

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WEEK OF

June 23 – June 29 *



Thoughts and perceptions from
Mayor Justin Hanson

Dear Friends,

I am proud to announce that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen passed the 2018-19 budget on third and final reading Tuesday night. While we all don't agree on every detail, it is good to have the budget approved by the end of June so we can begin our fiscal year July 1st and allow our department heads to move forward with their plans for improvement and investment. I am proud to have this budget approved, and I am proud of the democratic process of discussion, debate, and deliberation we go through to create a budget and take it through three readings and a public hearing. I very much appreciate all of the people who worked on this with us, who showed up for meetings to ask your questions (and get your answers), and for those of you who called and met with your council members to share your thoughts and ideas. I have great respect for everyone who hammered on this thing until we got a product we can live with – even though we didn't totally agree on everything. I do feel it is vital for this City to put our differences aside and move forward for the sake of doing responsible business in the City of Covington.

Our department heads and I have worked for *months* to propose a budget that did not include a tax increase, but did make significant investments in each department as possible. Included in this year's budget are: a 1% cost of living raise for all employees, a new pumper/tanker truck in the Covington Fire Department, continued commitment to employee education and training in all departments, continued investment in Covington Police Department fleet/building maintenance/personnel, new fire department extrication tools, a new Parks and Recreation field & facilities manager position (will work to improve conditions of all of our fields as well as concessions/restroom facilities and out-buildings), a new Aquatic Center security system, a part time position at the Tipton Co. Museum, a new field machine, a new knuckle boom truck, a new leaf machine, increased investment in ground water storage tank maintenance, a new GIS/IT position, and improvements at the wastewater treatment facility, including a SCADA system upgrade, disinfection system upgrade, & new backup generator. These are just a few of the improvements and investments. Luckily, we were able to purchase new in-car computers, bullet proof vests, and shotguns for the Covington Police Department with the current budget. We also will move to state insurance this upcoming fiscal year, saving the city around \$15,000 in insurance costs while providing our employees more reasonable rates and more coverage options than *ever* before!

As your Mayor, I feel extremely responsible for monitoring and managing the financial responsibilities of this city. Indeed, getting my arms around Covington's financial situation and moving to correct and improve it was one of my first tasks as mayor, and I have continued to do that. Until we pay down debt and get current on employee pensions, I feel extremely responsible for supporting each and every City department with *all we can afford*. It is a fact that we have people literally laying their lives on the line for this city whether it is a public safety official, such as police or fire, or someone working in the searing heat or bitter cold to keep traffic flowing, repair roads, and/or mow and maintain city landscapes, among other things. Everybody is working hard and going way beyond the call of duty to pull through these lean times and still do great work. I simply must support **complete funding** for these people – our employees - who work to improve and protect the quality of the lives of ALL our citizens. I am so proud of our city employees – they are the front line of protection, maintenance, beautification, and providing amenities that our tax dollars pay for. They are good people who deserve our support in every way, and I intend to support them, our department heads, and the improvement of quality of life for all Covingtonians as long as I am your Mayor.

I cannot promise to always please everybody every day on every issue. But I can promise to be a good steward of your tax dollars, to honor and respect our department heads and our employees, and to strive to provide the best working conditions I can for them. I can also promise to be open to your input, your ideas, and your participation in the governing of our town. I make every effort to provide transparency on all our decision-making processes by publicizing our meetings and making all our governing events available to the public on our website, on our local Comcast channel, and in our newsletter. Most of all, I can tell you that I will always practice open, honest, truthful business in the City of Covington and work with all our people to bring about the best quality of life we can make for ourselves. I appreciate our council members and those of you who are also passionate about the welfare of Covington, Tennessee. We have so much to be thankful for, and we are making headway toward bringing even greater, better opportunities to our citizenry. I hope everyone enjoys the 4th of July holiday. Please hold our democratic process near and dear to your hearts and be proud to be an American! I certainly am proud to be your Mayor and to represent you each and every day!

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.**

PUBLIC WORKS AND STREETS:

- **Covington Public Works Department is now operating with our summer hours, which are 6:00 am – 2:30 pm**
- **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**
- **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. 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
- Covington received notice on June 1st 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 soon 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:

- 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. Don’t delay in signing your little ones up for swim lessons – we offer lessons for kids *and* adults. [Click here to register.](#)
- 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.



Congratulations to Covington Parks & Recreation employee Leah Price for the award from the Team Tipton Healthier Tennessee Initiative! During our two-month fitness effort, Leah recorded videos of participants who were working toward meeting their personal goals!

Covington Aquatic Center Special Events

Tuesday June 26: Tipton County Swim Meet
(Pool CLOSES at 4:00pm, NO WATER AEROBICS)

Wednesday July 4: Open Swim ONLY 10:00-3:00

Tuesday July 10: Tipton County Swim Meet (Pool
CLOSES at 4:00pm, NO WATER AEROBICS)



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.**
- **Covington Fire, Covington Police, and Tipton County Sherriff's Departments will participate in active shooter training together.**

COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- **CPD Special Response Team has heavy schedule for summer – will be involved in training-events-drills throughout the months of June-July-August**
- **Please report suspicious activity to police immediately – let CPD decipher the situation. Call 901-475-1261 or 901-476-9036. Call 911 in emergencies**



CLICK ON THE CHAMBER LOGO ABOVE TO READ THEIR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Join us for Coffee with the Mayor



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

Tuesday, July 10 Hug-A-Mug – 825 Hwy 51 South
Tuesday, July 24 Hug-A-Mug – 825 Hwy 51 South
Tuesday, August 07 Hug-A-Mug – 825 Hwy 51 South
Tuesday, August 21 Hug-A-Mug – 825 Hwy 51 South
Tuesday, September 04 Hug-A-Mug – 825 Hwy 51 South
Tuesday, September 18 Hug-A-Mug – 825 Hwy 51 South
Tuesday, October 02 – Little Jimmy's – 511 E. Liberty
Tuesday, October 16 – Little Jimmy's – 511 E. Liberty
Tuesday, October 30 - Little Jimmy's – 511 E. Liberty
Tuesday, November 13 - Little Jimmy's – 511 E. Liberty
Tuesday, November 27 - Little Jimmy's – 511 E. Liberty
Tuesday, December 04 - Little Jimmy's – 511 E. Liberty
Tuesday, December 18 - Little Jimmy's – 511 E. Liberty

Public Safety Committee Approves Reports from CFD and CPD

The Public Safety Committee met in their regular monthly meeting on June 26 at Covington City Hall.

Present were Chairman Alderman Mac McGowan, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman CH Sullivan, CFD Chief Michael Naifeh, CPD Chief Buddy Lewis, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Mayor Justin Hanson, and Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware. Also present were Alderman John Edwards, Alderman Jere Hadley, and Tipton County Fire Chief John Piercy

Chairman McGowan called the meeting to order at 1:00 with a quorum present. He then called on Fire Chief Michael Naifeh to make his report.

Chief Naifeh:

- Introduced Tipton County Fire Chief John Piercy – Naifeh said they have a great working relationship and is grateful to have him working in that capacity.
- Volunteer firefighter graduation - 7 went through the class and graduated, and Covington FD has also picked up another volunteer who is a certified firefighter. This gives us 12 volunteers at this time.

- The Compliance Engine information – Naifeh supplied information in his packet to committee members explaining this. Compliance Engine is a program that takes responsibility to handle all things required to be inspected under fire code at no cost to the City. The Compliance Engine is a simple, internet-based tool for code officials to track and drive code compliance, reduce false alarm activity, and provide a safer community. This company gathers data and saves data on a secure cloud providing easy access to our fire inspectors. They also keep data on elevator inspections, restaurant machines, sprinkler systems, etc.... This requires no new financial burden on the City nor on any business owners – these inspections are already required. They also keep track of when inspections take place, if repairs are needed, and if repairs take place, and if/when compliance is met. City of Covington is operating under the 2012 fire code, therefore if we go with this service, it will require a change via ordinance. Naifeh has set up a demonstration Thursday at 9:00 so Board members and city leaders can attend and learn more. Alderwoman Bommer asked why they weren't informed of this before. Naifeh replied it's a matter of data overload (there are over 700 business owners in the city of Covington), and Naifeh is glad to have access to something like this to help keep up with compliance issues. Chief Naifeh stated this will not replace nor reform fire inspections we are already doing, but it will interface with our software and give us much more information to work with. Alderwoman Bommer stated that someone has to pay for this – and Naifeh referred to his handout that contained information on how the Compliance Engine is compensated. It will not cost the City of Covington nor business owners anything, but will receive compensation from independent contractors who use it.. Alderwoman Bommer motioned for Chief Naifeh to go ahead with the work required in advance for the ordinance, and Alderman Sullivan seconded. Motion passed
- Fire Hydrant Project – painting fire hydrants in a manner that indicates the strength/flow of each one and get them all up to code. This is an ongoing 3-year project.
- Emergency Reporting Software Update – old system still operational, but no longer supported. CFD is in transition getting system changed over.
- Pumper-Tanker Update – Chassis is being built at Freightliner and will be shipped to Midwest in July for them to start building remaining component. Looking at September-Oct. delivery date.
- Volunteer hours – 164 hours worked in the Month of May.
- Run reports YTD - Naifeh brought in data for comparison purposes (as requested by committee) to study Covington FD activity compared to other local fire departments. Alderwoman Bommer asked if people were counted twice, and Naifeh stated they are not – although people may have multiple injuries/issues, they are only coded in the system once. The report shows that CFD responds to at least double (and often more) than any other county agency. Alderman Sullivan asked how many calls are actually in the city limits of Covington, and Naifeh stated CFD has a county response area they are contracted to serve, but Naifeh stated about 7% of the calls are even outside of that territory. Naifeh stated CFD has not made as many county calls as in the past, but he looks forward to the Compliance Engine data as it can be broken down into greater categories with analytical data provided, as well. Chief Piercy backed up Naifeh's percentages stating 7% of the calls responded to were in Tipton County outside the city limits of Covington. Alderman Edwards asked about calls coming in to 911 and asked if 911 can give us data regarding calls to county and Piercy stated they do not code this at this time. Naifeh also stated the new software program will be able to provide this data instantaneously. Alderman Edwards stated that GIS used to be able to plot these kinds of calls on a map, and asked if they can do this for us now. Naifeh stated county will plot calls for us, but we don't want to overwhelm the county coordinator with this. However, it is projected in our 2018-19 budget to have a GIS coordinator for the City of Covington who will work with the county coordinator to provide this kind of information for us immediately. Currently, Covington pays \$5000 to County GIS, and we do use their services, however, the \$5000 just isn't

enough to cover all the demands we may need. Edwards spoke of the importance of plotting things, like crime, so we can respond appropriately.

- CARE Report was provided for committee members to give highlights of CARE Officer Mark Heaston.

Alderwoman Bommer motioned to accept Chief Naifeh's report and Alderman Sullivan seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman McGowan then called on CPD Chief Lewis for his report

Chief Lewis:

- Officer of the Month for April was James Robertson – Lewis stated he is a great officer and also such a good person. Robertson dealt with traffic issues at South Main School Zone through all kinds of weather.
- Tennessee Dangerous Drugs Task Force tactical Clandestine Lab Training – top notch DEA training - two officers from Covington participating. The only thing we had to pay for was their travel to/from this training.
- Officers Elkins and Taylor report to TLETA in Donaldson, TN on July 09 for 12 weeks training for certification.
- New hire candidates in process – waiting on test results. Hoping to have interviews next week – 10 people applied, and 6 showed up for obstacle course testing.
- 4th of July fireworks preparation according to new fireworks ordinance. Officers have been updated on new ordinance, including dates and expectations. CPD will work overtime and Lewis thanked the committee for working on the new fireworks ordinance to help CPD enforce fireworks rules. Lewis expects new information for this ordinance to be shared with public in this week's Leader.
- Combined agencies working together on active shooter training with CPD (TCSO and CFD) is working well and Lewis believes this is essential for dealing with active shooter situations should that occur.
- DEA training on Opioids and Fentanyl in Covington July 19
- May Stats:
 - 91 arrests
 - 77 citations
 - 2269 calls responded to
 - 18,464 patrol miles driven
- Updates
 - Windows broken and radios stolen from vehicles CPD has in holding in impound – looking into our responsibilities to repair/replace.
 - Lewis included in his packet to committee a press release on a shooting situation in Covington last Saturday night. 4 people were shot at a residence on North High Street. Lewis reported the shooting victims have been treated and released and are not providing information regarding their assailants. Lewis believes this was a targeted, gang related shooting and not random. Lewis reported CPD has talked with all of the victims and ballistic information shows two different weapons were used. If anyone has any information, CPD is asking for your help – a cash reward is available if information leads to arrests in this case.
 - Lewis will attend Chiefs Conference at time of next meeting date and will have someone represent him.

Alderman Sullivan made a motion to accept Chief Lewis' report and Alderwoman Bommer seconded. Motion passed. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

FROM THE FIREWORKS ORDINANCE....

The discharge of fireworks within the corporate limits of the City of Covington is limited to Dec. 31, Jan. 1, and July 4th. Fireworks can only be used by persons over the age of sixteen (16)

or accompanied by an adult. Please use caution when using fireworks. The Covington Police and Covington Fire Departments will be out keeping us safe and enforcing the fireworks rule.

For more details, please contact [CODES](#) at 901-476-9613 ext 146

DRUG FREE TIPTON-SUMMER MOVIE SERIES



FREE Summer Movie Nights in the Park

Thursday July 19th @ Cobb-Parr Park

Thursday August 2nd @ Frazier Park



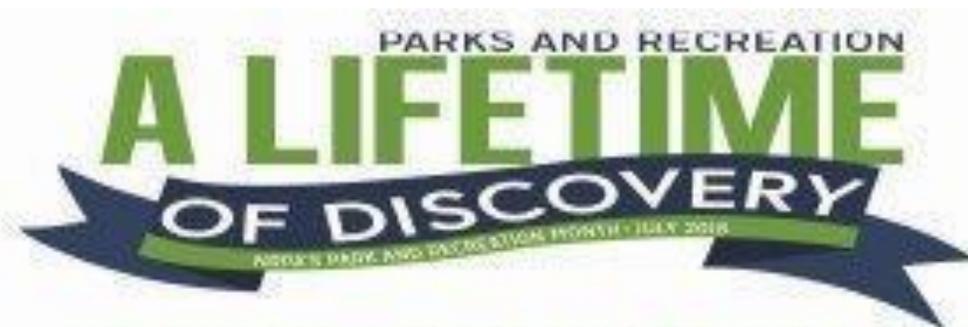
Bring a blanket or lawn chair; invite your friends & family to the park to enjoy a movie night under the stars.

Thursday July 19th - (Coco)

Thursday August 2nd - (A Wrinkle in Time) * Free Bookmarks

Concessions Hot Dogs, Drinks, Candy, & Popcorn available @ Balzter and Frazier Fields.

FULL HD SYSTEM ON A 19.5' SCREEN



COVINGTON PARKS & REC OPEN HOUSE

Friday July 20, 2018

10AM-6PM



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!



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- June 30 – Bryan Hayes at [SONGWRITERS NIGHT](#) – Danno’s Grill on the Square in Covington
- July 04 – [Celebration on the Square](#) – 9:00 – 10:30. JOIN OUR COMMUNITY TO CELEBRATE 4th OF JULY ON THE SQUARE in COVINGTON!
- July 07 – [Mickey McClure Band](#) LIVE at Danno’s Grill on the Square in Covington.
- July 09 – Bloodmobile at Covington City Hall – 9:00 – 1:00. Sign up at 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 14 – Storywalk at the Tipton County Museum - 10 a.m. – noon. Free
- July 14 – [Showdown Band](#) LIVE at Danno’s Grill on the Square in Covington.
- July 19 – [FREE Summer Movie](#) – Cobb-Parr Park – 8:00 pm Concession stand will be open!
- July 20 – [Parks and Recreation OPEN HOUSE](#) at the SPORTSPLEX. PLEASE JOIN US!
- July 24 - [Story Time in the Park](#) - 10:00 – Cobb-Parr Park in Covington
- July 28 – [School Supply Drive](#) at Professional Care Services – 1997 Hwy 51 S. - 9:00 – Noon
- August 02 - [FREE Summer Movie](#) – Frazier Park – 8:00 pm. Concession stand will be open!
- August 18 – Isaac Hayes Day – Frazier Park – 1:00 – 5:00



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

[City of Covington](#) 901-476-9613

[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

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[REPORT LITTER BUGS](#)

Citizen’s Litter Prevention Hotline

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

Live Music in our Historic Covington Square

Enjoy Live Music at Danno's Grill every *Saturday Night*
with the upcoming schedule!

June 23rd CrossRoads
June 30th Bryan Hayes with Songwriters Night
July 7th Mickey McClure Band
July 14th Showdown Band
July 21st CrossRoads



Covington City Hall, the Covington Sportsplex, and the Tipton County Museum will be CLOSED on July 4th. Covington Aquatic Center will be open from 10:00am-3:00pm.

It's HOT outside and nothing feels better than jumping in the pool! Take the POOL SAFETY PLEDGE to make sure you and YOUR LOVED ONES are safe around water!

Adults

- Designate a Water Watcher **every single time** children in your care are in or near the water.
- Make sure your kids know how to swim. Swim lessons – 901-476-3734 or 901-476-9178
- As a parent or guardian, learn CPR.
- Always remove portable pool ladders when not in use.
- Ensure all permanent pools have a proper fence and gate and anti-entrapment drain covers.

Kids

- Never Swim Alone – ALWAYS swim with an adult or lifeguard watching you.
- Ask parents to sign YOU up for swimming lessons...901-476-3734 or 901-476-9178
- Stay away from drains in the pool or hot tub.
- Wear safety water shoes and never run or push around a pool.
- Stay away from water (**go inside**) if you hear thunder or see lightening.
- Have fun and always follow safety steps when you are in and around the water.



PREVENTION:
Simple Steps Save Lives

- Stay within **arm's reach** at **ALL** times in and around the pool
- Assign an adult **water watcher**
- **Fence** your pool: Use a 4-foot or taller fence with self-closing or self-latching gates.
- Install pool and gate **alarms**
- Learn how to **Swim**
- Learn **CPR**
- Take the Pool Safety **Pledge**:
<http://www.poolsafely.gov/pledge>

Tips for Water Safety in the Home

- Never leave your child unattended in a bathtub.
- Infants can drown in as little as 1 inch of water.
- Keep toilet lids closed and secured with a seat lock.
- Empty sinks, buckets, tubs, and other containers of water.
- Keep doors to bathrooms and laundry rooms closed securely.

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Click on the picture above to register for swim lessons or call 901-476-9178

Swim Lessons in Full Swing at Aquatic Center

There are still some classes available – don't miss out!

Covington has the only public swimming pool in Tipton County. Our pool is open almost every day of the year and will be open July 4th. We offer year-around opportunities to swim, exercise in the water, and learn to swim. The pool is also available for rentals for birthday, Church, and family parties.



JULY SWIM LESSONS

OFFERING

**Level 1-5
Pre-School
Adult**

WHERE

**Covington Aquatic
Center**

750 Bert Johnston Ave Covington, TN 38019

WWW.COVINGTONTN.COM

PRE-SCHOOL

Level 1 July 9-13, 12-1p

Level 2 July 16-20, 11-12p

Level 3 July 23-27, 11-12p

ADULT

July 23-27 5-6p

JULY 9-13

Level 3&4, 9-10a

Level 5&6, 11-12p

JULY 16-20

Level 1-3, 12-1p

JULY 23-27

Level 2-4, 12-1p



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STATE UNIVERSITY
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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

COVINGTON
TIPTON COUNTY
CHAMBER of COMMERCE

JOIN US

1:00pm Friday, July 6th

FOR A

Ribbon Cutting

As we celebrate with Chamber Member

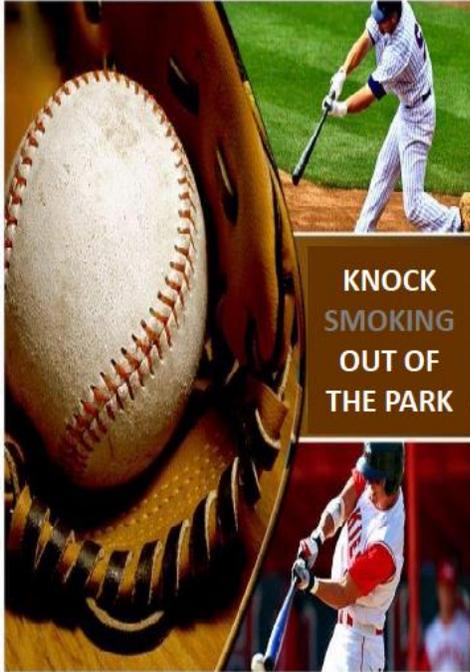
What-A-Deal

located at 102 Court Square East Ste., B
Covington, TN



CHECK THIS OUT!

Come see the NEWLY PAINTED barn roof and enjoy
FOOD – FUN – and ADULT HOME RUN DERBY!



**KNOCK
 SMOKING
 OUT OF
 THE PARK**

Bats & Helmets Provided by Covington Parks & Rec
 Bring your own pitcher for the HR Derby

**DRUG FREE
 Tipton**
**KNOCK Smoking
 Out of the Park Night!**

popcorn

snow Cones

Food Trucks

Cotton Candy

Barn Reveal

Cobb-Parr Park

Free to All Ages

Adult HR Derby

Baltzer Field

18 and Over

\$10 Entry Fee

1st & 2nd Place Awards

Join us for a
 GREAT Night of
 Family Fun

Covington TN
Tuesday July 31st 2018
@6:30 PM



**2018
 COVINGTON
 FALL SOFTBALL**

SIGN-UP DATES:
 *SATURDAY, JULY 28
 *SATURDAY, AUGUST 4
 *SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

SIGN-UP LOCATION:
 *COVINGTON
 SPORTSPLEX

COST:
**\$50.00-INCLUDES T-SHIRT
 ONLY**
 No boundary map to follow.
 Fall Ball is not limited to girls
 within the Covington
 boundary.

Games will begin
 the week of
 September 10,
 2018. With last
 game scheduled
 the week of
 October 22, 2018.
 *No opening or
 closing ceremonies
 *No All-stars
 Come play and
 have fun!!!!

Covington Parks and Recreation announces FALL SOFTBALL

Fall Softball will begin the week of September 10
 (cooler), there will be no opening nor closing
 ceremonies (simpler), and no all-stars (just for
 fun, enjoyment and learning)!

Sign up at the SPORTSPLEX
790 Bert Johnston Ave
Covington, TN
901-476-3734

on
July 28 - August 06 - August 11

\$50
includes t-shirt

open to all interested girls ages 4 - 15

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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A **BIG THANK YOU** to Ken and Judy McCool who keep our lovely flower baskets watered on the square!
 They are beautiful and so are **VOLUNTEERS** like **YOU!**



Local 4th of July Celebration in Covington

First Baptist Church
FIREWORKS CELEBRATION
JULY 1st 7:30pm - 9pm 
 2105 Highway 59 South, Covington

Live music featuring Four Points Quartet!

Food, Fellowship & Fireworks
 Bring a lawn chair and a friend!
 Fireworks start at dusk

LOCALLY OWNED FOOD TRUCKS AVAILABLE*

 MidSouth BBQ 
 Kee's Ice Cream Truck
 *please bring cash to purchase

Local 4th of July Celebration in Munford

**CELEBRATE
INDEPENDENCE**

title sponsor
ADMIRAL CUSTOM ROOFING

kids play area sponsor
Jessica Collier, Realtor
Culliver & Banker Collins, Attorney

food concessions
WBS Band Boosters

**July 3rd
7:30 P.M.**

FREE Family Event!

**Poplar Park, Munford
corner of College and Douglas Streets**



★ ★ ★

9 AM - 10:30 AM

**4th of July
on the Square**

*Sponsored by Tipton Arts Council, Inc
and Debra Moody.*

**Children's Parade begins at 9am on
Liberty Avenue followed by an
Opening Prayer and Patriotic Songs
performed by a Community Choir.**

For additional details, call
Barbara Flowers McBride at 901 237 4006.



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

[Click here to see Tipton County Schools' calendar for the start of the 2018-19 school year.](#)

Bids were opened on June 26 at Covington City Hall for the Frazier Park Neighborhood Connector Project



Sealed bids were opened for the construction of the connector project which extends from Davis Street and Bull Circle through Frazier Park to the Boys and Girls Club, Children and Family Services, and Head Start. This project, initiated by Mayor Hanson through a TDOT Transportation Alternatives Grant, improves drainage, handicap accessibility, provides crosswalks, and a lighted walkway through the park. It connects the community with ADA accessible walkways and improves safety for pedestrians. Construction is projected to be complete in early 2019.

Work Completed on Underpass for Smooth Ride



Finishing touches were placed on the College Street underpass project that improves drainage and alleviates potholes in this area. The road is now open to through traffic.





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.

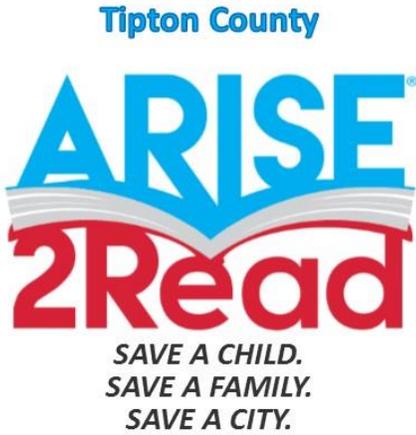
Our warming kitchen is just off the Tennessean and allows caterers to serve guests at any rental. The kitchen has large prep counters and is equipped with commercial appliances.

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.



901-475-7139

Make a difference in the life of a child, become an Arise2Read mentor.



Arise2Read is a nonprofit organization focusing on 2nd grade literacy. Utilizing a simple sight word method, volunteers assist students in strengthening their reading skills by spending one hour per week mentoring to two students. Using the team read approach, students receive one-on-one coaching twice a week focusing on simple, but essential, sight words and phrases. Arise2Read positively impacts the lives of children, teachers, parents, and the community by providing students with individualized tutoring during one of the most critical years for students. Local training is provided for volunteers to serve in Tipton County.

For more information contact:

Liz Newman, (ewnewman2@gmail.com)
Covington First United Methodist Church
901-476-9694



2/3
of students who cannot read proficiently by the end of the fourth-grade will end up in jail or on welfare.



4X
Students who aren't reading proficiently by the third grade are four times as likely to leave school without graduating.



75%
of students who struggle with reading in the 3rd grade never catch up.

Detach and return

ARISE2READ

I would like to assist 2nd grade students and serve as an ARISE2READ mentor in Tipton County**:

NAME _____

Address _____

Phone(s) _____

Email _____

School preference: CIAA Crestview Elementary No Preference

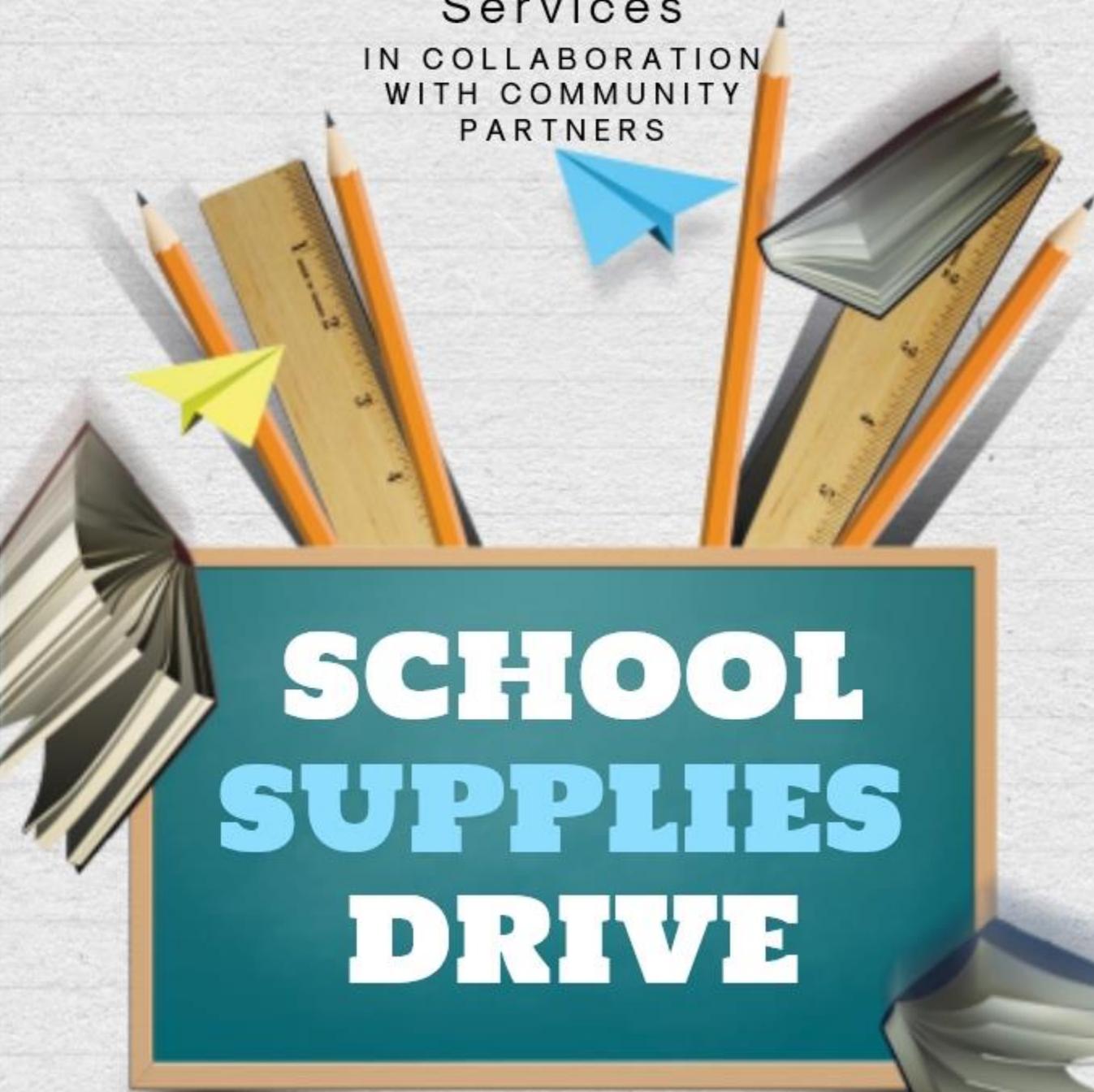
Return to: ARISE2READ
First United Methodist Church
145 W. Church Ave.
Covington, TN 38019

Arise2Read Mentors are subject to background checks

Saturday, July 28, 2018 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
1997 Highway 51 South, Covington

Professional Care
Services

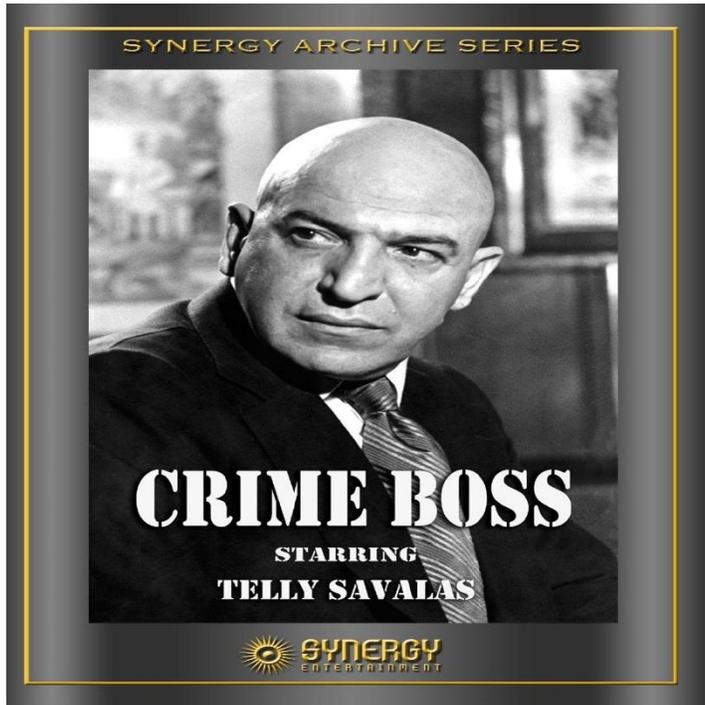
IN COLLABORATION
WITH COMMUNITY
PARTNERS



**SCHOOL
SUPPLIES
DRIVE**

For Additional Information, Please
Contact Cayla Starnes at (901)622-1686
or cayla.starnes@pcswtn.org

Historic Ruffin Theater
MOVIE SCHEDULE



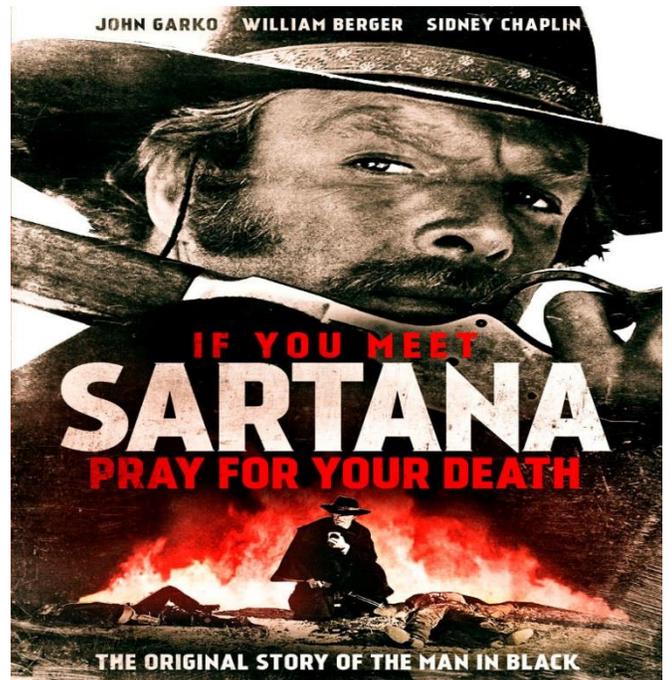
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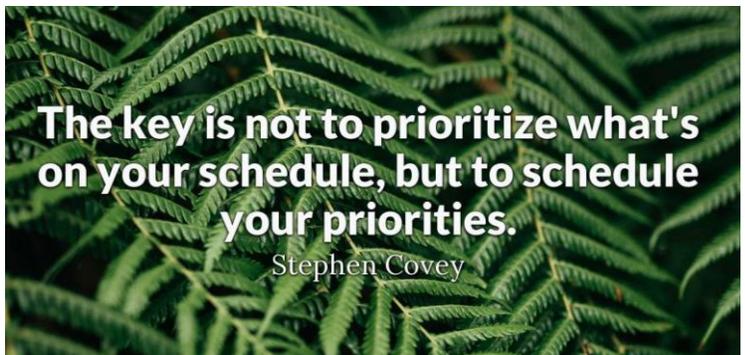
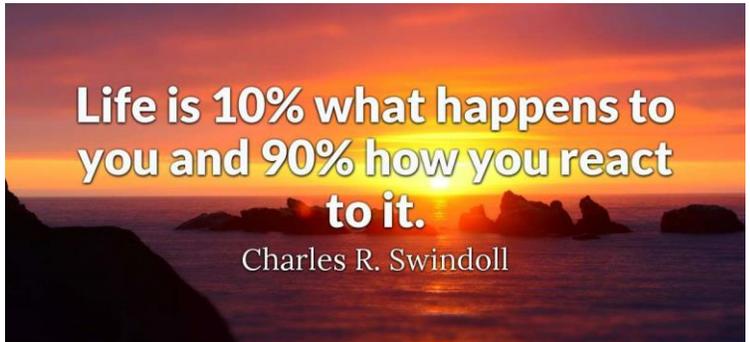
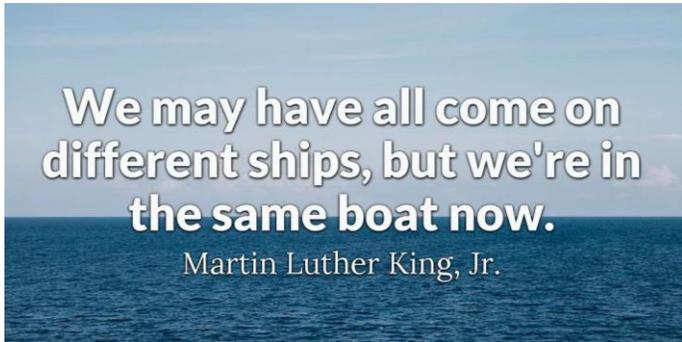
Sunday, July 8 3:00 pm



Sunday, August 12 3:00

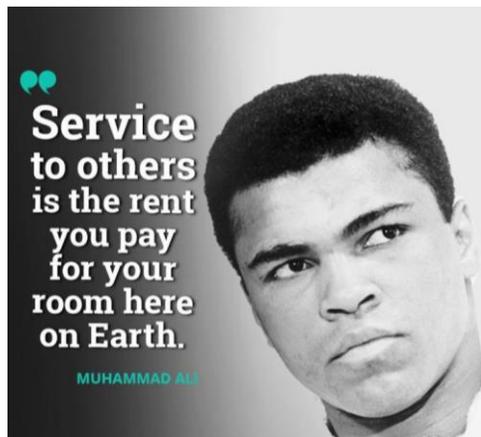
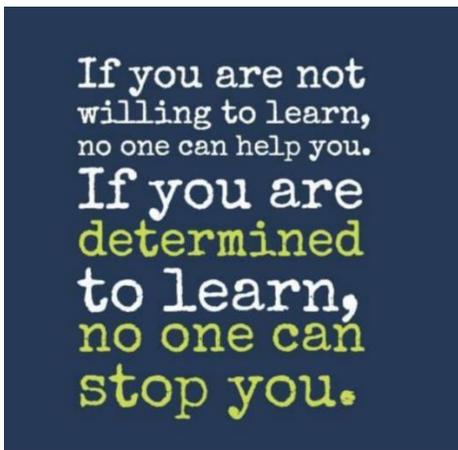


Sunday, September 8 3:00



INDEPENDENCE
isn't
doing your own thing;
it's doing the **RIGHT** thing
on YOUR OWN.

- Kim John Payne





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.

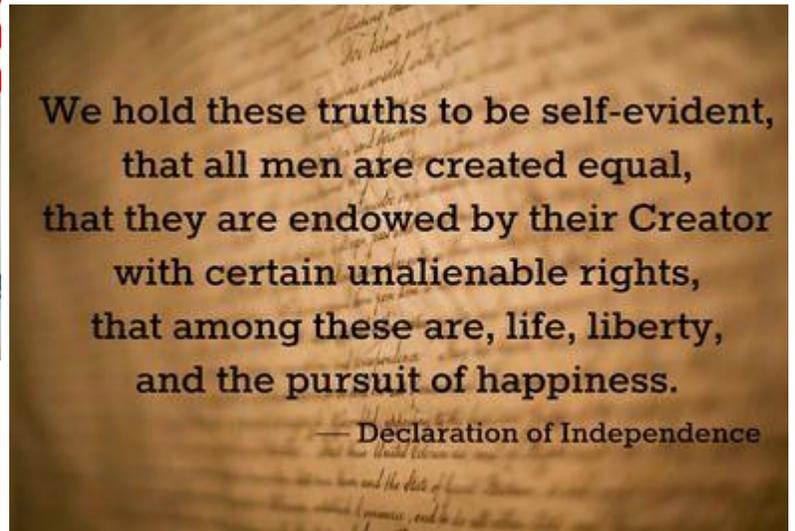
Hours of operation are: Monday – Friday 8am until 4pm, with the exception of Tuesday start time is 9:15am. Platelet donation takes 1½ to 2 hours. A blood donation takes 30 – 45 minutes. The Blood Donor Center does not have a mobile, so donors will have to visit St. Jude to donate.

Call 901-595-2024
to schedule an appointment

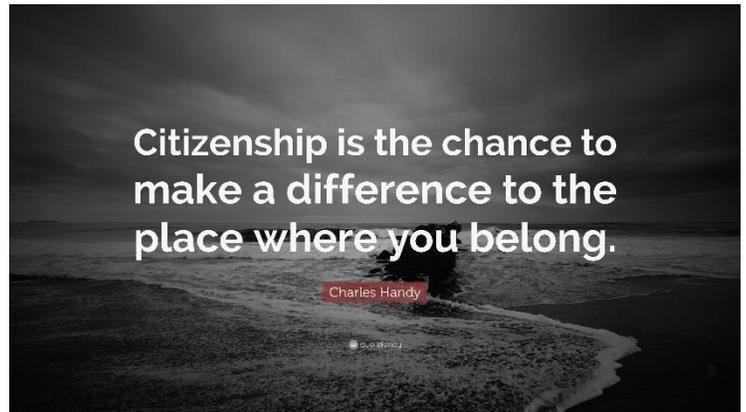
[St Jude](#)

[Finding cures. Saving children.](#)

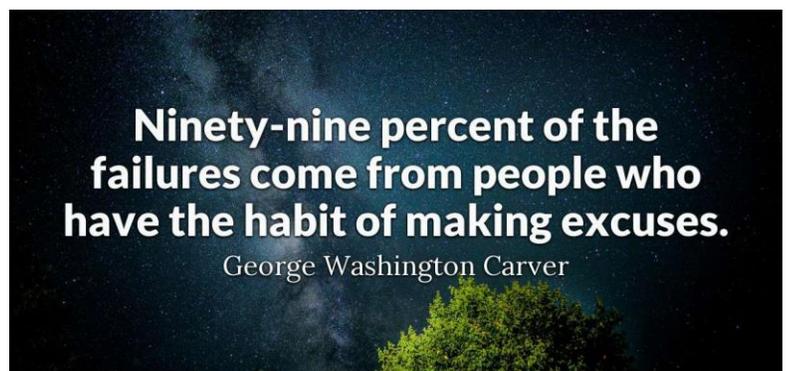
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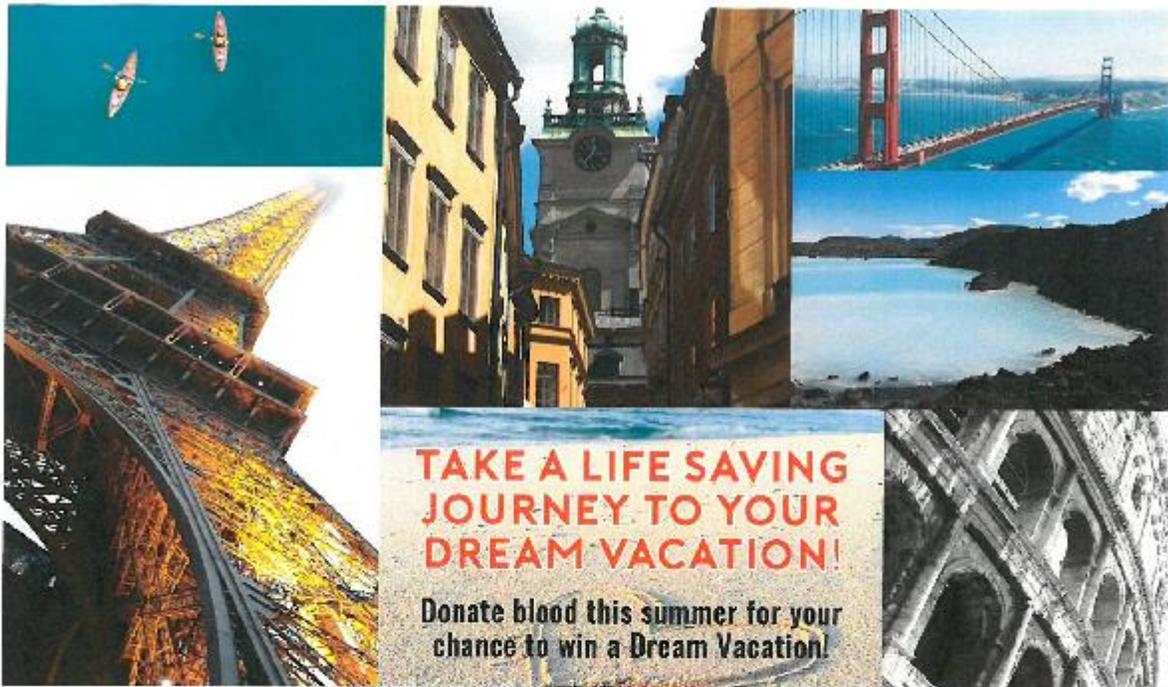

**KEEP
CALM
AND
PARTICIPATE
IN DEMOCRACY**



And I'm Proud To Be An
AMERICAN
Where At Least I Know I'm
FREE and i won't **FORGET**
The Men Who DIED
WHO gave that **RIGHT** to me.
And I Gladly Next To You And
STAND UP **DEFEND**
HER still **Cuz there ain't**
today. **NO doubt**
I LOVE **LOVE** *t'bis land.* 
God Bless the **U.S.A.**



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 **Lifblood** drive!

Monday-July 9th

9:00 AM-1:00 PM-in the **Lifblood 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 or

go to: clublifblood.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.

FAST TRACK
Health History
the day you donate at
www.clublifblood.org

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 lifblood.org for more information and official drawing rules.

LIFEBLOOD AT COVINGTON CITY HALL JULY 9

To make an appointment, go to www.clublifblood.us then click on *Locate a Blood Drive*, select date 07/09/2018, and then type in Code L198. When you see City of Covington pop up, click on it and schedule your appointment.

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.



Dyersburg State Holds Pinning Ceremony for EMT, AEMT and Paramedic Classes

Dyersburg State Community College honored 41 graduates from the College's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Programs with a pinning ceremony June 6. The ceremony took place inside the First Citizens National Bank Auditorium on the Dyersburg campus. Over the past eight years, 209 Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT), and Paramedic students have been awarded degrees and certificates from DSCC's EMS programs.

The 10 graduates of DSCC's AEMT program included:

- Brighton – Lauren Rose Kinney, Jason L. McDonald
- Caruthersville, MO – Christopher Andrew Carr
- Covington – David Morgan
- Dyersburg – Cherielle Joy Cole, Melody Ann Pierce
- Munford – Alysha Renae Cannon
- Somerville – James Robert Baker
- Union City – Warren Trey Phipps, Carrie Lorraine Wilson

The 24 graduates of DSCC's EMT program included:

- Alamo – Mary Elizabeth Shannon
- Atoka – Madison Paige Kolbe, Dustin Travers Pindell
- Brighton – Tyler Justin Daniels
- Covington – Stephanie Lynne Medlin, Andrew Rich Owen, Justin Lee Varner, Jessica Nicole Wolfe
- Dresden – Codie Ray Greeson
- Drummonds – Chelsea Lynn Browning
- Dyer – Halee A. Hughes
- Dyersburg – Jon Ross Baker, John Wayne Fowler, Casey L. Newell

- Finley – Madison Grace Redden
- Gleason – Cason Joe Massey
- Millington – Danielle L. Hosterman, Bethany Roseanne Wright
- Munford – William Randolph Allen, Shania Taylor Walker
- Ripley – Jacob Lawrence Brazier
- Tiptonville – Rosa M. Baggett
- Union City – Edward Charles Taylor, David Wall

The 7 graduates of DSCC's Paramedic program included:

- Brighton – Jason Dean Knight
- Covington – Cody Ray Faulk, Matthew David Gardiner, Lee Brandon Hadley
- Dyersburg – Charles P. Bowers, Benjamin David Teague
- Millington – James Tyler Brinley

Congratulations!



EMT graduates attending were (back row from left) Danny Parker, instructor, Mark Heaston, instructor, Jacob Brazier of Ripley, Dustin Pindell of Atoka, Andrew Owen of Covington, Justin Varner of Covington, Jessica Wolfe of Covington, Roger McDiffett, instructor, (front row from left) William Allen of Munford, Stephanie Medlin of Covington, Edward Charles Taylor of Union City, Mary Elizabeth Shannon of Alamo, and Shania Walker of Munford.

Court Square Farmers Market



Eating healthier just got easier!

OPEN

Tuesdays 8am—2pm

Thursdays 12pm—6pm

Saturdays 8am—2pm



COME SHOP UNDER THE WATER TOWER
117 NORTH MAIN STREET, COVINGTON





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:

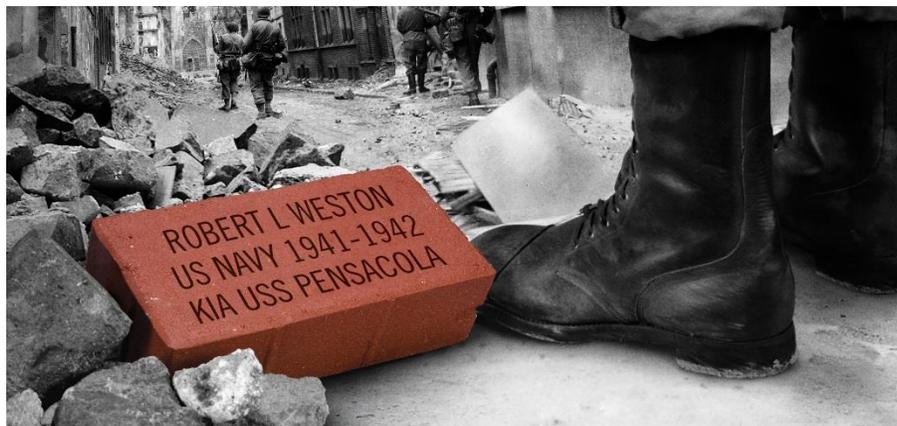
Embracing the Future While Honoring the Past

Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

751 Bert Johnston Ave., P.O. Box 768,

Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-0242



Summer Camps!

Museum Camp is part of Parks and Recreation Summer Camps - call 901-476-3734 for information



Choir Camp with Holly Wolfe

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

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WHO DID IT?



MURDER MYSTERY GAME FOR TEENS
AGES 13-17

JUNE 4TH @ 5:30PM

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HAMILTON TRIVIA



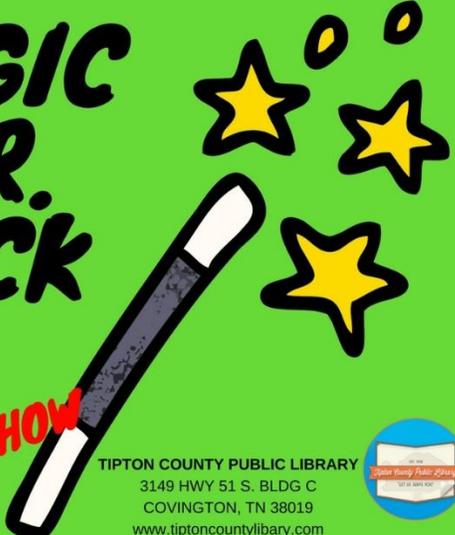
JUNE 12th @ 2:00PM

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

Tipton County Public Library
3149 Hwy 51 S. Bldg C
Covington, TN 38019

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

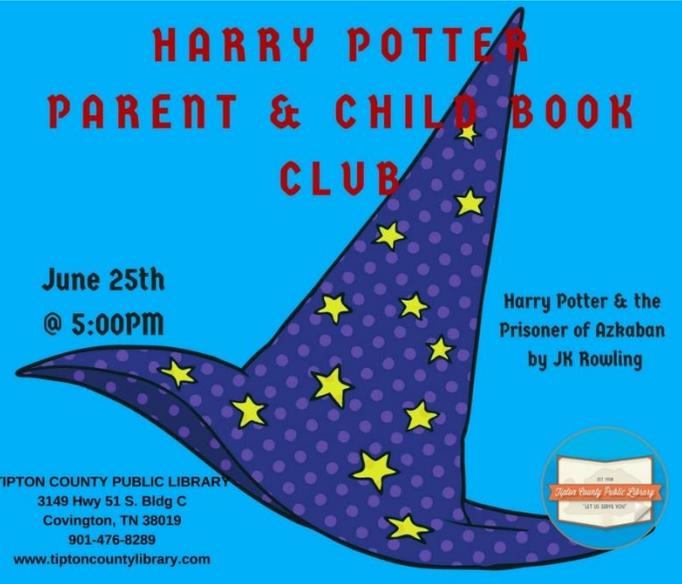


HARRY POTTER PARENT & CHILD BOOK CLUB

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.



Ages 18 & up

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POPCORN



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>

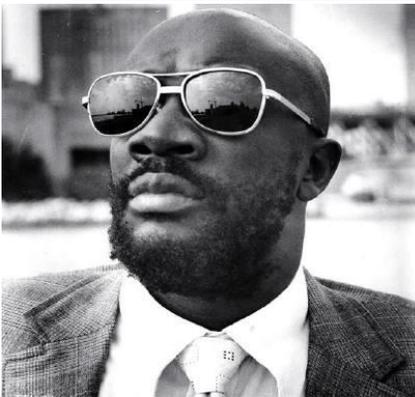
Want to know background information about exhibits at the Tipton County Veteran's Memorial Museum? Check out their new section called "Beneath the Dirt" that explains all the back story! <https://beneaththedirtsite.wordpress.com>

Read the Museum Newsletter by Clicking Here

COMING UP AT THE MUSEUM.....

- **Museum Camp June 25 through 29, fee is \$45 and it includes breakfast, lunch, and a camp t-shirt. Ages 10 and up. Please call 901-476-3734 to register.**
- **Storywalk, Saturday, July 14, 10 a.m. – noon. Free**
- **Open House, Friday, July 20, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Free.**
- **Fun with Acrylics with Barb McBride, Friday mornings, 9:30 – 11:30, August 3, 10, 17, & 31. Fee is \$60 for museum members, \$80 general public. Please call (901) 476-0242 to register.**
- **Isaac Hayes Day at Frazier Park, Saturday, August 18, 1 to 5 p.m. Free.**

See you at the Tipton County Museum!



ISAAC HAYES

DAY

August 18, 2018

@Frazier Park

Covington TN

1PM-5PM

Free admission

**Food
Vendors**



Music Water Slide

Come and celebrate the birthday of Covington's own
Entertainment Icon Isaac Hayes!

Oscar winner for Best Original Song (1972) for The Theme from **Shaft!**

Inducted into the **Rock and Roll Hall of Fame** in 2002!

Inducted into the **Songwriters Hall of Fame** in 2005!

Don't forget to stop in to see our Isaac Hayes Exhibit

@ the Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnston Ave, Covington TN



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.

Tipton County Museum

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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



Call 901-476-3764 or Email
 Sportsplex@covingtontn.com



TIPTON COUNTY
 M·U·S·E·U·M
 VETERANS MEMORIAL
 NATURE CENTER

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,

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**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.

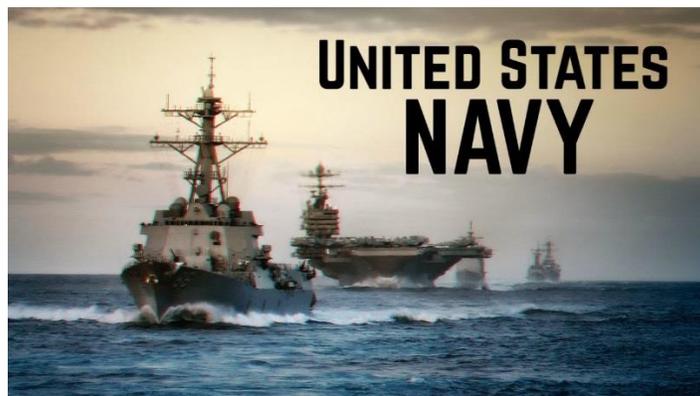


Born on July 6, 1932, Grady Turnbow enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserves in Columbus, Ohio at the age of 17 and transitioned to the regular Navy at age 18. In May of 1950 he attended boot camp at Great Lakes, Illinois. His training was in aviation maintenance and his future jobs would include Aircraft 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, 1st Class Color w/ Palm), Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Medal Color w/ Palm), Meritorious Unit Commendation (2nd 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

751 Bert Johnston Ave.,

Covington, TN 38019

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