

• 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL •

# 4<sup>TH</sup> OF *July*

CELEBRATION

**COVINGTON CITY PARK**

**FIREWORKS - MUSIC - FOOD  
RIDES - GAMES - PARADE**

FRIDAY, JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup> - FRIDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>

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## **NIGHTLY DRAWINGS**

Entry forms will be located at the  
Celebration Headquarters Pavilion near the park stage.

### **ADULT DRAWING FOR \$25 CASH AT 10:00 P.M.**

Friday, June 27th thru Wednesday, July 2nd, except Sunday,  
June 29th drawing will be immediately following Worship Night.  
Winner must be at least 18 years of age. Must be present to win and have I.D.

### **ADULT DRAWING FOR \$100 CASH!**

Thursday, July 3rd  
Winner must be at least 18 years of age  
Must be present to win and have I.D.

### **BUY A MEGA BRACELET FOR \$75!!! RIDE 7 NIGHTS!**

Not valid on July 4th.  
Must purchase in advance before June 27th  
at park on scheduled nights.

**[www.covingtonfourthofjuly.org](http://www.covingtonfourthofjuly.org)**

Daily Schedules — Registration Forms

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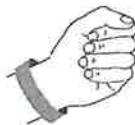
## FRIDAY, JUNE 27th

**6:30 P.M.** **OPENING CEREMONIES**  
Welcome  
Prayer  
National Anthem  
Salute to all Veterans - Color Guard

**7:00-** **PAGEANT NIGHT**

**10:00 P.M.** Emcees: Brandi Bachman

Miss Sparkler, Miss Firecracker, and the Queen Contest are sponsored by the Covington Celebration Group in partnership with Mariah Greene, Pageant Director.



## BRACELET NIGHT - \$25.00

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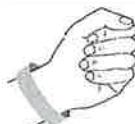
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## SATURDAY, JUNE 28TH

6:30 - JAK GIBSON  
7:30 P.M.

8:00 - ROCKLAND ROAD

10:00 P.M. Rockland Road is six musicians who share the last name Martin—representing four generations of musical heritage—all vocalists who are multi-instrumentalists. It is a powerhouse group featuring soulful vocals imbued with a pure, exuberant joy worthy of the talented blood that flows through this family's veins. So where did it all begin? Grammy-winning artist Paul Martin, lead singer/guitarist of country-pop supergroup Exile, met and married Jamie Allen, daughter of Duane Allen, a member of Country Music Hall of Fame gospel group The Oak Ridge Boys, and Grand Ole Opry background singer Norah Lee Allen. Individually and collectively, Paul and Jamie's four children were exposed early to a rich musical existence, and they watched as each child demonstrated God-given musical talent early on.



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## *Parish Tire & Battery Shop*



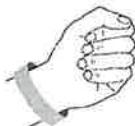
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## SUNDAY, JUNE 29TH

3:00 P.M.	PARADE - GRAND MARSHAL ROBERT "BOB" BALDWIN (LINE UP at 2 P.M.) Units proceed down 5th street (south) to Liberty St. Turns right (west) and goes to 4th Street. Turns right (north) and proceeds to the Park.
4:30 P.M.	BABY REGISTRATION
5:00 P.M.	BABY CONTEST
	<b>CHURCH &amp; GOSPEL NIGHT</b> 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. LOCAL WORSHIP GROUPS (COVINGTON UMC BELL RINGERS, COVINGTON NAZARENE CHURCH, 2ND CHURCH OF CHRIST & COVINGTON FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Check out our website for Schedules,  
Entry Forms, Entertainment Info,  
Sponsor Info, Parade Info and more!

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Remi Strawser



Little Miss Sparkler (page 62)  
Quinn Lewandowski

# Covington 4th of July Baby Contest

**Category (Check one):**

<input type="checkbox"/> Girl (Birth-5 Months)	<input type="checkbox"/> Girl (1 Year)	<input type="checkbox"/> Girl (3 Years - Belle)
<input type="checkbox"/> Boy (Birth-5 Months)	<input type="checkbox"/> Boy (1 Year)	<input type="checkbox"/> Boy (3 Years - Beau)
<input type="checkbox"/> Girl (6-11 Months)	<input type="checkbox"/> Girl (2 Years)	<input type="checkbox"/> Girl (4-5 Years - Princess)
<input type="checkbox"/> Boy (6-11 Months)	<input type="checkbox"/> Boy (2 Years)	<input type="checkbox"/> Boy (4-5 Years - Prince)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Twins (Birth - 2 Years)

**Winner and 1st Runner Up will be Awarded**

Contestant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sisters \_\_\_\_\_

Brothers \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Activities \_\_\_\_\_

**BABY CONTEST is on Sunday, June 29th, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.**

**BABY REGISTRATION at 4:30 p.m.**

Please complete entry form and mail it with \$10.00 entry fee to:

**Covington Celebration Group**

P.O. Box 276

Covington IN, 47932

(checks made payable to Covington Celebration Group)

You may drop entry form off at the Celebration Headquarters Pavilion in front of main stage.

This form may be copied for additional contestants. Forms also available on website.

## MONDAY, JUNE 30TH

6:30 - BREE ZIEGLAR  
7:00 P.M.

7:30 - TOM GRASSMAN BAND  
10:00 P.M. TGB can be described as

"Rock-and-Roll Party Music" with a set list designed to get people out of their seats and onto the dance floor. The concept is simple - less talk and more rock! But make no mistake, Tom knows how to talk to any size crowd and make them feel a part of the show.

With powerhouse talent Jill Greenlee (90's Daughter) on Bass and vocals (and guitar/drums!), and drummer "Magical" Myles Jones, TGB consistently amazes crowds with a sound so much bigger than just 3 people. And showmanship is what they do best - always a high-energy performance from these three.



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## TUESDAY, JULY 1ST

6:30 - JERRY URICH  
7:30 P.M.

7:30 - ENDLESS SUMMER BAND  
10:00 P.M.



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**Clerk - Treasurer**

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## **- City Council -**

**Justin Martin**

**Paula Copenhaver**

**Kathy Easter**

**Brad Smith**

**Randy Randles**

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**Taylor Powell - City Attorney**

**KC Smith - Street Supt.**

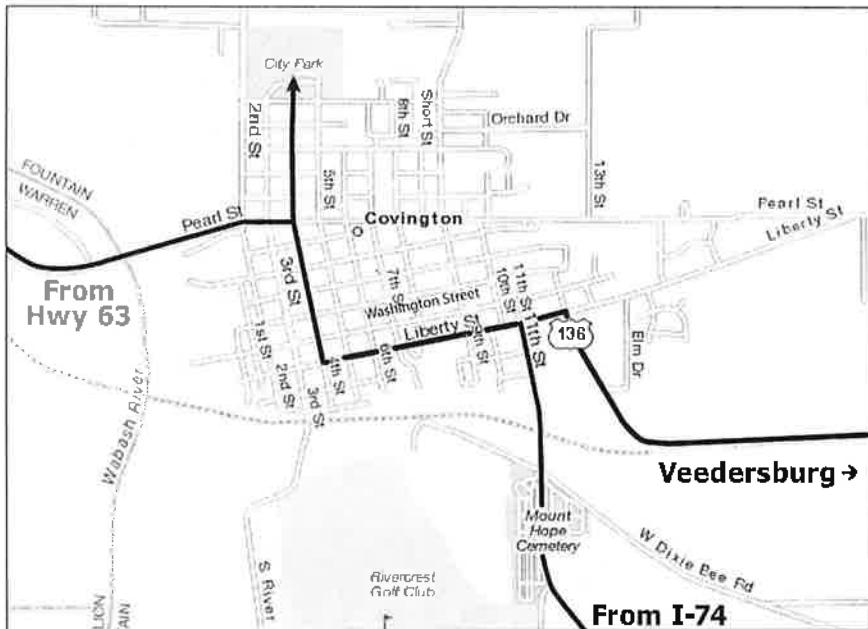
**Greg Myers - Waste Water Supt.**

**Shannon Foster - Police Chief**

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**HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**

Route shown below to City Park.



## Covington 4th of July Celebration Group

We are looking for more members!

Meetings are 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

January - September at St. Joseph Hall

[www.covingtonfourthofjuly.org](http://www.covingtonfourthofjuly.org)

*The Covington 4th of July Celebration Group welcomes you to the 65th Annual 4th of July Celebration.*

*We wish to thank all the area businesses and organizations who have helped make our program successful.*

*Our overall success is made easier by all the people who contribute in numerous ways.*

Jerry Pope - President

Matthew Lynch - Vice President

Henry Schmitt - Treasurer

Alan Lynch - Entertainment Director

Denise Vollmer - Secretary

Bob Shelby & Dottie Pettit - Directors

Brooklyn Long - Committee Member

Mariah Greene - Pageant Director

CCG - Baby Contest

## FORMER PARADE GRAND MARSHALL LIST

1994 - Lawrence McKinney	2009 - Mary George
1995 - Sarabell Smith	2010 - Dr. Max Hoffman
1996 - Luke White	2011 - Nancy Wagner
1997 - Lura Smith	2012 - Henry Schmitt
1998 - Thomas McGurk Sr.	2013 - Jane Bowers
1999 - Martha Wallace	2014 - Mike Latoz
2000 - Eugene "Lennie" Small	2015 - Marceline McGurk
2001 - Helen Shelby	2016 - Rick Talbert
2002 - John Myers	2017 - Muff Rennick
2003 - Carol Freese	2018 - Terry Field
2004 - Doris Cooper	2019 - Dee Gerling
2005 - Ginger Orr	2020 - Michael Thompson
2006 - Max Keller	2021 - Barbara Hegg
2007 - Carolyn Davis	2022 - John Shambach
2008 - Robert Shelby	2023 - Amy Thompson
	2024 - Bob Wright



## WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

*THE FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION GROUP  
USES THE PROFITS FROM THE PROGRAM BOOKLETS  
AND CARNIVAL RIDES AS FOLLOWS:*

	2022	2023	2024
FREE FIREWORKS	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$15,000
FREE ENTERTAINMENT	\$23,717	\$18,393	\$18,571
DONATIONS	\$225	\$100	\$210
UTILITIES PAID TO CITY	\$1,088	\$1,342	\$1,403
LENGTH OF CELEBRATION	7 DAYS	6 DAYS	7 DAYS

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 2ND

6:30 - 7:00 P.M. WABASH AREA BAND

7:30 - 10:00 P.M. INDIGOS

The name The Indigos comes from the idea of being Indigo, or those from a generation who are more in touch with their higher selves. They are able to identify their dreams and desires, pursue, and then help others do the same. We always strive to spread the joy of music and love wherever we go, and include all of those who want to be apart of this amazing experience.

We like to say our genre is "Indigroove" because of its groovy roots meshed with our collective rock 'n' roll influences. Already the size of a baseball team and working on becoming a football team, we have depth of diversity with a central focus on creating our unique brand of music so that our fans can get in, get in the groove.



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# 4TH OF JULY QUEEN 2024

## *Madison Payne*

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Hello, my name is Madison Payne and I am your 2024 Covington 4th of July Queen. I am the proud 16 year-old daughter of Kevin and Jessica Payne, with three amazing siblings. Some of my favorite things to do are going on walks, riding horses, playing in band, and jazz club. This fall, I will be entering my junior year at Fountain Central High School.

During my reign, I participated in many different events. Some of my favorites were the Newtown back to school bash, reading to preschoolers at Fountain/Warren County Headstart, passing out candy at the Fairgrounds trunk or treat, and attending the festival of trees princess tea.

I have loved spending this past year with my two sister queens, Remi and Quinn. I am super excited for the wonderful lady who will be gaining the title of the Fourth of July Queen she will have so much fun and gain life long friends along the way.



2024 Covington 4th of July Queen

*Madison Payne*

# **Robert "Bob" Baldwin**

## **2025 PARADE GRAND MARSHALL**

Robert "Bob" Baldwin was born on August 20, 1932, in Niles, Michigan, and moved to Veedersburg, Indiana in 1936. A proud 1950 graduate of Veedersburg High School, Bob went on to serve his country with distinction in the U.S. Naval Air Force. Enlisting in November of 1951, he served four years of active duty and four years in the inactive reserves, through November of 1959, during the Korean War. He was stationed aboard the USS Bon



Homme Richard Aircraft Carrier CV31 with CAG7's Fighter Squadron 71, out of Quonset point, Rhode Island. His service took him from Rhode Island to Millington, Tennessee, and then to Kingsville, Texas, where he completed his active duty in 1955.

Upon returning home, Bob joined his father-in-law, Orrin "Pappy" Parish, at the family business—Parish Tire and Battery in Covington. After training in Moline, Illinois, to specialize in alignments and frame straightening, he purchased the business in 1968, when Pappy retired. Bob proudly operated the shop and became a well-known and respected member of the Covington community.

Throughout the years, Bob has generously supported countless local events and programs, including Covington High School sports and music, the Covington 4th of July celebration, the Covington Applefest, and youth leagues for baseball, football, softball, and soccer.

A dedicated public servant, Bob spent more than 20 years with the Covington Volunteer Fire Department—12 of those as Fire Chief. He also served as a precinct committeeman, was a member of the local liquor board, and is a life member of both the American Legion and the VFW, having served as commander for several years.

Bob is a 50+ year Mason and active member of the Scottish Rite, Zorah Shrine, Western Indiana Shrine Club, and Fountain County Low 12. He has helped raise funds for the Shrine for many years by selling thousands of pounds of Vidalia onions.

On May 22, 1953, Bob married Marlene Parish. This year, they will celebrate 72 wonderful years of marriage. Together, they raised three children—Scott (Janeen), Kim (Darrell), and Todd (Becky)—and are proud grandparents to four living grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

For his lifelong service, dedication, and unwavering community spirit, we are proud to honor Robert "Bob" Baldwin as the 2025 Covington 4th of July Parade Marshall.

2025 Parade Grand Marshall

*Robert "Bob" Baldwin*

## THURSDAY, JULY 3RD

6:30 - ALEX CUNDIFF  
7:00 P.M.

7:30 - CODY IKERD & THE SIDEWINDERS  
10:00 P.M. Cody Ikerd and the Sidewinders are a high energy country music band that are tailor-made for original music fans and audiences that love 80's/90's country music hits. Whether you're looking to do some boot scootin' or slow dancing, Cody Ikerd and the Sidewinders are here to bring the country.

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# MISS FIRECRACKER 2024

## *Remi Strawser*

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Hi! I'm Remi, I'm the 2024 Covington 4th of July Miss Firecracker. I'm the 15 year-old daughter of Amanda and Allen Strawser, of Covington.

I am a freshman at Covington High School, where I earned my honor jacket for academics, this year. I also participate in Varsity Cheerleading, Dance Team, and Tennis. I was selected as Freshman Class Homecoming Attendant, this fall. I was also elected Freshman Class Vice President and Student Council Representative for the Class of 2028.



I've enjoyed my reign as Miss Firecracker, all of the community service opportunities, and the friendships I've developed throughout the year.



Your 2024 4th of July Miss Firecracker,  
*Remi Strawser*



COME AND SEE THE PARADE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 30th!!!

# LITTLE MISS SPARKLER 2024

## *Quinn Lewandowski*

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Hello! My name is Quinn Lewandowski. I am your 2024 Covington 4th of July Little Miss Sparkler. I am the 10 year old daughter of Michael and Jessica Lewandowski of Covington. I will be a 5th grader at Covington Elementary School this fall. I am involved in many activities including: gymnastics, soccer, softball, basketball, volleyball, 4H, and Teamkid. I also love spending time with my family and friends.

I have had so much fun representing the Covington 4th of July Celebration. When I was crowned Little Miss Sparkler, I was so excited! I got to spend the entire week at the celebration riding rides, drinking lemon shake-ups, and making memories with all of the girls on the court! Over the past year I have been able to volunteer and attend many events in the community. I have enjoyed helping at nursing homes, the Hawthorne Inn carnival, packing back-to-school supplies at a local church, hosting an Easter egg hunt, and attending many other pageants, festivals, and parades. I have had a lot of fun spending time with Madison and Remi. I have learned so much from this experience. It has been a great year!

I want to thank the Covington 4th of July Celebration Committee for giving us such a fun event. I am thankful I got to be a part of it. Thank you to our pageant director, Mariah Greene, and the pageant committee for all you have done for us this year. Thank you to my family for supporting me, helping me, and getting me to all of my events. I want to wish good luck to all of this year's contestants, and I hope the next Little Miss Sparkler enjoys her year as much as I have.



Happy 4th of July!  
Your 2024 Little Miss Sparkler  
*Quinn Lewandowski*

## **FRIDAY, JULY 4TH**

**5:30 - ROUTE 117 BAND**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**7:30 - LOGAN KIRBY**  
**10:00 P.M.**

**10:00 P.M. GIGANTIC FIREWORKS DISPLAY -**  
**SKYPAINTERS PYROTECHNICS**

Sponsored by Covington Celebration Group (CCG) and set off by Skypainters pyrotechnics. CCG has exclusive rights to sell glow rings, sticks, necklaces. No other sales of these will be allowed in the Covington City Park by anyone. Violators will be escorted from the park.

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**Happy Independence Day!**

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# **Jessop Amusements Mega Bands & New Digital Ticketing Information**

Mega Bands cost this year is **\$75** and must be purchased before 6/27.  
Mega Bands are good for unlimited rides for 7 nights of the festival  
(Not good on July 4th)

## **Mega bands will be sold:**

6/17 & 6/19 from 6-8 PM at big pavilion by ball fields

6/21 from 10 AM - 12 NOON at County Market

6/23, 6/24, 6/25, & 6/26 from 6-8 PM at the pavilion in front of stage

***Cash or Check***

## **New Digital Ticketing & Kiosks**

- There will be four ticket kiosks to purchase single night wrist bands or digital credits.
- Kiosks will take cash or credit cards. There will be a convenience fee for credit card use.
- Individual ride credits will be put on a plastic card that the ride attendant will scan each time when entering a ride.
- The plastic card can be reloaded with additional credits. There is a small one-time fee per card.
- Cards can be used at Jessop Amusement rides in Covington or any other locations.
- For single night bracelets, the kiosk will issue a QR coded receipt. This receipt must then be taken to the carnival information booth where the single night bracelet is put on the rider. One QR code might be given if purchasing multiple single night bracelets at the same time.

The mega band QR coded cards will also be taken to carnival information booth to receive the six-day wrist band.



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June 27th - July 4th

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★ **FRIDAY, JUNE 27 — 6-10 PM** ★

★ **SATURDAY, JUNE 28 — 6-10 PM** ★

★ **SUNDAY, JUNE 29 — 6-10 PM** ★

★ **MONDAY, JUNE 30 — 6-10 PM\*\*** ★

★ **TUESDAY, JULY 1 — 6-10 PM** ★

★ **WEDNESDAY, JULY 2 — 6-10 PM\*\*** ★

★ **THURSDAY, JULY 3 — 6-10 PM** ★

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\*SEE PAGE 88  
WHEN & WHERE TO BUY