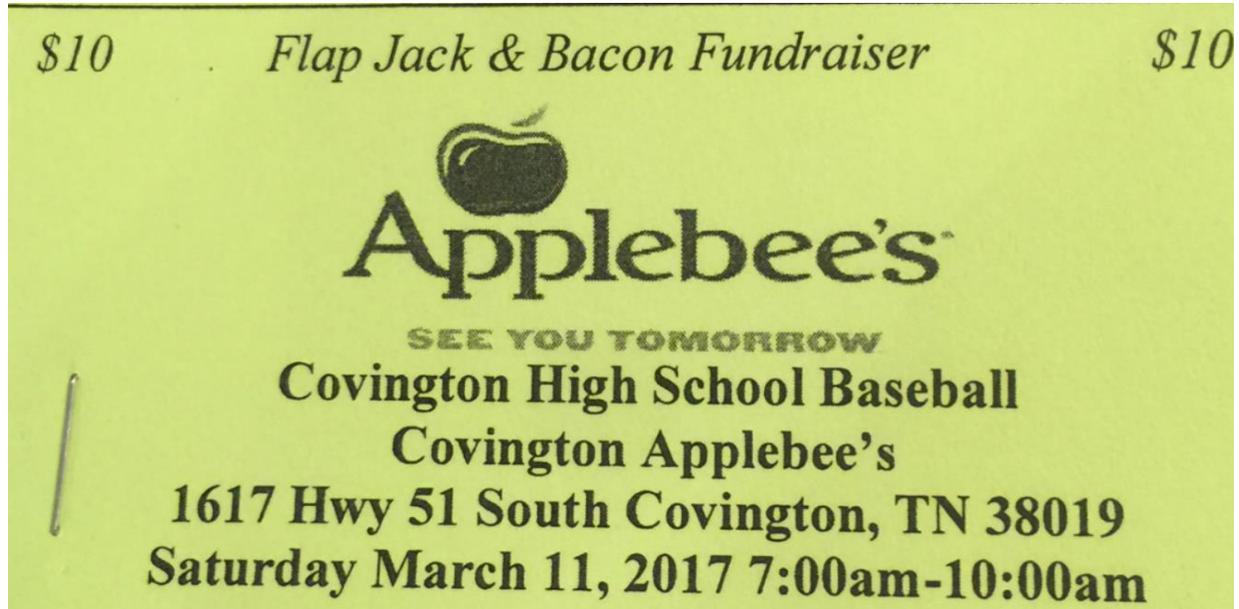
A brief description for this opening is below:

The Lifeguard will work under the general supervision of the Aquatics Coordinator. This employee will primarily be responsible for routine public contact and safety work in teaching swimming lessons and serving as pool lifeguard. [CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

# **LIFEGUARD**



## Enjoy Breakfast and Support **CHS** Baseball



You can purchase your \$10 ticket for the Flapjack and Bacon breakfast from any CHS baseball player or call Coach David Sage at 901-497-2000. Tickets are also available at the door!



**COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**

*"Home of the Chargers"*

Juvenile Court of Tipton County  
in conjunction with the  
25<sup>th</sup> District Attorney General's Office  
invites you to attend an  
**Internet Safety Class**



When : March 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Tipton County Justice Complex

Presenter: Assistant United States Attorney Deb Ireland



DRUG FREE TIPTON  
**KICK BUTTS DAY!**

LUNCH \$7!

(MEAL INCLUDES: BBQ SANDWICH,  
CHIPS, & COOKIE)

Please see Kennisha or Robin by March 6 to purchase  
lunch or T-shirt

**MARCH 15, 2017**

**11:00-2:00 PM**

COVINGTON NORTH FIRE STATION

101 TENNESSEE AVE COVINGTON, TN 38019

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Short Sleeve T shirt \$12



Baseball T-shirt \$15

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: KENNISHA STOWE @ 901-378-0545 OR

AC.TIPTONCOORDINATOR@GMAIL.COM

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Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

@ 6:30pm

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Austin Mason

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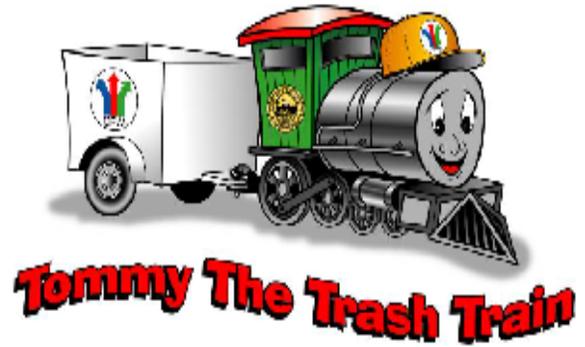
**CLEAN UP / FIX UP**

**APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> – 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

**CLEAN UP WALK – SATURDAY**

**APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> 8 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.**

**BEGINS AT 500 E. RIPLEY AVE.**



**Lunch will be provided after the event.**



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*Dear Community Stakeholder,*

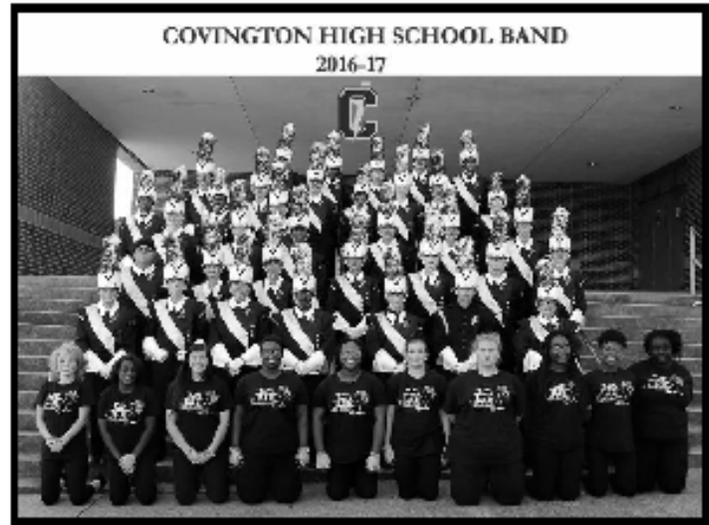
*I am pleased to announce that the Covington High School Band and Crestview Middle School Band will soon embark on the next school year of team building, leadership training, and musicianship. This mission impacts the families of our community and can offer great exposure for your business and allow you to invest in the future leadership of our society. For that reason, I wanted to give an early opportunity for your organization to get involved.*

*Since 2014, the Covington High School Band has earned superior ratings at marching band festivals in the Mid-South and has sent students to UT Martin and MTSU. We also purchased new uniforms for our band giving us a sharp new look. The financial support we have received from our community has given us the resources needed to reach this paramount success.*

*The 2017-2018 band season is approaching, and our success is dependent upon acquiring the resources needed to continue this momentum. After three years, we have tweaked our annual operating costs to \$350 per student which includes the following:*

- 1. Bus travel to games, competitions, & field trips.*
- 2. Marching drill blueprints.*
- 3. Marching, Concert, & Jazz Band Sheet Music.*
- 4. Staff specialists.*
- 5. Percussion heads and sticks.*
- 6. Instrument oils and reeds.*
- 7. Instrument repairs.*
- 8. Registration fees for competitions and festivals.*
- 9. Website hosting and domain [www.thechargerband.com](http://www.thechargerband.com).*
- 10. Office expenses: Phone and Copying.*

*Your financial gift will provide our students the opportunity to be something more than average and reward all of our hardworking students with opportunities to improve their academic future.*



*Here is a list of the many ways you can get involved:*

1. *Make a donation to the Covington High Band program:*
  - a. *\$1000 - Purple Sponsor*
  - b. *\$750 - Gold Sponsor*
  - c. *\$500 - Charger Sponsor*
  - d. *\$250 - Student Sponsor*
  - e. *\$100 - Community Sponsor*
  - f. *\$50 - Friend Sponsor*
2. *Invest on a monthly basis using Bill Pay.*
3. *Actively support the band through additional fundraising efforts and volunteering.*
4. *Provide opportunities for performances.*
5. *Attend, promote, and recognize the band at football games, concerts, and competitions.*

*As a thank you, for donations received by May 15th, we will include your name or business in our concert programs, on our band website ([www.thechargerband.com](http://www.thechargerband.com)), and on our season t-shirt. You will also receive a photo of our band as a keepsake for your sponsorship.*

*Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of our young people in the Covington High School and Crestview Middle School Bands by providing them with opportunities to express themselves, establish leadership skills, build confidence, work in cooperation with different personality types on a day to day basis to complete a unified task, offer students a balanced education and open doors to university scholarships.*

*Thank you in advance for considering this request to help our future community of Covington citizens.*



**Please contact the Crestview Middle and Covington High  
Director of Bands, Mr. Kreston Smith, to make a difference today.  
Office: 901-840-9226  
Cell: 901-857-3064**

**Please make donations payable to CHS Band and mail to:  
Covington High School  
c/o CHS Band  
803 S College  
Covington, TN 38019**

*“Enter to learn; learn to succeed!”*

**You could not, should not, want to miss  
a celebration such as THIS!**

## Tipton County Relay for Life



**April 29, 2017**  
2 PM to 10 PM,  
Munford City Park.  
201 College Street  
Munford, TN  
Rain date May 13th.



**Unless someone like YOU  
cares an awful lot. It's not going to get  
better, IT'S NOT!**

### Relay For Life of Tipton County

*Please select one of the following:*

Corporate       Individual  
 Foundation     Other

*Please print information legibly, exactly as it should appear in all publications.*

Company/Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Sponsorship Levels:**
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$5,000 Presenting Sponsor
  - \_\_\_\_\_ \$2,500 Platinum Sponsor
  - \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000 Silver Sponsor
  - \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 Bronze Sponsor
  - \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 Signature Sponsor
  - \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Friends of Relay Sponsor

American Cancer Society, Inc.  
Federal Tax ID #13-1788491  
Organized under IRC 501(c)(3)

### 2017 Relay For Life Sponsorship Form

Enclosed Check (amount)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please make check payable to the American Cancer Society and memo to Relay For Life of Tipton County. Credit cards accepted. Email company logo to [maria.l.robinson@cancer.org](mailto:maria.l.robinson@cancer.org).*

Comments or special billing instructions:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (please print)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature

Thank you for your tax-deductible contribution.

Please return to:  
American Cancer Society  
c/o RFL of Tipton County  
1378 Union Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38104

For more information, please contact:  
Kristi Hubbard, Event Co-Chair  
901-606-6737  
[Khubbard1972@gmail.com](mailto:Khubbard1972@gmail.com)

  
[relayforlife.org/tiptontn](http://relayforlife.org/tiptontn)  
[cancer.org](http://cancer.org)  
 1.800.227.2345

### Relay for Life of Tipton County Sponsorship Opportunities





## Tipton County Public Library

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**3148 Highway 51 N.**

**Covington, TN 38019**

for appointments call 2-1-1 or 901-415-2790

**January 23- April 12**

**Mondays, 2 pm – 6 pm**

**Wednesdays, 2 pm – 6 pm**

**WALK-INS WELCOME**

LOOKING FOR THE NEXT  
**HOME RUN DERBY**

**JR. HOME RUN  
DERBY**

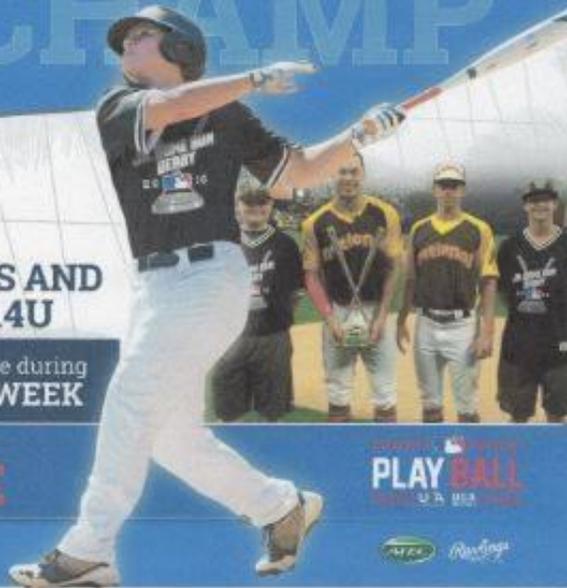
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**OPEN TO BOYS AND  
GIRLS 12U & 14U**

Your chance to compete during  
**MLB ALL-STAR WEEK**

**PARTICIPATION  
IS FREE**



**PLAY BALL**  
U.S. MIA



**HOST:**

**Covington Parks & Recreation**

**COMPETITION DATE/TIME/LOCATION:**

**April 15, 2017/2PM/Whitley Field**

**CONTACT:**

**901-476-3734, cweston@covingtontn.com**

SAVE THE DATE!

DON'T BE LATE!

24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION  
THE MAD HATTER'S LIP SYNC BATTLE

WONDERLAND - \$2,000 TABLE OF 8 IN SECTION 1 - FULL PAGE AD - RECOGNITION DURING EVENT AND PROGRAM

ALICE - \$1,000 TABLE OF 8 IN SECTION 2 - HALF PAGE AD - RECOGNITION DURING EVENT AND PROGRAM

CHESHIRE CAT - \$600 TABLE OF 8 IN SECTION 3 - QUARTER PAGE AD - RECOGNITION IN PROGRAM

MAD HATTER - \$300 SEATING FOR 4 IN SECTION 4 - RECOGNITION IN PROGRAM

QUEEN OF HEARTS - \$100 RECOGNITION IN PROGRAM

TABLE ONLY - \$400 RESERVE TABLE OF 8 IN SECTION 5

SINGLE TICKET - \$50 SINGLE SEAT IN SECTION 5

Follow the white rabbit...



SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

6:00 P.M.

COYINGTON HIGH SCHOOL GYM

803 SOUTH COLLEGE STREET

COYINGTON, TN 38019

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE EXCHANGE CLUB CARL PERKINS CENTER  
FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE



# CASA SUPERHERO

## 5K Run/Walk

Come join us for a day of racing fun for a great cause !!!

**May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Race starts at 8:00 AM

**Munford Centennial Park**

Pre-Registration \$25

Race Day Registration \$30

**Register today at [racesonline.com](http://racesonline.com)**

Would you like to sponsor? Email us at [casatiptoncounty5k@gmail.com](mailto:casatiptoncounty5k@gmail.com) for more information.



Want to learn more about CASA? Visit our website at [www.casatipton.org](http://www.casatipton.org)



Each CASA program or agency professionally trains and carefully screens volunteers to become **C**ourt **A**ppointed **S**pecial **A**dvocates for abused and neglected children in juvenile court. These volunteers represent the best interests of the victimized child with the goal of securing a safe, permanent home. Tennessee state law allows for judges to appoint CASA volunteers to "speak up" for the child's best interests. CASA volunteers work for the **child**.

**WWW.CASATIPTON.ORG**



## 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!**

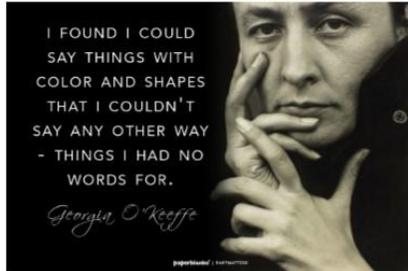
Please call Megan Young at 901-475-5850 or 901-552-8336 for more information.  
She can provide a collection box and pick-up, if needed.

**There is a drop-off box at Covington City Hall**

## What's Happening at the Museum?



### 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

The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-0242

**Tipton County Museum is Creating *Tipton County Pulse***

Click here to view: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EeM3GTdAosc>



**GOOD WORK, SISTER!**  
March is Women's History Month at the Tipton County Museum. A new exhibit titled "Good Work, Sister" features military women in America. This display includes a photo of Atoka resident Arline Gorham in her uniform during WWII, and the Navy uniform of Museum Archivist Sherri Onorati. The Tipton County Museum is open Tuesday through Friday, 9 to 5, and Saturday 9 to 3. There is never an admission fee at the Tipton County Museum.



**Calling All TIPTON COUNTY Artists!**  
**We need YOU to enter the**  
**2017 TIPTON COUNTY ART EXHIBIT,**  
**"INSPIRATIONS"**

The Tipton Arts Council, Inc. and State Representative Debra Moody are hosting "Inspirations," the 2017 Tipton County Art Exhibit at the Learning Resource Center at the Covington Campus of Dyersburg State Community College. Entry deadline is April 3, 2017. Exhibition Dates are April 18 through August 27, 2017. The judge for this year's exhibit is Julie Pierotti, Curator for the Dixon Gallery & Gardens, Memphis. The Awards Reception is May 15, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:00 at DSCC's Learning Resource Center in Covington. Awards for Best of Show, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Best Use of Color, Best Creativity, and four Honorable Mentions. Entry fee is \$25.00. Entry forms are available at [www.covingtontn.com](http://www.covingtontn.com) or [www.tiptonco.com](http://www.tiptonco.com).

Or you may call the TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM at (901) 476-0242 for a form. Don't miss this opportunity to show the world your talent!!!!



TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM  
ARTIST IN RESIDENCE  
RICHARD REED  
*Is on Youtube!*



2017 Artist in Residence Richard has recorded three Youtube videos with Museum Director Barrie Foster on "Artin' with Barrie." In these videos he discusses principles of art and elements of design. He wants YOU to become a better artist!! Here are the links:

1. <https://www.youtu.be/hBxQ1qFkNac>
2. <https://www.youtu.be/wHilmpnvgFU>
3. <https://www.youtu.be/dEBUXC2w4w>

**Tipton County Museum**

**751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019**

**(901) 476-0242**



## Last Session of February Gardening Series



Saturday, February 25, was the last of the month-long gardening series events at the Tipton County Museum. Left, experimental gardener Paula Sweatt presented "How Does Your Garden Grow". She talked about vertical gardening, straw bale gardening, espaliers, key hole gardening and lots more. It was an informative and entertaining lecture. At the end of her lecture Paula gave away two door prizes and the attendees traded plants from their gardens.





**A DAY OF ART  
AT THE TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM**

**Lecture & Painting**

Lectures 10—11: 30 a.m.; Free to Members, \$5 General Public

Class 1—4 p.m., \$35 Members, \$40 General Public

No previous art experience required.

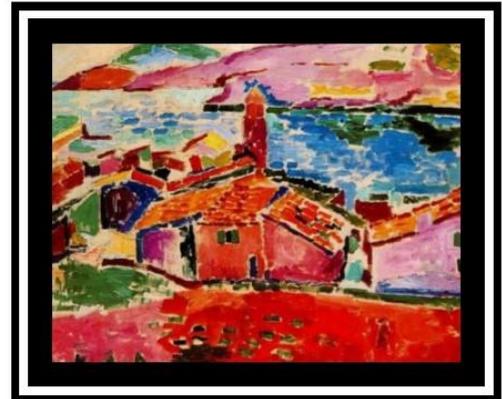
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**Georgia O'Keeffe March 4, 2017**

**"Blue Morning Glories"**



**Henri Matisse May 13, 2017**

**"Les toits de Collioure"**



**Paul Cezanne July 8, 2017**

**"Maison Maria with a View of Chateau Noir"**



**Wassily Kandinsky November 18, 2017**

**"Winter Landscape"**

**MUSEUM DOLLARS**



**TIPTON COUNTY  
M·U·S·E·U·M**

VETERANS MEMORIAL  
NATURE CENTER

**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 March, 2017**

## **Rudolph Boykin**

Rudolph Boykin was born on October 4, 1919 in Brighton, Tennessee. He was married to Annie Sue and had a daughter, Louise, when he was drafted into the U.S. Army on April 28, 1944. Leaving his young family behind, he was initially transported from Covington to Tullahoma. After spending a few days there he was sent on to Ft. Benning, Georgia where he remained for a few weeks of training before being assigned to Camp Plauche, Louisiana. More training in Slidell followed before he was assigned as a "Longshore Soldier" in Seattle, Washington. There he was a truck driver who was responsible for on-loading and off-loading ships. Although the description is simple, his job was not. He was one of thousands of soldiers who guarded our seaports and on and off loaded crucial war materials, holding the fate of the war effort in their extremely capable hands. After spending time at Ft. Lewis, he transferred overseas to the 847 Port Company in Nagasaki, Japan. His company traveled extensively, working ports on various islands in Japanese theater. After approximately 2 years there, he returned to the U.S. to Ft. Smith, Arkansas where he was honorably discharged. Rudolph felt fortunate that he never had to see combat.

After his discharge, he returned to his home in Covington, Tennessee, where he was employed by the City of Covington for 38 years. His 47 year marriage to Annie Sue produced fourteen children: 8 boys and 6 girls. Some years after the loss of the love of his life, Rudolph was blessed with marriage to Dolly in 1994. They have been happily married for 22 years. Rudolph is Chairman of Deacons at Greater St. John Baptist Church in Covington. He was nominated for Veteran of the Month by John McBride.

**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](http://www.tiptonco.com/veterans_services/index.php)