



Covington Fire Chief Michael Naifeh and Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis along with the family of fallen Covington Police Officer Sgt John Wayne Delashmit attended the annual National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington DC last week. Sgt Delashmit's wife Sylvia and sons John and Shane are pictured above with Naifeh and Lewis. Sgt. Delashmit's name appears on the memorial (R) and the candlelight vigil is pictured left. The vigil took place by the Washington Monument and names of all fallen officers were called out during the ceremony.



Several children took advantage of the kids' art lessons at the Tipton County Museum Saturday, May 14. The next class is scheduled for August 6. Please contact the museum for more information at 901-476-0242



The 2016 Clean Up – Fix Up Covington event took place May 14. Community members, along with Covington Public Works employees, City Councilmen, and many others pitched in to walk through the city and help clean it up. Mayor Hanson and City officials wish to thank all who participated and all who help keep Covington clean on a regular basis.

Monday



Mayor Hanson along with Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn met with Chief Donna Turner of Drug Free Tipton and the Tipton County Sherriff's Office Monday to discuss Drug-Free Tipton events and needs.



Mayor Hanson attended the Lions Club meeting Monday. Charles Brasfield and Shelvie Rose of the Covington Lions Club welcomed US Cold Storage general manager Phil Coles to the noon meeting. Mr. Coles discussed the success of USCS in Covington and even anticipates expansion of this facility as early as next year. USCS held its grand opening in September and supports the operations of Unilever. Both are located on Highway 51 North in the Covington Industrial Park.



Mayor Hanson, along with Alderman Mac McGowan and Representative Debra Moody were judges for a STEM competition at the Boys and Girls Club in Covington. The Covington site was one of two in Tennessee chosen to participate in the event. Students had not seen the challenge ahead of time, but had to read instructions and complete the challenge using Legos and by working cooperatively. The winning group is pictured left with judges. Members of the local Board of Directors, State Boys and Girls Club Directors, and city council members Minnie Bommer, John Edwards, and Drew Glass were also present for the event.

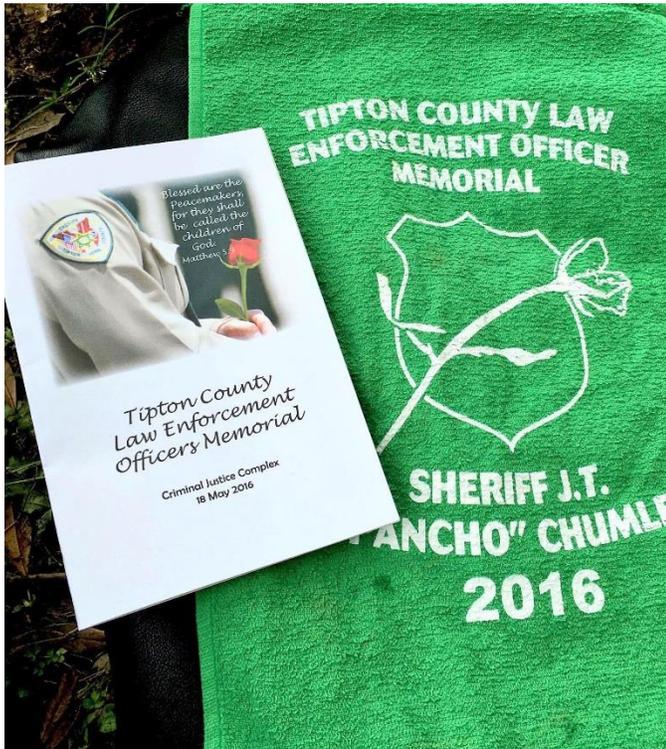
Tuesday



Covington Public Works supplied coloring books to second and third graders in the elementary schools in Covington to help educate them about mosquito safety. On Tuesday, CIAA Assistant Principal Dr. Bonnie Wright welcomed Mayor Hanson and the books were distributed at CIAA. The Mayor gave a speech to the students encouraging them to read through the books with teachers, parents, and other family members so they will be informed and can help keep each other safe. Students shook hands and thanked the mayor for providing the informative books. Covington Public Works will spray for mosquitos throughout the summer. More information can be found at the end of this newsletter about mosquito safety.



Wednesday



Chief Donna Turner welcomes officers and guests to the 2016 Tipton County Law Enforcement Officer Memorial service.

Mayor Justin Hanson, along with Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis, Covington Fire Chief Michael Naifeh, Tennessee Senator Mark Norris, and Santos Martinez-Rosas (R) were among the many guests and dignitaries who attended the Tipton County Law Enforcement Memorial. This service is part of National Police Week. In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as [National Police Week](#). Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.



Thursday



Mayor Hanson was a guest speaker at Crestview Elementary School's Career Day. He explained some of what it means to be Mayor and helped the students understand the importance of setting goals and staying focused on reaching them. He encouraged them to stay in school and learn all they can. He left mosquito safety coloring books to be distributed to the younger children. These have been provided by Covington Public Works Department and are intended to help families protect themselves against mosquito bites.



After 27 years of service to the City of Covington Department of Public Works, Danny Rice is leaving for a job opportunity in Florida. A reception was held in his honor at City Hall Thursday afternoon. Fond memories and tender moments were shared by the people he has worked with all these years. We wish Danny and his family the best!



“Work Family” surrounds Danny Rice on his last day on the job at Covington Public Works. Mayor Hanson and Director David Gray, among many others, bid Rice and his family farewell Thursday.



Students at Tipton Christian Academy in Covington were excited to get the coloring books from Mayor Hanson intended to educate them on mosquito safety. Mayor Hanson met with TCA Principal Lisa Blalack just in time to get the books out to students and their families before summer vacation.

Dates to Remember...

- **May 21 – Music on the Square – 7:00 – 9:00. Come and enjoy Southern Voices! Bring a chair if you think you will sit down. Music and dancing are FREE!**
- **May 25 – Pews from former First Baptist Church will be auctioned by [Brooks Auction](#).**
- **May 28 – Music on the Square – 7:00 – 9:00. Come and enjoy The Generation Gap Band! Bring a chair if you think you will sit down. Music and dancing are FREE!**
- **May 30 – Patriotic Remembrance Ceremony – 10:00 am – Northridge Woodhaven Funeral Home, 6755 Highway 51 North, Millington, TN. Scroll down for more information.**
- **June 2-4 – Barbeque Festival in Cobb-Parr Park – Ya'll COME! [More info HERE](#).**
 - **June 3 – Amber McCain 7:00 – 9:00. Infinity will perform 9:30 – 11:00**
 - **June 3 – Demolition Derby at Covington Riding Arena in Cobb-Parr Park**
 - **June 4 – Seth Walker 4:00 – 5:00. BBQ winners announced at 5:00**
 - **June 4 – Truck Pull – 7:00 at Covington Riding Arena in Cobb-Parr Park**

Free Legal Clinics.....Covington First Presbyterian Church....11:00 – 1:00.

1-844-HELP4TN

- May 21
- July 23
- September 24

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

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

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

Adult mosquitoes live inside and outside.

They prefer to bite during the day.

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

Protect Yourself, Your Family, and Community from Mosquitoes

1. Eliminate standing water in and around your home:

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

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

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

3. Keep mosquitoes out of your home:

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

4. Prevent mosquito bites:

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

If treating items yourself, follow the product instructions carefully.

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

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

For more information, visit:

www.cdc.gov/dengue, www.cdc.gov/chikungunya,

OR www.cdc.gov/zika

Memorial Day

Patriotic Remembrance



Monday, May 30, 2016 at 10:00 AM

Please join us for *The Memorial Day Patriotic Remembrance*

Please join us on Monday, May 30, 2016 for the first annual Northridge Woodhaven Funeral Home & Cemetery Memorial Day Patriotic Remembrance. The ceremony, designed to show dedication and appreciation to local veterans and members of the military will begin at 10:00 AM promptly. This is a free and family-friendly community event open to the entire public.

Following the program, light refreshments will be provided for all.

Where?

Northridge Woodhaven Funeral
Home & Cemetery
6755 Highway 51 North
Millington, TN 38053

When?

*The Memorial Day Patriotic
Remembrance* will be held on
Monday, May 30, 2016
at 10:00 AM.

Register

Register your attendance by
May 23, 2016.
Call (901) 872-3375 to speak with
Lolita Poplar, our Community
Outreach Coordinator, or email
lpopl@stonemor.com

*Events are free of charge and open to all community members regardless
of whether or not they were served by our facilities.*



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

Veteran of the Month for May, 2016

William Travis Hawkins

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

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

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

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

VETERANS – Clinics are held WEEKLY to provide you with information – click [here](#) to learn more:

http://www.tiptonco.com/veterans_services/index.php

The Tipton County Museum,
Veterans Memorial & Nature
Center

Presents:

2016 Artist in Residence Peggy Kunkel

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

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

Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

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Summer Lecture Series 2016

Saturday mornings in June

10 – 11:30 a.m.,

Free to Museum Members

\$5.00 General Public

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

Refreshments will be served.

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

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

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Frank Lilly Exhibits Artwork and Will Lecture at the Tipton County Museum in Covington!

Frank Lilly's artwork is now on display at the Tipton County Museum in Covington through June 25, 2016. Frank is a native of Clarksdale, MS, and studied at the Memphis College of Art in the 1960's. It wasn't until Frank was in his mid -50's that his work was publicly exhibited. Though he painted continuously throughout his adult life, most of his time was spent making a living for himself and his family. But even at his jobs, most notably the years he spent as operations foreman at Memphis' Mid-South Coliseum, Frank would find scraps of signs, posters and other materials and add them to his paintings. After years of creating art work that he would either give away or keep for himself, his friends and family encouraged him to approach the Universal Art Gallery in Memphis where his work was then displayed to the general public for the first time in his life. Today he continues painting and creating mixed media pieces for a wider audience. He is particularly proud of a one man show entitled "Look How Far God Has Brought Us" at Mt. Sinai Baptist church in February 2008 as part of Black History Month. As a true folk artist, his work clearly illustrates many events from his life and times from the cotton fields to the march Martin Luther King led in support of the Memphis garbage workers' union with their prominent "I am a Man" banners. His work can also be whimsical with titles like "Get Me Some Religion, Join the Baptist Church, Become a Preacher So I Don't Have to Work." His paintings and mixed media pieces may be impressionistic but never abstract. As Frank puts it, "My paintings tell stories that make statements people can connect with." Frank's artwork is featured at the Center for Southern Folklore in Memphis. Frank is a Vietnam Veteran. Frank will be presenting "Everyday Art for Everyday Folk: how to incorporate discarded or reclaimed objects into artwork" on Saturday, June 25 from 10 until 11:30 a.m. at the Tipton County Museum in Covington. For more information please call the Tipton County Museum at (901) 476-0242.