

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WEEK OF

June 2 – June 15 \*



Thoughts and perceptions from  
Mayor Justin Hanson

*Dear Friends,*

Who could have imagined that in the “information age”, when people have more access to news resources than ever before, we would be dealing with things like “willful ignorance” and “fake news”? These things are so foreign to me! What’s wrong with the plain ole truth? As most of you know, I come from a journalism background having graduated from Christian Brothers University with a BA in English and a minor in business, and worked in broadcast journalism for most of my career before becoming your Mayor. Doing research to get to the truth was absolutely necessary, expected, required, and **nothing** shy of that was acceptable. It is so strange to me that when I search for definitions for fake news and willful ignorance, they actually exist! For example, according to Wikipedia, “*Fake news is a type of journalism or propaganda that consists of deliberate misinformation or hoaxes spread via traditional print and broadcast news media or online social media. Fake news is written and published with the intent to mislead in order to damage an agency, entity, or person, and/or gain financially or politically, often using sensationalist, dishonest, or outright fabricated headlines to increase readership, online sharing, and Internet click revenue.*” The Urban Dictionary defines willful ignorance as “*the practice or act of intentional and blatant avoidance, disregard or disagreement with facts, empirical evidence and well-founded arguments because they oppose or contradict one’s own existing personal beliefs.*” I just cannot understand this phenomenon. I am thankful to have been raised by grandparents the old fashioned way – seek out information to learn, do your research, tell the truth, be honest, and do what’s right. I tell you these are exactly my core values, and precisely why I try so hard to share information with you – the public – **our** community – **our** customers. I want to make well informed decisions based on facts and I want you to be able to do the same thing. Our meetings, news, business, and budget deliberations are all open for you to attend and are all available for you to read and/or see. The truth is important and I want it known. When you read this newsletter, you can be assured that we have reported the truth – no spins and no avoidance of the facts. It is my belief that dealing with facts is the only way to do business. So please join us at our weekly committee meetings at 1:00 or our bi-monthly Board of Mayor and Aldermen meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month at 5:30. If you have a desire to become a representative in our government, now is the time to visit the election commission office at 113 East Church Street in Covington and start your campaign. Keep tabs on our progress by visiting our [website](#) or tuning in to Comcast Channel 19. Call me or come in for a visit – I am YOUR mayor.

I am so grateful each and every day to live in a place where we have government FOR the people BY the people. While we may have different opinions of the “how”, I feel certain we can all agree that putting our city service departments and employees first to provide the best services possible is just good business sense. I have worked with our department heads, chiefs, directors, and aldermen throughout this budget process and am convinced we have put together a budget that will serve us well. There are so many great things on the horizon for this city – too many to list here – but we are most certainly moving in a new, positive, inclusive direction that will improve the quality of life for all our citizens. These are indeed exciting times and I want you to be a part of our great ideas, our creative solutions, and our informed decision-making based on facts and truth.

*Justin*

# DEPARTMENTAL TIDBITS

“keeping you up-to-date with what’s going on in our city”

## **HUMAN RESOURCES & SPECIAL EVENTS:**

- **The City of Covington Human Resource Department is responsible for the administration of all Personnel and Purchasing activities for the city. The Human Resource Department is located on the 2nd floor of the Covington Civic Center at 100 West Washington Street. They can be reached by phone at (901) 475-7170**
- **Applications are accepted ONLY during the time of a posted vacancy.**
- **You can complete applications and email it to our department through the Contact Us button above or bringing it by our office Monday through Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm.**
- **The City of Covington is offering our employees State of Tennessee insurance. State insurance trainers will be in our Human Resources Department this week for training.**

## **PUBLIC WORKS AND STREETS:**

- **Covington Public Works Department is now operating with our summer hours, which are 6:00 am – 2:30 pm**
- **Covington Public Works had annual inspection from the Tennessee Regulatory Authority in May. We received NO write-ups!**
- **Please call 901-476-9613 ext 113 or 118 if you see water running and suspect a leak. After hours call 901-476-7163. Our crews will repair them immediately!**
- **Public Works is now using “Answer Connect” for after-hours calls**
- **Cody Peeler and Jeremy Cates have received new water certifications from the State of Tennessee.**
- **Help us keep COVINGTON CLEAN! Please pick up and clean up your area – and call us when you need help!**

## **CODES:**

**Department of Code Compliance...**

- **If you plan on installing anything on your property that will be vertical, you will probably need a permit, so please check with us *first!* We are here to help you work through the permitting process. Please visit us on the second floor at Covington City Hall, 200 W. Washington Ave, call 901-476-7191 ext 146 or email [planning.building@covingtontn.com](mailto:planning.building@covingtontn.com). Same is true for signs, banners, and vehicles. Before you put it in your yard, let us help you stay within the ordinances and codes of the City of Covington.**
- **Before you place a political sign, please call our CODES Department or email us at [planning.building@covingtontn.com](mailto:planning.building@covingtontn.com)**
- **Covington received notice on June 1<sup>st</sup> that we are the recipients of a THDA Home Grant in the amount of \$375,000 for home improvements for owner-occupied homes. THDA will organize a media outreach event in Covington to disseminate information.**

- Report un-mowed, unkempt areas to CODES at 901-476-9613 ext 146
- CALL before you DIG!

## **PARKS AND RECREATION:**

- Summer hours have started at the Aquatic Center. We are open weekdays for Open Swim starting at 1:00 pm. We will close at 5:00 pm. Admission is \$7.00 per person, for those with Parks and Recreation memberships. Any child under the age of 18 MUST have a completed “consent to swim” form on file in the Aquatic Center office. Children ages 10 and under MUST be accompanied by an adult. For more information regarding times, fees, or regulations please contact the pool at (901) 476-9178. You can also follow the Aquatic Center on Facebook Covington Aquatic Center.
- Drug-Free Tipton is purchasing an outdoor theater system for Parks and Recreation. Director Joseph Mack expects movies to begin in Covington parks by the end of July.
- Director Mack is soliciting “in-kind” donations to complete our obstacle course and to develop a child’s obstacle course at the same location. All of the obstacles are expected to be completed this year, meet US Army regulations, and will bring competitions to Covington.

Summer Camps have started! Don’t miss out! Call 901-476-3734 for information

## **COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

- If you live in the City of Covington and own your property (property owners are required by law to provide for their renters) and need a working smoke detector installed, please contact us at 901-476-2578.
- Volunteer Firefighter graduation will be June 18 at Covington Civic Center – volunteer firefighters from across Tipton County will participate.
- Three Paramedic students are on schedule to graduate – are in clinicals now
- Covington Fire, Covington Police, and Tipton County Sherriff’s Departments will participate in active shooter training together.
- Assistant Chief Richard Griggs will graduate with the UT Martin West Star’s class of 2018 this month.
- Tennessee Fire Codes Academy driver simulator was at CFD station providing practice and driving experiences



## **COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

- **Our soldier-officers are back from military training – Chief Lewis is glad to have them home, but not looking forward to them going away on active duty**
- **Taking applications and setting up interviews for three police officer positions**
- **CPD Special Response Team has heavy schedule for summer – will be involved in training-events-drills throughout the months of June-July-August**
- **Officers have received their tablets that CPD was able to purchase using 2017-18 budget funds. Each officer has their own tablet and can file reports directly from their car.**
- **CPD responded to a “shots fired” call on May 28 at Tatlock Apartments. After investigating, they have arrested three suspects and recovered two weapons believed to be used in the incident. The Tipton County Sheriff’s Office K-9 Unit and other deputies also assisted in the search for the suspects. “These arrests are a result of good information from witnesses and good police work by our officers.” Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis stated.**
- **Please report suspicious activity to police immediately – let CPD decipher the situation. Call 901-475-1261 or 901-476-9036. Call 911 in emergencies**



Dawn Hargett with State of Tennessee Department of Treasury provided training to members of the Covington Police Department Tuesday. She provided information about how victims of crime can get financial assistance from the State of Tennessee if certain criteria are met.

The Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund ("Fund") provides financial assistance to crime victims through two programs: *Criminal Injuries Compensation Program (CIC/Criminal Injuries Program)* and the *Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE)*. To learn more, check the

State website at

<http://treasury.tn.gov/injury/index.html>

# PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

**Covington Public Works will close South College Street from Hyde Park Circle to Mark Walker Drive beginning 6am Monday, June 18. This section of road will be closed the entire week. We are making necessary repairs and upgrades to the South College underpass. We advise using either South Main or Highway 51 as alternate routes. Mill Road traffic is asked to use South Main as the entrance and exit point. We thank you for your patience and understanding. The road will be much improved once this work is completed.**



## *Join us for Coffee with the Mayor*



**Please Join Us for coffee and conversations  
7:30 – 9:00**

Tuesday, June 26 Sookies Bake Shop on the Square  
Tuesday, July 10 Little Jimmy's Lunch Box – 511 East Liberty  
Tuesday, July 24 Little Jimmy's Lunch Box – 511 East Liberty  
Tuesday, August 07 Little Jimmy's – 511 East Liberty  
Tuesday, August 21 Little Jimmy's – 511 East Liberty  
Tuesday, September 04 Little Jimmy's – 511 East Liberty  
Tuesday, September 18 Little Jimmy's – 511 East Liberty

# Public Works Committee Receives Petition to Remove Speed Bumps & Hears from Resident Concerning Neglected Residence

The Public Works Committee held their regular monthly meeting on June 5 at Covington City Hall at 1:00. Present were Chairman Alderman Mac McGowan, Alderman John Edwards, Alderman Drew Glass, Public Works Director David Gray, Utilities Manager Calvin Johnson, Streets and Sanitation Manager James Dowell, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Mayor Justin Hanson, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, Historian David Gwinn, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, and residents Antonius Edwards, Scott Jones, and Steve Zurhellen.

Chairman McGowan called the meeting to order at 1:00 with a quorum present and called on Director David Gray to make his presentation. Director Gray called on resident Scott Jones from Countrywood Subdivision who submitted a petition for the removal of speed bumps in their neighborhood. Mr. Jones gave a brief overview of the neighborhood and the reasons for the petition. Alderman Edwards asked for clarification on the dates the bumps were installed and Alderman Glass asked about the costs of the speed bumps. Director Gray helped to clarify some of the committee's concerns, but didn't know exact costs of installation. Alderman Glass motioned to remove the speed bumps from Countrywood Subdivision and keep them in storage to be used again, if needed. Mayor Hanson seconded the motion. Alderman Edwards asked to look at our policy regarding speed bumps and come to an agreement on a time period to leave them down if/when installed. Director Gray reiterated the need for a policy for speed bumps in the City of Covington – including time limits - and said he would bring something for consideration to the next meeting. Alderman McGowan stated he feels speed enforcement is more effective than speed bumps. Alderman Edwards agreed saying that speed humps cost us money, but writing speeding tickets generates money for the city. The vote was called for on Alderman Glass's motion, and it passed unanimously.

Director Gray continued with his report with the bid analysis for chemicals, gas, water, sewer, concrete and rocks. Gray went through the bids which were included in the handouts for committee members, and discussed specifics of each. Alderman Edwards motioned to accept the bids as presented by Director Gray, and this was seconded by Alderman Drew Glass. Motion passed unanimously.

Frazier Park Connector Project schedule for construction was included in Gray's packet, including bid advertisements, pre-bid meetings, and pre-construction meetings. Gray went through this with the committee.

At the last Public Works Committee meeting, there was a discussion on Gas Study – Gray submitted bids he has received for this service, and stated he has also checked references.

Gray stated that as of this point in the billing cycle, it appears we are operating “in the black”, and will continue to do so. He said he has made some adjustments and changes in things, including how gas is stored after the heating season, and these are saving us money. Gray recommended not spending \$11,000 on a gas study for at least another year to see how recent changes will effect things – and he believes they are having a positive effect. Alderman McGowan stated he feels we should still go forward with a rate study, and Gray said the price that has been quoted is a good cost and he feels lowest bidder – D2 Energy will do a good job. McGowan then made a motion to continue with the rate study with D2 Energy. There being no second, the motion failed. Alderman Glass stated he feels confident in Director Gray's steps to put solutions in place, and is in agreement with him to not conduct a rate study at this time. Discussion continued among committee members and Director Gray concerning industrial gas, residential gas, and commercial gas. McGowan still recommended a rate study be done, but there being no motion for this, he moved to the next item on the agenda.

Gray stated he would like to repair of the road at the underpass on College Street by digging it out and replacing all the asphalt with concrete, and also improving the drainage in this area. If this is done, it will take a minimum of 5 days. Gray stated this is probably the best time to take action at this location while school is out. He said he would do an ad campaign to adequately inform people and set up alternate routes. Alderman Edwards asked what

the estimated cost for this project will be and Gray stated he expects \$15,000 - \$18,000. Alderman Glass stated he feels this is a no-brainer as it is just a few days to repair a decades-old problem, then Glass motioned to approve Director Gray's plan to dig out and repair the road at the underpass on College Street and Mayor Hanson seconded. Alderman Edwards asked if an engineer has looked at this and approved Gray's plan, and Gray stated he has had Pat Harcourt of A2H out there to look at the area, and this is what he recommended. After discussion of possible bypass routes, the motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Gray continued with the study being done to make a school zone at TCA. Mayor Hanson has contacted TDOT for a study in this area, and it wasn't recommended while school is out as it wouldn't give an accurate accounting of school traffic. Hanson said he has also contacted TCA, but hasn't heard back from them. Director Gray stated he also hasn't heard from TCA, but would like to get something done before school starts in August. Gray went on to say he has flashing lights he can put up, but wants to make sure they go in the right place. McGowan stated that according to our Municipal Code, we must have an investigation first, and asked Gray to reach out to Lisa Blalack at TCA for more information. Gray stated he has discussed this with A2H and they can do the study for a cost range of \$750 - \$1500. McGowan motioned to follow-up with TCA, get more information, and address this at next month's meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming PIPE (Partners In Protecting Everyone) meeting at June 27 at Covington Civic Center – registration at 11:30 am. All are welcome to attend; please RSVP by June 22. This is an 811 program that Covington has sponsored for over 10 years, but this is the first time to be at our Civic Center.

Month of May was annual gas inspection (May 7-8-9) and the City of Covington received NO citations. Calvin Johnson was recognized for the great work he has done in this area, particularly working with inspectors through this year's inspection.

Alderman Glass motioned to accept Director Gray's report and Alderman Edwards seconded. Alderman McGowan asked about the well repair taking place at Shelton Park, and Gray said that is going well, and along with repairs, there will be preventive maintenance on pipes. McGowan asked if citizens purchase a culvert, would the City install it, and Gray stated it is the city's policy to do so. McGowan then called for a vote on Alderman Glass's motion to accept Director Gray's report, and that motion passed.

Mayor Hanson distributed information for CODES Enforcement Officer Lessie Fisher, who was out. He informed committee members that the City of Covington has received THDA grant for \$375,000 for repairs and renovations to owner-occupied homes in the City of Covington. Alderman Edwards asked if there was a reason we did not receive \$500,000, and Mayor Hanson stated he did not know details, but this is certainly good news that we did receive monies for this purpose and thanked Alderman Edwards for the suggestion to apply for this grant. Mayor Hanson went on to say that the Blight Eradication Grant project and the Home Improvement Grant project will run concurrently and letters have been sent out to homeowners effected by the blight grant.

Alderwoman Bommer stated it has been her experience that the grants are first offered to communities at lesser rates to see how they use it, and if that goes well, the grant may be more upon the next submission/approval.

Alderwoman Bommer stated her garbage can was out in the street after being emptied today and she got out and moved it. She said that she noticed that others were out, and actually hit one that knocked her mirror off. Resident Scott Jones stated that happens in Countrywood, as well. Mayor Hanson said that would be taken care of and encouraged them to speak with Mr. William Edwards concerning this. Alderman Edwards said he has noticed these cans are made differently and may not be conducive to staying in place. Mayor Hanson stated the volume is the same as the old ones, and again reiterated that Public Works Purchasing Officer Mr. William Edwards is who takes care of garbage pick-up and suggested contacting him for concerns.

Alderman McGowan called on resident Steve Zurhellen who stated his main concern are lots and residences that are grown up, trashed, and otherwise unkempt and asked for recourse for having these areas cleaned up. He stated there is often trash, garbage, construction waste, and un-mowed grass next door to him and this not only affects him, but others in the neighborhood. McGowan stated he wants our Codes Department to present a flow-chart for how these issues are handled, as the law dictates steps that must taken. Zurhellen asked several questions and McGowan reiterated that citizens should call Code Enforcement to address these issues to accurately start a timeline for addressing the problems. Alderman Edwards asked about specifics on this particular concern, because a year or two seems like too long of a time to deal with a problem. McGowan said he doesn't know specifics, but Mayor Hanson stated he has investigated this case himself and consulted with Attorney Witherington, who stated there are very specific laws addressing owners/renters.

Zurhellen stated he feels owners should be responsible not only for their properties, but for how they affect the neighborhoods in which they exist. He said he has been embarrassed of the condition in this area – which is in the Historic District – and he feels this should be more effectively addressed. McGowan stated he has consulted with MTAS several times and these issues are just tough and there is no silver bullet, but he agrees that we need to do things that will make our neighborhoods better, not worse, as in this case. McGowan said we are investigating Environmental Court and/or addressing issues such as this in General Sessions Court. Alderman Glass stated this is a problem all over town, and that some landlords get letters over and over again, and he feels we may need to strengthen our ordinances and be as proactive as we can to address these kinds of situations. Zurhellen went on to say this particular house next to him has destroyed his neighborhood and he doesn't feel this should be allowed to happen. McGowan and Glass said they are also angered with these kinds of issues and agree stronger action is needed. McGowan reiterated the importance of contacting Lessie Fisher in our Codes Department for all codes violations, and Alderman Edwards stated he feels people need better access to code enforcement for reporting issues all over town. Scott Jones asked if the city can mow and charge the owners, and Mayor Hanson explained the process for contacting owners, which includes sending certified letters, waiting for owners to accept the certified mail, then giving them time to address the problems, scheduling the work to be done, and charging the owners, which can take *weeks*. All of this according to State law.

Glass reiterated studying and strengthening our ordinances to address this and Mayor Hanson stated we also need to look at handling more of these kinds of issues through the courts. Zurhellen again expressed his concern for allowing properties to get into this bad of shape so as to ruin neighborhoods, and Glass agreed. Alderman Edwards stated with the THDA grant, houses like this can be revitalized and this will help encourage more home-owners in the City of Covington. Alderwoman Bommer stated she agrees with Alderman Glass's suggestion to take a look at our own ordinances and do what we can to strengthen them to help support clean, safe neighborhoods. She said there are many rentals in Covington and wants to encourage more owner-occupied housing. McGowan said we need to think of the whole town as our neighborhood and brainstorm to see what we can do to address this issue throughout the city. Mayor Hanson suggested continuing this discussion when Mrs. Fisher is at the July meeting, and invited both Jones and Zurhellen to that meeting as well as the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meetings, the next of which is June 12, 2018.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

## General Welfare and Public Relations Committee hears Reports from Airport, Parks and Recreation, and Museum

The General Welfare and Public Relations Committee held their regular monthly meeting at Covington City hall on June 12 at 1:00. Present were Chairman Alderman Drew Glass, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman Jere Hadley, Alderman John Edwards, Alderman CH Sullivan, Airport Director Robin Anderson, Parks and Recreation Director Joe Mack, Museum Director Barrie Foster, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Mayor Justin Hanson, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, Echo Day of The Leader and Margaret Fleming.

Chairman Glass called the meeting to order at 1:00 with a quorum present and called on Covington Airport Director Robin Anderson to make his report.

Covington Municipal Airport Director Robin Anderson:

- Over 5000 gallons in fuel sold month of May....2761 gallons of Jet-A fuel and 2301 gallons of AvGas
- Update on lighting system replacement – meeting last Thursday – purpose of meeting was to review the 75% design on lighting system replacement project – everything still on track to start construction in August. Preliminary calculations show that one regulator will be able to power all of the lights.
- When lighting project begins, the airport will need to be closed. Anderson is looking into closing the airport at night for this project, if feasible.
- Anderson has applied for grant for \$45,000 for airfield maintenance equipment. Anderson expects the grant to be a 25% match from the City and thinks it may even be a 95%-05% possibility, which would be especially beneficial. He is awaiting more information on this to proceed.

Mayor Hanson motioned to accept Director Anderson's report and Alderman Hadley seconded – motion passed.

Chairman Glass then called on Director Mack to make his presentation from Parks and Recreation  
Director Mack:

- Summer Movie Series – Drug Free Tipton is providing outdoor projectors/screens o Parks and Rec for outside movies. These will be FREE movies shown on Friday, June 29 at Cobb-Parr Park (Coco) and July 13 (A Wrinkle in Time) at Frazier Park. Bring a blanket, lawn-chairs, and invite your friends and family to enjoy good movies under the stars in our parks *free of charge!* Mack stated he intends to use this equipment at the Covington Aquatic Center and other places throughout the city, and make it available for rent/lease.
- Isaac Hayes Day – August 18 at Frazier Park in Covington from 1:00 – 5:00. There will be music, water slides, food, vendors, and admission is *FREE!* There will also be a small exhibit at Museum in honor of Isaac Hayes, as well. Plans are still under way and suggestions are welcome. Please call Director Mack at 901-476-3734 and Director Foster at 901-476-0242
- First Presbyterian Church in Covington asked for Grace Race to be co- sponsored by Covington Parks and Recreation and Parks and Rec will time the event, as well. Mack asked committee to agree our sponsorship rather than charge for our services. Alderwoman Bommer motioned to allow Parks and Rec to be a sponsor for the race in lieu of charging a fee to time the event, and Chairman Glass seconded. Motion passed.
- 30 minute classes at Sportsplex – these help people get a workout in during the day. There is a 30 minute CORE CLASS on Tuesdays at noon at the Covington Sportsplex. Mack expects more 30 minute classes to be available to help accommodate patrons' busy schedules. Chairman Glass asked about SILVER SNEAKERS at Sportplex, and Mack stated the program is GOING STRONG in Covington. Many insurance companies will pay for this for seniors. Call the sportsplex for details at 901-476-3734
- Mack is partnering with NavyMWE-Mid South this summer– there will be 30-40 school-age children per visit. They are paying \$500 for 5 visits this summer.

Chairman Glass motioned to accept Director Mack's report and Alderwoman Bommer seconded. Motion passed.

Tipton County Museum Director Barrie Foster:

- Tonight is Reception for June Veteran of the Month Grady Turnbow.
- Museum sponsoring **FRESH** – Tipton County Children’s Art Contest– applications available at Covington City Hall, Tipton County Museum, and Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce.
- Museum expansion – A2H has agreed to provide preliminary plans – brick sales and donations continue to support this.
- Museum Camp is coming up – activities will include birdwatching, history of the US Flag (campers will design their own flag), genealogy, and study of Leonardo da Vinci.
- Storywalk took place on museum grounds last Saturday from 10:00 – 12:00.
- Art Camp was last week – 10 children participated and they learned about various artists. Many activities took place outside while campers experienced with various art styles. Foster reported the camp was very successful and she felt students learned new styles and some art history.
- Artist Series for Kids was June 2<sup>nd</sup> and students concentrated on Salvador Dali.

Alderman Glass motioned to accept Director Foster’s report and this was seconded by Alderman Hadley – motion passed.

Alderman Bommer stated museum programs seem fun, educational, and exciting and she wishes her grandchildren were here to enjoy them. Alderman Edwards stated he is excited about the opportunities for outside movies in the parks and around town.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



# Tons of BBQ and Fun at the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual BBQ Festival and Cooking Contest in Covington



Once again, the COVINGTON Certified Pork Workers won the “friendly” competition, the Golden Pig, and bragging rights for another year!



Certified Pork Workers “treated” City employees – past and present – and friends to a delicious BBQ lunch Friday.





The Funk Monsters entertained the evening crowd while the BBQ simmered and smoked. Most importantly, people enjoyed the evening!





While SMOKE MASTERS (left) were named Grand Champions, other winners include....

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| Sauce                             | Grillbillies          |
| Anything But...                   | Smoke Masters         |
| Desset                            | Grillbillies          |
| Ribs – 1 <sup>st</sup> place      | Heath Riles BBQ       |
| Ribs – 2 <sup>nd</sup> place      | High Life On the Hog  |
| Ribs - 3 <sup>rd</sup> place      | Poker Porkers         |
| Ribs – 4 <sup>th</sup> place      | Natural Born Grillers |
| Pulled Pork 1 <sup>st</sup> place | U Pigs BBQ            |
| Pulled Pork 2 <sup>nd</sup> place | High Life on the Hog  |
| Pulled Pork 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | JonesyQ BBQ           |
| Pulled Pork 4 <sup>th</sup> place | Country Boy Cookers   |
| Whole Hog 1 <sup>st</sup> place   | Smoke Masters         |
| Whole Hog 2 <sup>nd</sup> place   | Poker Porkers         |
| Whole Hog 3 <sup>rd</sup> place   | Country Boy Cookers   |
| Whole Hog 4 <sup>th</sup> place   | HogFat                |

Join your Chamber Staff and Community for

## Third Thursday

Business After Hours  
**5pm - 6pm on June 21st**  
 At Wyatt Earp's Steak House  
 102 Court Square East, Covington

Mix, Mingle, Eat, Drink, and Unwind!

Interested in Sponsoring this Month's Event? Contact Lauren Fletcher  
 at 901 476 9727 or [lauren@covington-tiptoncochamber.com](mailto:lauren@covington-tiptoncochamber.com)



# COVINGTON TIPTON COUNTY CHAMBER *of* COMMERCE

CLICK ON THE CHAMBER LOGO ABOVE TO READ THEIR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

# FAMILY FUN DAY!!

**FREE Games & Activities**  
**for the Entire Family**

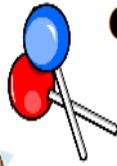
**Saturday, June 23**

**10:00 - 2:00**

**First United Methodist Church**

**145 West Church Ave.**

**Covington, Tennessee**



**CHARITY DUNK TANK**  
Proceeds Benefit the Good Samaritan Fund  
\$1.00 - 3 balls or \$5.00 to hit the button!

Mayor Justin Hanson	Andrew Davis
City Judge Beth Ziarko	Carole Mathis
Mark Heaston CFD	Rev. Dan Camp

Plus a few surprises!



## Mayor Hanson Guest at “Read to be Ready” Summer Literacy Program at Crestview Elementary

Crestview Elementary is one of three Tipton County elementary schools to receive state grant funds for the Read to be Ready summer reading program. Mayor Hanson enjoys working with children in our schools and values youth programs.



Downtown Merchants' Association Corner



**10% OFF  
CUSTOM FRAMING  
ORDERS!!!**

**PLACE ORDER  
IN JUNE  
GET 10% OFF!!!**



- June 18 - July 30 – EVERY MONDAY – Cooking Matters – FREE! [click here to learn more!](#)
- June 19 - [Story Time in the Park](#) - 10:00 – Cobb-Parr Park in Covington
- June 19 – [Character Counts Leadership Luncheon](#) honoring Dr. Buddy Bibb 11:30 [click here](#)
- June 19 – [FREE Cooking Class](#) – Tipton County Library – 5:00 – 6:00
- June 21 – Third Thursday – Wyatt Earp’s Steakhouse in Covington – 5:00
- June 23 – [Family Fun Day](#) at First United Methodist Church in Covington – 10:00 – 2:00
- June 23 – [Broadway Comes to the Ruffin](#) – Ruffin Theater in Covington – 7:00
- July 04 – [Celebration on the Square](#) – 9:00 – 10:30. JOIN OUR COMMUNITY TO CELEBRATE 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY ON THE SQUARE!
- July 09 – Bloodmobile at Covington City Hall – 9:00 – 1:00. Sign up at [www.clublifeblood.us](http://www.clublifeblood.us) choose date 07/09/2018 and enter code L198 or call 901-476-9613 ext 117
- July 10 - [Story Time in the Park](#) - 10:00 – Cobb-Parr Park in Covington
- July 13 – [Back to School Fest!](#) Covington High School 10:00 – 1:00. FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES
- July 24 - [Story Time in the Park](#) - 10:00 – Cobb-Parr Park in Covington



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[Tipton County](#) 901-476-0200

[Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce](#)  
901-476-9727

[Covington Sportsplex](#) 901-476-3734

[Drug Free Tipton](#) 901-476-0200

[Tipton County Schools](#) 901-476-7148

[South Tipton Chamber of Commerce](#) 901-837-4600

[Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region](#)  
901-476-0180

[Covington Aquatic Center](#) 901-476-9178

[Tipton County Museum](#) 901-476-0242

\*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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[REPORT LITTER BUGS](#)

**Citizen’s Litter Prevention Hotline**

**1-877-8-LITTER (877-854-8837)**

Do you want to plan quick, easy and delicious meals while saving money?

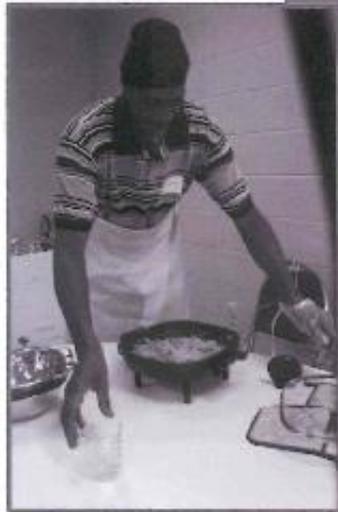
# Join us for Cooking Matters!



## WHY SIGN UP?

- It's **FREE!!!!**
- Hands-on food preparation and tastings
- Friendly grocery store tour
- Meet new people
- Take home ingredients to prepare meals for your family

**FUN!  
FOOD!  
FREE!**



## COOKING MATTERS:

June 18 - July 30  
9:00 - 11:00 a.m. every Monday

**LOCATION:**  
Tipton County Extension Office  
111 W. Washington Ave.  
Covington, TN 38019

### MORE INFORMATION AND TO PRE-REGISTER:

Jacqueline Lemons  
jlemons@tnstate.edu  
901-476-0231

### SIGN-UP TODAY! SPACE IS LIMITED!



SHARE OUR STRENGTH'S  
**COOKING MATTERS**  
NO KID HUNGRY



Supplemental  
Nutrition  
Assistance  
Program



Discretionary Extension

For more information, call 901-476-0231 or visit us online at [www.cookingmatters.org](http://www.cookingmatters.org). We are currently accepting applications for the next session of Cooking Matters. This program is a free, hands-on cooking and nutrition education program for low-income individuals and families. Participants will receive a grocery store tour, a hands-on cooking demonstration, and a meal kit to take home. The program is open to all individuals and families, regardless of race, ethnicity, or age. Space is limited, so sign up today! For more information, call 901-476-0231 or visit us online at [www.cookingmatters.org](http://www.cookingmatters.org).

This program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Food Assistance Program (NFAP), and the Tennessee Department of Health. For more information, visit [www.cookingmatters.org](http://www.cookingmatters.org).

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Take a look at the upcoming programs and events from our friends at the Tipton County Extension Office.

**[Click here for upcoming events and programs hosted by our UT Extension Office!](#)**

# 4-H YOUTH IN ACTION

## Dyersburg State Community College

Summer programs for kids in kindergarten through high school!



**June 4-8** Minecraft (Trenton)  
**June 11-15** Minecraft (Dyersburg)  
**June 18-22** Minecraft (Covington)  
**June 18-22** College for Kids (Dyersburg)  
**June 25-29** College for Kids (Covington)

For more info, call 731-286-3267

**June 4-9** Varsity Hoopfest (Dyersburg)  
**June 11-15** Basketball Camp (Dyersburg)  
**June 18-22** Basketball Camp (Dyersburg)  
**June 15-29** Basketball Camp (Dyersburg)

For more info, call 731-288-7742



**DYERSBURG STATE**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dyersburg • Covington • Trenton  
1510 Lake Road, Dyersburg, TN 38024  
731-286-3200 / [www.dsc.edu](http://www.dsc.edu) / [enroll@dsc.edu](mailto:enroll@dsc.edu)

# Character Counts Leadership Luncheon

11:30am on Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

At Covington Civic Center

[Click here to view details of this upcoming event hosted by the Boys & Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region](#)

**GREAT FUTURES START HERE.**



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
OF THE HATCHIE RIVER  
REGION

**Table Sponsorship Application above – individual tickets are \$30, and are offered in advance. Please contact Mr. James Moore of the Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region for more information – 476-0180 or [jamesmoore@bgchrr.com](mailto:jamesmoore@bgchrr.com)**

**Join the *entire community* in honoring the career of Dr. Buddy Bibb.**



# 4-H Summer Camp



Summer 4-H Camp, 2018  
4-H Members in the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
June 18-22, 2018  
Ridley 4-H Center, Columbia, TN  
Registration Deadline: Friday, May 25, 2018

**Spots still available**

**Call Tipton County Extension Office at  
901-476-0231 to sign up**

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# Tipton County 4-H June Newsletter

## Important Dates:

- **June 6** Deadline to turn in Livestock Expo Information
- **June 11** County Deadline for Line & Design Camp
- **June 12-15** 4-H Academic Conference
- **June 18-22** Jr. 4-H Camp
- **June 29-30** Regional Livestock Expo
- **July 3-6** Jr. High 4-H Camp
- **July 5-7** State Livestock Sheep Expo
- **July 9-11** Western Region 4-H Line & Design Camp
- **July 11-13** State Livestock Expo Beef
- **July 14** Western Region Roundup Readiness Day
- **July 23-July 27** 4-H Roundup

## Congratulations to our 4-H County Winners



## Free Money

We have three scholarships to send 4-Hers to Line and Design Camp! If your 4-Her is in 6-12th grade they are eligible to attend. Please contact our office for more details!

**Tipton County UT/TSU Extension Office**  
111 W. Washington Ave  
PO BOX 523  
Covington, TN 38019  
901-476-0231

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# "Fresh"

**2nd Annual Tipton County Children's Summer Art Contest & Exhibit**  
Presented by the Court Square Farmers Market and Tipton County Museum



- July 13 Deadline for delivery of artwork & entry form to either location:  
Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington  
Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce  
106 West Liberty Ave., Covington
- TBA Awards Ceremony -Details TBA - Participants will be contacted with further details.
- July 30th - Aug. 24th Exhibition dates of all submitted artwork will be in the Tipton County Public Library at the Dyersburg State Community College- Jimmy Naifeh Center
- August 27th - 31st Pickup artwork at Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce

**AWARDS:** 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup> Place & Honorable Mentions for each age category.

**SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

This contest is open to children ages 5 - 17 who are current residents of Tipton County. One entry per child. Please deliver entry form and artwork to Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce no later than 4:00 p.m. Friday, July 13, 2018.

**ELIGIBILITY & MEDIA**

Original work only, completed without instructional or parental involvement. The artwork should depict something that would be sold at our local Court Square Farmers Market, i.e., corn, tomatoes, strawberry pies, sunflowers, blackberries, etc.  
**MEDIA:** acrylic, watercolor, collage, mixed media, oil, oil pastel, chalk pastel, colored pencil, and watercolor pencil. Artwork may be on canvases or on art/watercolor paper. Artwork created on paper must be framed. All artwork must have a hanging wire across the entire back side of the artwork, approximately 1 ¼ inches from the top.

For questions on eligible media, art surfaces, framing, or hanging wire, please call Barrie Foster, Director of the Tipton County Museum at (901) 476-0242.

**FRESH**  
**2ND ANNUAL CHILDREN'S SUMMER ART CONTEST**  
Open to children ages 5-17  
in Tipton County  
Pick up your registration packet today at the  
Covington - Tipton County Chamber of Commerce, Tipton County Museum,  
City Hall, or Tipton County Public Library.  
Exhibition will be at the Tipton County Public Library  
July 30th - August 24th.  
Call 901 476 9727 for further details!  
HOSTED BY THE COURT SQUARE FARMERS MARKET  
AND TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM

**ATTENTION KID ARTISTS!**

Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of a fun summer art project!  
Pick up your registration packet today and get started!



**A BIG THANK YOU** to the Covington Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) for the lovely flower baskets on the square and to the volunteers who keep them watered!



# DSCC Students Bring Home Wins at SkillsUSA Competition

Seven Dyersburg State Community College students participated in their first ever SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference March 19-21 with competitions held at the Chattanooga Convention Center and at Chattanooga State Community College.

Over 1,400 career and technical education (CTE) students from high schools and colleges across Tennessee competed in approximately 110 contests to demonstrate their skills in career fields such as electronics, manufacturing, arts and design, construction, cosmetology, health care, transportation and human services.

KenNasha Malone of Covington won Gold for Audio/Radio Production; Constance Cherry of Bartlett won Silver for Related Technical Mathematics; and Brianna Reed of Covington won Bronze in Technical Computing Applications. Other students participating included Drakan Blackstock of Ripley, Reynajia Givhan of Covington, Joyce Nelson of Halls and Julia Williams of Dyersburg.

Williams was one of nine finalists out of 40 who advanced through local competitions to become a regional finalist in the Outstanding Technical Student of the Year program. She was presented a bronze and a silver lapel pin as well as a new iPad for progressing to the finals.

During the conference, students received job offers to be hired on the spot by business and industry professionals in attendance.

SkillsUSA is a nationwide partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA annually serves over 300,000 high school and college/postsecondary students, and their instructors in technical, skilled and service occupation instructional programs. SkillsUSA chapters are in career and technical high schools, and two- and four-year colleges.

SkillsUSA was founded in 1965 to teach students leadership skills to complement their chosen careers. The organization emphasizes respect for the dignity of work, ethics, workmanship, scholarship and safety. For more information about SkillsUSA, visit [tnpsskillsusa.org](http://tnpsskillsusa.org) or [SkillsUSA.org](http://SkillsUSA.org).



DSCC students attending the SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference March 19-21 included (from left) Brianna Reed of Covington, Joyce Nelson of Halls, KenNasha Malone of Covington, Julia Williams of Dyersburg, Reynajia Givhan of Covington and Drakan Blackstock of Ripley.

# **Support the School – Enjoy a Meal: DSCC’s PTK Honor Society to Host Spirit Night at JT’s Burgers and Wings**

Members of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society at Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) will host Spirit Night June 25, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at JT’s Burgers and Wings in Munford. The restaurant will donate a portion of sales to the DSCC organization if customers mention DSCC PTK when they order. For more information, contact Dr. Brigham Scallion, chapter advisor, at 501-772-5350 or [scallion@dsc.edu](mailto:scallion@dsc.edu).



**2018**

**Sponsored by  
Tipton County Community Advisory Board  
FOOD and SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

**July 13  
Covington High School  
10:00 – 1:00**

**For additional information, please contact  
Doris Frazier at the Tipton County Health Department 901-476-0235, ext 143  
Earnestine Walk at the Tipton County Health Department 901-619-1409  
Barbara Bond, DCS Resource Linkage Coordinator 731-431-4064**

**EACH CHILD RECEIVING FREE SUPPLIES MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**



The Covington Civic Center is open! We are excited and ready to help you plan your big wedding event. We are the venue of choice whether you have plans for a small, intimate wedding or a large wedding. Our Tennessean room is located on the first floor of the Civic Center and can accommodate three hundred plus guests. Our rental packages include tables, chairs, tablecloths, and tableware and we are flexible enough to accommodate most every bridal party.

Every bride wants a private place at her wedding venue to get dressed on her big day and we have this at the Covington Civic Center. The bride's dressing room is just steps away from the warming kitchen, where she and her wedding party can catch a last minute snack. We also have an area for the groom away from the crowd on our second floor. This area provides just the right, out-of-the-way space where he can enjoy time with his groomsmen to relax and share snacks before he takes that big step. There is also a dressing area on the second floor.

Our warming kitchen is just off the Tennessean and allows caterers to serve guests at any rental. The kitchen has large prep counters and is equipped with commercial appliances.

The Covington Civic Center has designated parking just west of our building. Our main entrance on Washington Avenue has a handicapped entrance, including an elevator, to offer assistance for anyone needing it. This entrance allows ease of access to the first floor for florists, photographers, bands, and caterers as well. For more information or to schedule a tour, call Karen Griffin, at 901.475.7139.



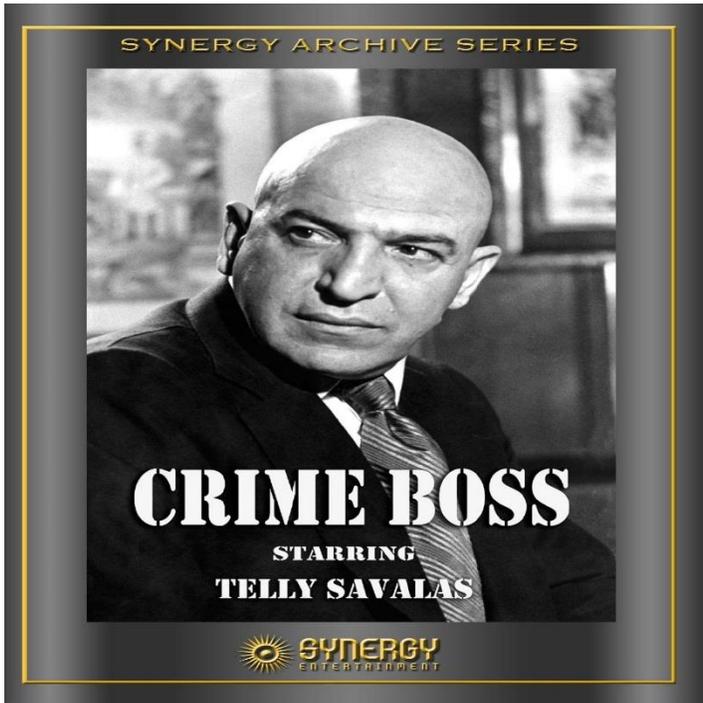
# Girls Night Out Huge Success in Covington

When you invite the women to come and shop on a special night just for them – they *will* show up!



The Downtown Merchants' Association, the City of Covington, and the Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce extend their thanks to all the ladies who enjoyed shopping with us Thursday night. We hope you enjoyed it and will come back again!

Historic Ruffin Theater  
MOVIE SCHEDULE



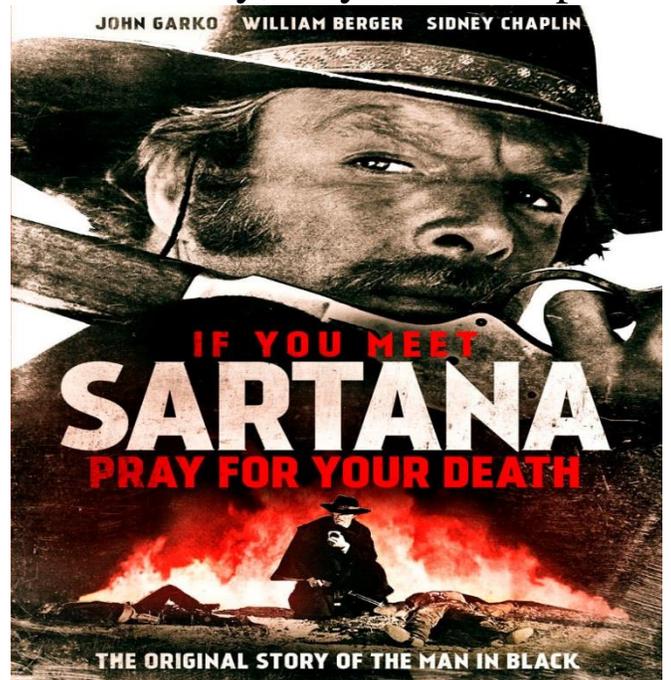
Sunday, June 10 3:00 pm



Sunday, July 8 3:00 pm



Sunday, August 12 3:00



Sunday, September 8 3:00

*The Historic*  
**RUFFIN**  
*Theater*  
**2018**

**BROADWAY**  
**COMES TO THE**  
**RUFFIN**

AN EVENING OF HIT BROADWAY SONGS

**JUNE 23 AT 7PM**

[ruffin.theater](http://ruffin.theater)



**TRY TO BE A  
RAINBOW IN  
SOMEONE'S  
CLOUD.**

MAYA ANGELOU

**THERE IS NO  
ELEVATOR  
TO SUCCESS.  
YOU HAVE TO  
TAKE THE  
STAIRS**

**SOME  
OLD-FASHIONED  
THINGS LIKE  
FRESH AIR  
AND SUNSHINE  
ARE HARD TO BEAT.**  
-LAURA INGALLS WILDER

**IF NOT US,  
WHO?  
IF NOT NOW,  
WHEN?**  
JOHN F. KENNEDY

FAILURE DOESN'T MEAN THE  
GAME IS OVER,  
IT MEANS TRY AGAIN WITH  
**EXPERIENCE**

**If egg is broken by  
outside force, life ends.  
If broken by inside  
force, life begins.  
Great things always  
begin from inside.**

# Free cooking class!

# Food samples!

Try vegetarian & vegan:  
This class helps with weight loss, diabetes,  
cancer & heart disease.

Tipton County Public Library  
Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00pm

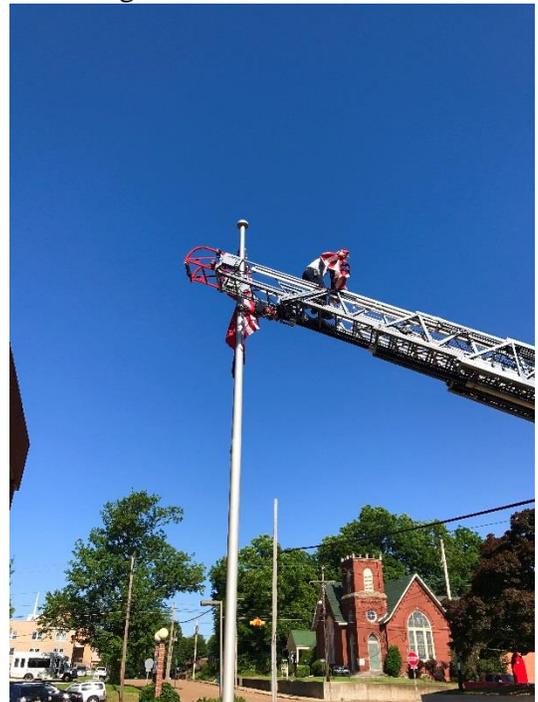
Questions?

Call Susan at library: 901-476-8289 or  
Leslie Caza(teacher): 731-798-1106



# Neil Bringle of Woodmen Life Donated New Flags

Neil Bringle brought brand new flags to Mayor Justin Hanson to be flown over Covington City Hall. Firefighters Glen Travis and Ed Moss replaced the old flags with these new ones.



## Covington Police Officer Promoted

Covington Police Department would like to congratulate Officer Rushell Guarian who has been promoted to the rank of Corporal where he will continue to serve, protect and care for the citizens of the City of Covington. Police Chief Buddy Lewis congratulated Guarian on his promotion (R)

**Congratulations &  
Thank You!**



# Career Day at St. Luke

Many different types of jobs and careers were represented at the St. Luke Career Day May 31<sup>st</sup>



Careers and services were explored..... and some were demonstrated



The City of Covington was well represented by Public Works, the airport, the museum, and police and fire departments.

Mayor Hanson thanked Covington employees for sharing their career information with participants.





What in life could be more meaningful than giving a sick child a “second chance” at life?

## Give Blood

Every minute, each day, someone in our community depends on volunteer donors for blood products. The need for blood, platelets, white cells, and plasma is continuous throughout the year. At St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, many patients with catastrophic diseases like leukemia need blood products daily. You can help by volunteering to donate blood or a blood component at St. Jude's Blood Donor Center. This will help our blood bank maintain an adequate supply of blood products.

Hours of operation are: Monday – Friday 8am until 4pm, with the exception of Tuesday start time is 9:15am. Platelet donation takes 1½ to 2 hours. A blood donation takes 30 – 45 minutes. The Blood Donor Center does not have a mobile, so donors will have to visit St. Jude to donate.

**Call 901-595-2024  
to schedule an appointment**

[St Jude](#)

[Finding cures. Saving children.](#)

# *Like to Read?*

## St. Matthew's Episcopal Church brings book boxes to Downtown and Frazier Park

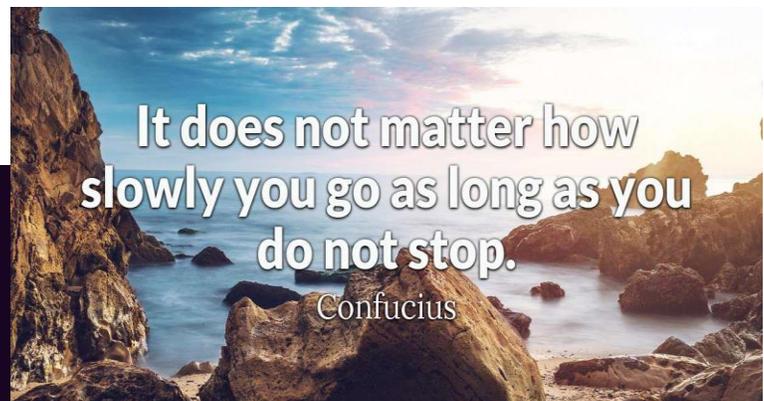
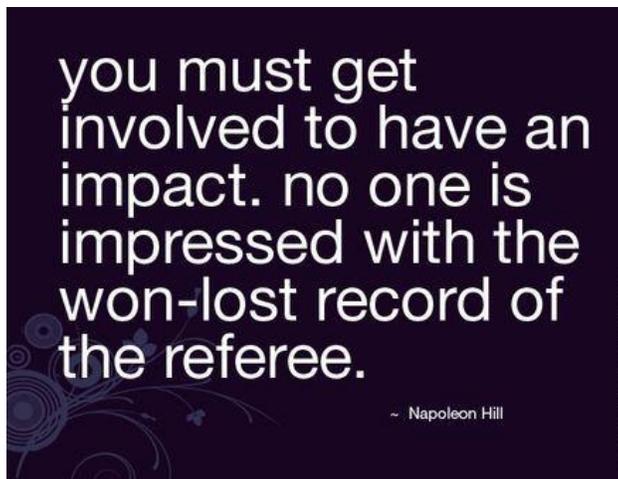
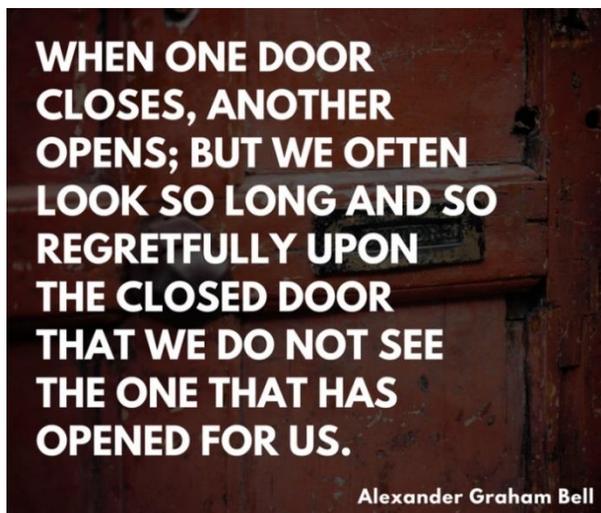
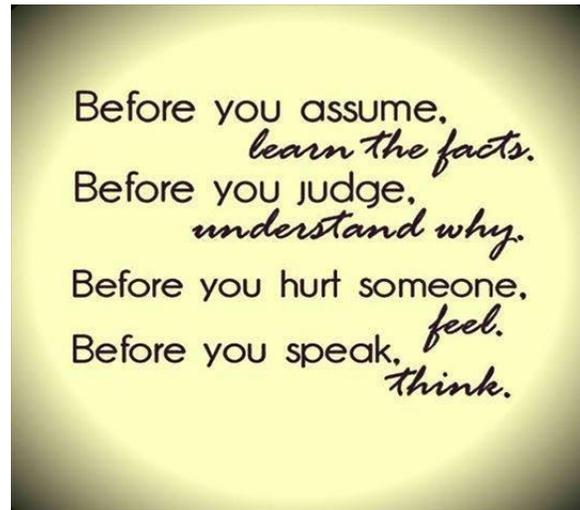


They have many names – little free libraries, neighborhood book exchanges, but whatever you call them, they are a great means by which people can read and share books. St. Matthews put up the first one on their campus, then provided a book box for Frazier Park, which Covington grounds crews installed recently (R). The project, created by church treasurer Lesleigh Robinson and daughters Lori and Lindsey, is similar to the Little Free Library concept in that the ministry aims to build community through literacy and fostering book exchanges.

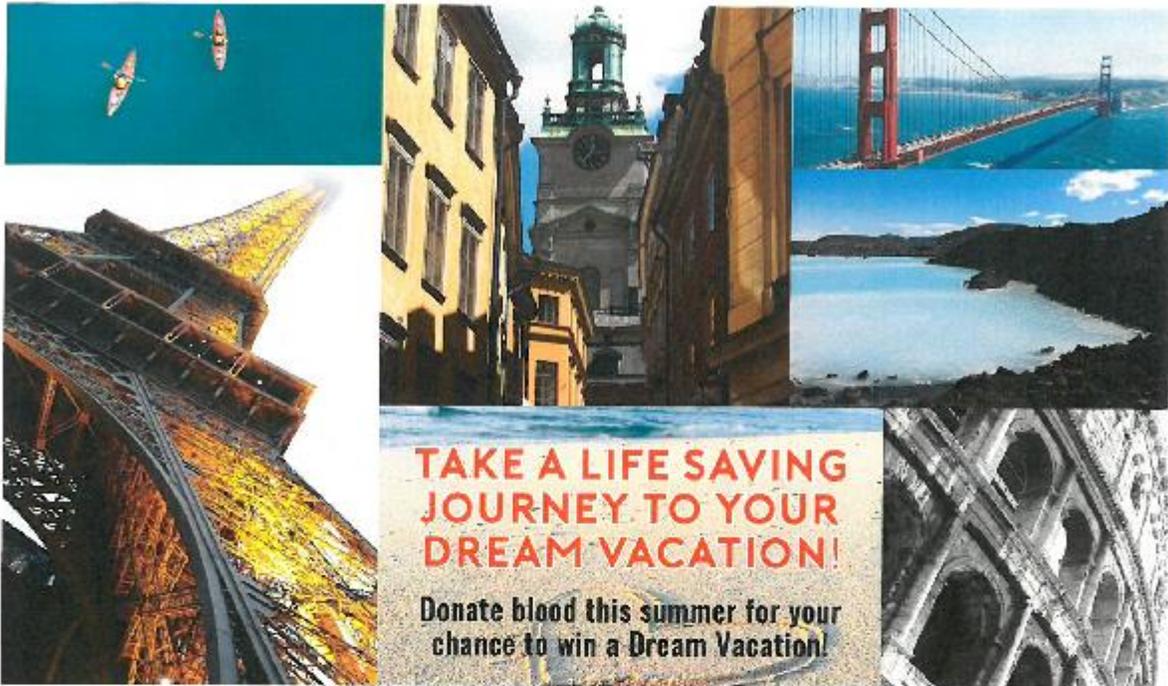


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# Quotable Quotes



**GET INVOLVED**  
**the world is run by**  
**those who show up**



**TAKE A LIFE SAVING  
JOURNEY TO YOUR  
DREAM VACATION!**

**Donate blood this summer for your  
chance to win a Dream Vacation!**

The City of Covington will be having a Summer **Lifeblood** drive!

**Monday-July 9<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 AM-1:00 PM-in the **Lifeblood Mobile**.**

**Covington City Hall**

**200 West Washington Street**

**Covington, TN 38019**

**For information and to sign-up please contact Ms. Sara Gangaware at:**

**[sgangaware@covingtontn.com](mailto:sgangaware@covingtontn.com) or**

**go to: [clublifeblood.us/](http://clublifeblood.us/) and enter in sponsor code: L198.**

**Each donation can save as many as 3 lives. Thank you!**



Donate July 8-31 for a "Summer Champion" T-shirt! While supplies last.

SAVE TIME! Complete your **FAST TRACK** Health History the day you donate at [www.clublifeblood.org](http://www.clublifeblood.org)

Schedule your appointment to donate at [www.lifeblood.org](http://www.lifeblood.org) or call 888-543-3256

All June, July and August blood donors are entered to win a *Dream Vacation*, valued at up to \$6,000! Winner chooses the destination!

Visit [lifeblood.org](http://lifeblood.org) for more information and official drawing rules.



## **LIFEBLOOD AT COVINGTON CITY HALL JULY 9**

To make an appointment, go to [www.clublifeblood.us](http://www.clublifeblood.us) then click on *Locate a Blood Drive*, select date 07/09/2018, and then type in Code L198

# DSCC's Next Paramedic-to RN Program to be Held at Dyersburg Campus Fall 2018 and in Covington in 2019

**Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) will begin its Paramedic to RN fast track program at its Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County in spring 2019 with an application deadline of Sept. 1, 2018.**

For more information, contact Jackie Cherry at 731-286-3390 or email [cherry@dsc.edu](mailto:cherry@dsc.edu).



## DSCC's Alpha Epsilon Alpha PTK Chapter Receives Regional Awards

The Alpha Epsilon Alpha Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society at Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) received several awards and recognitions during the Society's Tennessee Regional Convention and Awards Banquet March 23-25 hosted at Cleveland State Community College in Cleveland.

DSCC PTK chapter officers Emily Camp of Millington received a second place win in the poetry category while Erin Hein of Munford received third place in creative nonfiction. Their works were published in "Tennessee Mosaic," a regional literary anthology. The Chapter also received recognition as a Five Star Chapter and a Chapter of Light.



Those attending the Tennessee Regional Awards Banquet were (from left) Dr. Brigham Scallion, chapter advisor, Felecia Barnett of Burlison, Trina Bobbitt of Medina, Mary Grace Simonton of Covington, Brianna Reed of Covington, Richard Edmondson of Covington and Emily Kaesberg of Brighton.

## Dyersburg State Announces Dates for College for Kids Summer Program

The Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) Division of Continuing Education will offer its annual College for Kids summer program in Dyersburg and Covington from 9 a.m. - noon each day. This year's theme will be 'College for Kids: Limitless Summer,' and will consist of stimulating and educational classes for children entering kindergarten through fifth grade this fall. Detailed program information can be found at [www.dsc.edu/c4k](http://www.dsc.edu/c4k).

**This program will be held at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County, June 25-29.** The registration deadline is June 8. The cost is \$85 per child and includes supplies, snacks and a T-shirt.

Registration is available online at <http://www.dsc.edu/c4k>. Those who wish to register in person may do so by visiting the Division of Continuing Education located inside the Security Bank Community Learning Center on the Dyersburg campus. For more information, contact Becky McCaslin, continuing education specialist, at 731-286-3265 or [rmccaslin@dsc.edu](mailto:rmccaslin@dsc.edu)

## DSCC Announces Minecraft Camps in June



The Division of Continuing Education at Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) will hold Minecraft Camps for children ages 9-15 during the month of June at each location.

The camp will be held **at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center in Covington June 18-22, from 1-5 p.m. daily.**

The camps will teach basic skills such as controls, crafting, building, digging and attacking, along with advanced skills such as building villages and using critical thinking and problem-solving skills to survive challenging obstacles.

The cost is \$125 per child and includes supplies and snacks. Registration is available online at <https://registration.xenegrade.com/dsc>. The deadline to register is May 24. Those who wish to register in person may do so at the Security Bank Community Learning Center on the Dyersburg campus. For more information, contact Mandy Fisher at 731-286-3265 or [mfisher@dsc.edu](mailto:mfisher@dsc.edu)



The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center  
Expansion Campaign:

## Building for the Next Generation

As the Museum approaches its 20th year, the realization is we have outgrown the current facility and the necessity for expansion is essential. The Tipton County Museum is asking for the community's financial support in its endeavor to preserve Tipton County's rich cultural history.

Your contribution to the Museum's Expansion Fund is both necessary and appreciated. You can stop by with your donation, call the Museum to have a donation form mailed to you, visit our website at <http://www.covingtontn.com/museum.html> to download a donation form or donate online at: <https://tms.ezfacility.com/OnlineRegistrations/Register.aspx?CompanyID=5427&GroupID=1960714>.

*Thank you for your help in preserving our legacy!*

20 Years at the Tipton County Museum:

*Embracing the Future While Honoring the Past*  
Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center  
751 Bert Johnston Ave., P.O. Box 768,  
Covington, TN 38019  
(901) 476-0242



## story walk

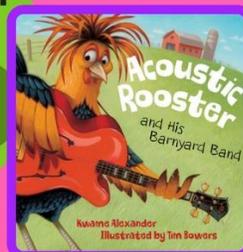
Presented by the Tipton County Public Library &  
Tipton County Veterans Museum and Nature Center

### READ A STORY WHILE TAKING A WALK

**Bring the whole family and discover a story page-by-page with  
activities along the way on the grounds of:**

**Tipton County Museum Veterans Memorial and Nature Center  
751 Bert Johnson Ave.  
Covington, TN 38019**

**JUNE 9TH**



**COME ANYTIME BETWEEN  
10:00-12:00PM**

**FREE EVENT!!!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE LIBRARY  
@ 476-8289**



## The Library Corner

Don't Miss these FUN Events at the Tipton County Library!

### Library Services Events Calendar

## TWEEN MAKERSPACE



AGES 8-13

Every Wednesday  
During June & July  
1:00-2:00PM

TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
3149 Hwy 51 S. Bldg C  
Covington, TN 38019  
901-476-8289  
www.tiptoncountylibrary.com



## WHO DID IT?



MURDER MYSTERY GAME FOR TEENS  
AGES 13-17

JUNE 4TH @ 5:30PM



TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
3149 HWY 51 S BLDG C  
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## HAMILTON TRIVIA



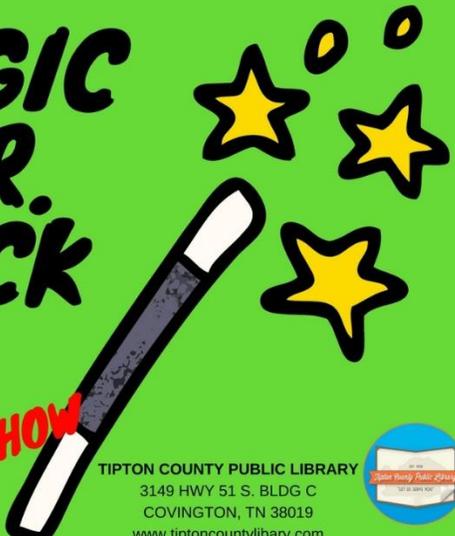
JUNE 12th @ 2:00PM

AGES 18 & UP

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## MAGIC MR. NICK



MAGIC SHOW

JUNE 12th  
10:00am

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## Fairy Tales

BREAKOUT BOX AND ACTIVITIES BASED ON THE 3 LITTLE PIGS & LITTLE RED RIDDING HOOD

Ages 11 & under

June 14th  
10:00am



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## SUMMER HOURS

May 29th - Sep. 5th

Mon-Thu 8:00am - 6:00pm  
Fri. 8:00am - 5:00pm  
Sat. 9:00am - 3:00pm



# STORY TIME: DONUTS WITH DAD



**JUNE 16th**  
**10:00 am**

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# DISNEY TRIVIA NIGHT

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**Family Trivia**  
June 16th @ 1:00PM

**Teen Trivia**  
June 18th @ 1:00PM

**Adult Trivia**  
June 19th @ 2:00PM



# FREE Vegetarian & Vegan Cooking Class

**June 19th**  
**5:00-6:00 PM**

FREE Samples!

For more information  
please call the library @  
476-8289 or Leslie Caza @  
731-798-1106



# HARRY POTTER PARENT & CHILD BOOK CLUB

**June 25th**  
**@ 5:00PM**

**Harry Potter & the  
Prisoner of Azkaban**  
by JK Rowling

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# THE GREAT GATSBY BREAKOUT BOX

**JUNE 30th @ 1:00pm**

**AGES 18 & UP**

Solve the clues and unlock the box

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# Movie Days

**Jailhouse Rock**  
June 1st @ 1:00 PM [NR] 96 Min.  
**Pure Country**  
June 5th @ 1:00 PM [PG] 115 Min.  
**In the Good Old Summertime**  
June 8th @ 1:00 PM [NR] 103 Min.  
**Newsies**  
June 15th @ 1:00 PM [PG] 121 Min.  
**Phantom of the Opera**  
June 22nd @ 1:00 PM [PG-13] 141 Min.  
**Jersey Boys**  
June 26th @ 1:00 PM [R] 134 Min.  
**Footloose (1984)**  
June 29th @ 1:00 PM [PG] 107 Min.  
**The Great Gatsby (2013)**  
June 30th @ 1:00 PM [PG-13] 142 Min.



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# Story Time in the Park

**Cobb-Parr Memorial Park  
Covington, Tennessee**

Join us for an outdoor story time experience.  
Stories will be read near the playground.  
All are welcome to attend!

**10:00-10:30AM**

**June 5th**

**June 19th**

**July 10th**

**July 24th**



## **What's Happening at the Museum?**

**Check it out.... *Tipton County Pulse***

Click here to view: <https://youtu.be/ZGoLD5opQxY>

Want to know background information about exhibits at the Tipton County Veteran's Memorial Museum? Check out their new section called "Beneath the Dirt" that explains all the back story! <https://beneaththedirtsite.wordpress.com>

[Read the Museum Newsletter by Clicking Here](#)

### Salvador Dali was focus of June's session of Artist Series for Kids



In the second of 4 classes offered in this year's Artist Series for Kids at the Tipton County Museum, participants studied artist Salvador Dali and painted some of his works. See below for more dates.





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The Tipton County Museum Presents

## *Fun with Acrylics*

With Barbara Flowers McBride

Renowned artist Barbara McBride is returning to teaching acrylic painting on Friday mornings at the Tipton County Museum. Barbara will review the properties and applications of acrylic paint and will help you create beautiful artwork. Participants will provide their own supplies. Please call (901) 476-0242 for a supply list & registration.

**When:** August 3, 10, 17, & 31, 2018. 9:30—11:30 a.m.

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

**Fee:** \$60 Museum Members, \$80 General Public

**Tipton County Museum**  
**751 Bert Johnston Avenue, P.O. Box 768,**  
**Covington, TN 38019**  
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## Tipton County Museum "Artist Series for Kids"

### 2018 Schedule

Saturday, February 10. 1 to 3 p.m.

Edouard Manet, "Two Pears"

Presented in Acrylic on Canvas



Saturday, June 2. 1 to 3 p.m.

Salvador Dali, "The Melting Watch"

Presented in Mixed Media on Canvas

Saturday, August 4. 1 to 3 p.m.

Wassily Kandinsky, "Color Studies 1927"

Presented in Oil Pastels on Canvas



Saturday, October 6. 1 to 3 p.m.

Auguste Renoir "Windy Landscape"

Presented in Chalk Pastels on Paper



Your child will be introduced to the famous artist, then paint one of their famous paintings. All materials are included. Program Fee is \$20 for Museum Members , \$25 for General Public. A Sibling Discount is available. A snack will be provided. Ages 10 and up. Preregistration is requested.

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## 2018 SUMMER CAMPS

\*Art - June 4-8  
Dance - July 9-13  
Band - June 18-22  
+Choir - June 25-29  
\*Museum - June 25-29  
\*Ages 10-17  
+Ages 5-11

### CAMP INSTRUCTORS

Art/Museum - Barrie Foster

Dance - Deborah Walker

Band - Kreston Smith

Choir - Holly Wolfe



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**The herb and butterfly garden coming into bloom on the museum grounds.**



## Art Camp was Fun, Educational, and Successful

As Covington Parks and Recreation summer camps get started, art camp at the Tipton County Museum was among the first to be offered for area children



Students had fabulous experiences at Art Camp. For example, after hiking the Nature Trail and listening to the bullfrogs and cardinals, students learned about Henri Matisse, who founded the Fauvist movement. “Fauve” means wild beast in French and Matisse was called a *Fauve* because of his bold use of color and lines. Students had opportunities to paint outside, inside, and with partners.





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

**Veteran of the Month for June  
2018**

**Grady William Turnbow, Jr.**



Born on July 6, 1932, Grady Turnbow enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserves in Columbus, Ohio at the age of 17 and transitioned to the regular Navy at age 18. In May of 1950 he attended boot camp at Great Lakes, Illinois. His training was in aviation maintenance and his future jobs would include Aircraft Organizational Maintenance Officer, Technical Instructor, Aircraft Organizational Maintenance/Material Control Officer, Ground School Instructor, and Aircraft Maintenance Quality Control Officer. He worked his way through all the enlisted and warrant officer ranks as traveled the world, seeing places like Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Thailand; Japan; and Vietnam. Unfortunately his time in Vietnam and Thailand resulted in him being exposed to Agent Orange for 14 months, leading to multiple health issues later in life. After 30 years of service, Grady retired from the Navy as a Chief Warrant Officer 4 (CWO4) on July 1, 1980. He enjoyed his time on active duty and is grateful and honored to have served his country. For his service to our country he earned numerous medals including the Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Civil Actions Medal, 1<sup>st</sup> Class Color w/ Palm), Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Medal Color w/ Palm), Meritorious Unit Commendation (2<sup>nd</sup> Award), Navy Unit Commendation, Award for Patriotic Service, National Defense Service Medal (2 Awards), Good Conduct Medal (Five Awards), Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

Grady met his wife, Mable Ruth Garrison, while they were in high school. They knew early on they would get married and raise a family; and that is just what they did, marrying in 1954. Grady and Mable were partners in every sense of the word, both during his long and fruitful Navy career and after. Following his retirement, he spent several years as the maintenance man for her flourishing beauty shop in Millington. What they did together wasn't important; simply being together was what mattered – family was everything. They have two daughters, Deborah Wallace of Memphis and Sherrie Denise Holland of Dyersburg. Sadly Mable passed away as a result of cancer on August 20, 2014. They had been married 59 years, 6 months and 11 days. Grady is blessed with three grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren with one on the way, and several step grandchildren. Grady attends church services at the Chapel onboard Naval Support Activity Mid-South in Millington and is a member of the Military Officers Association of America. Navy Chaplain David Mowbray nominated Grady for Veteran of the Month.

# Reception Held in Honor of June Veteran of the Month

Veterans of the Month honorees are honored with a reception at the Tipton County Veterans' Museum on the second Tuesday of each month. June's honoree, Grady William Turnbow, was surrounded by family, friends, fellow veterans, and of course, the Girl Scouts who provide refreshments for each event.



The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial  
& Nature Center

## Veteran of the Month Reception

Every 2nd Tuesday Evening at 6:30

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