

City of Covington Newsletter
Highlights from the week of
May 30 – June 3, 2016

Covington Public Works crews are busy getting ready for the upcoming 44th annual World's Oldest Barbeque Cooking Contest scheduled for June 2-3-4 in Cobb-Parr Park in Covington. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

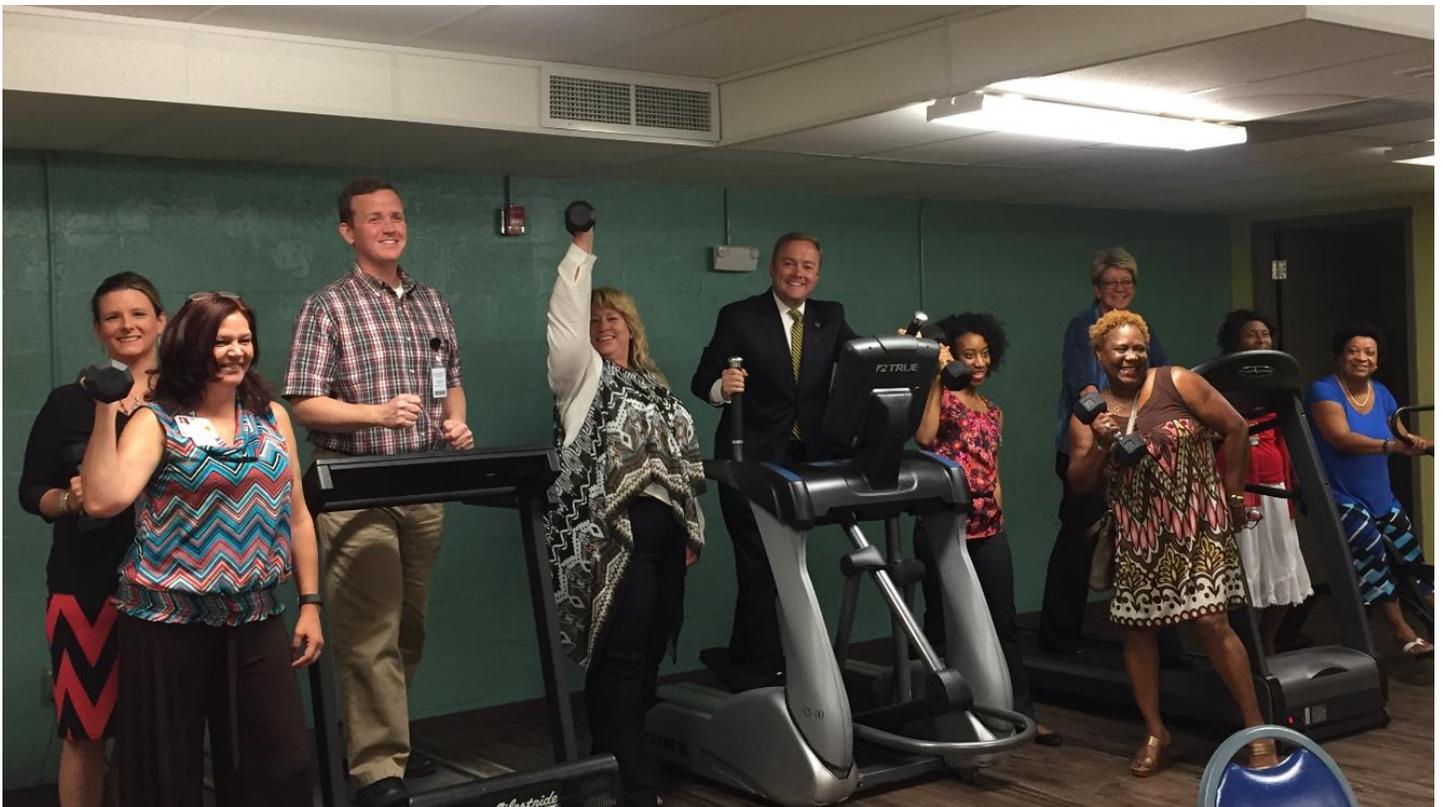


On May 29, there was a public Memorial Day Service at the Methodist Church in Atoka. It was hosted by the Tipton County Veterans Council and the Tipton County Museum. Vietnam Veteran Hal Rounds was the guest speaker. Vietnam Veteran and Museum Volunteer Leslie Billings sang several songs. Vietnam Veteran and Museum Volunteer H.T. Ray read the names of Tipton County Vietnam Veterans killed in action. Tipton County Veterans Council Chairman Kathy Desjarlais presented all Vietnam Veterans in attendance with commemorative lapel pins.





Tuesday, Mayor Hanson met with Baptist Memorial Hospital Tipton Administrator Sam Lynd along with nurses and nursing administrators to present them with a proclamation from the City of Covington honoring the work nurses do. This was in conjunction with National Nurses Week which was observed in May.



Wednesday, Mayor Hanson, along with representatives from the Tipton County Department of Public Health, Baptist Memorial Hospital Tipton, The Tipton County Sherriff's Office, the Tipton County Health Council, and others attended the community kick-off for [A Healthier Tennessee](#) at Children and Family Services (CFS) in Covington. CFS Director Mary Jones welcomed attendees with healthy snacks and infused water. Nikka Sorrels, health educator from Tipton County Health Department, led guests through steps of the project, which include healthier eating, increased physical activity, and tobacco cessation. Call 901-476-2364 for more info.



Signs of summer are everywhere! Beautiful hanging baskets and colorful flags surround our lovely town square and the Aquatic Center has started the extended summer schedule. Don't forget to schedule your summer celebrations at the pool and/or in the parks as you plan summer events. Call 901-476-3734 or 901-476-9178 to make reservations.



Kudos to Ken McCool and Paul Crotty who have volunteered to water the lovely hanging baskets around the square this summer. Thanks to the Chamber for the funding and Covington Garden Club for making the baskets. Together Everyone Achieves More!

Dates to Remember...

- **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 – Truck and Tractor Pull at Covington Riding Arena in Cobb-Parr Park 7:00 pm**
 - **June 4 – Seth Walker 4:00 – 5:00. BBQ winners announced at 5:00**
- **June 4 – Lifeblood at Covington Kroger 8:00 – 4:00**
- **June 7 – Coffee with the Mayor – Sookie's Bake Shop – on the square next to Patina's 7:30 – 9:00**
- **June 11 – Battle of the Badges – Covington High School – 6:00 - Law Enforcement vs Firefighters! This is a fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club in Covington – please support the fundraising effort and enjoy the event!**

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

1-844-HELP4TN

- July 23
- September 24

Small Businesses... Are You Interested in Government Contracting as a source of revenue?

Call the TSBDC office at Dyersburg State Community College today (731) 286-3205, if you would like to attend this Procurement Match-Making event in Clarksville, TN. TSBDC at DSCC, is arranging a **group day-trip to the event for small business owners**. Deadline to reserve your seat for the trip is July 8th. Free conference, free charter bus transportation provided by TSBDC, and lots of great potential for business connections.

Dutch-treat on your meals.

SAVE THE DATE!
**Tennessee/Kentucky Procurement
& Matchmaking Conference**
Thursday, July 28th
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM cst.

The U.S. Small Business Administration and APSU's Clarksville Small Business Development Center invite you to attend panel discussions with key purchasing officers from federal, state and local government. Please join in on one-on-one matchmaking sessions with federal, state and local government representatives and prime contractors.

SBA

**Austin Peay
State University**
601 College Street
Morgan University Center
Clarksville, TN 37044

All SBA programs and services are extended to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis.

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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, 2016

Victor Johnson

Victor Johnson was born on April 27, 1957 in Covington, Tennessee. He spent his childhood in Tipton County, and graduated from Covington High School in 1975. During high school, he spent two years working at the Charms Company as a machine operator. In August of 1975 he joined the U.S. Army in Memphis and enjoyed a fruitful 20-year military career, retiring in August of 1995.

He spent 16 years on various assignments out of Germany. He was a Battalion Maintenance Supervisor with assignments in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He provided tactical contingency C2 Communication to the U.S. Army Europa (UDAREUR), European Command (EUCOM), and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) missions within the EUCOM and CENTCOM area of operation. During his time in Berlin, he was assigned to a tank company where he was responsible for equipment maintenance. During the war in Iraq, he was responsible for the training, welfare, professional development, discipline, and combat readiness of 63 soldiers. His quick response and medical skills saved the lives of two soldiers during Operation Desert Storm. Victor enjoyed his time in the Army and was awarded numerous accommodations including two Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, six Army Good Conduct Medals, a National Defense Service Medal, an Army of Occupation Medal, a Southwest Asia Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, a Kuwait Liberation Medal, an Army Service Ribbon, four Overseas Service Ribbons, a Driver & Mechanic Badge, and a Rifle M16 Expert Qualification Badge.

Following his retirement, Victor enjoyed a diverse career in the private sector, working as a machine operator for Lydale Manufacturing in Covington; Warehouse Worker/Supervisor for AAA Cooper Transportation in Memphis and Atlanta, Georgia; a licensed real estate agent for Tate Realty in Memphis; and a line technician for Unilever in Covington.

An elder at Canaan Baptist Church in Covington, he has 6 children and 13 grandchildren. His brother Roger, who lives in San Antonio, Texas, and shares his deep religious faith, is also a church elder. Alderwoman Minnie Bommer nominated Victor for Veteran of the Month.

VETERANS – Clinics are held WEEKLY to provide you with information – click [here](http://www.tiptonco.com/veterans_services/index.php) to learn more:
http://www.tiptonco.com/veterans_services/index.php

Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

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Covington, TN 38019 (901) 476-0242



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 50s 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 (901) 476-0242.

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

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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!

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