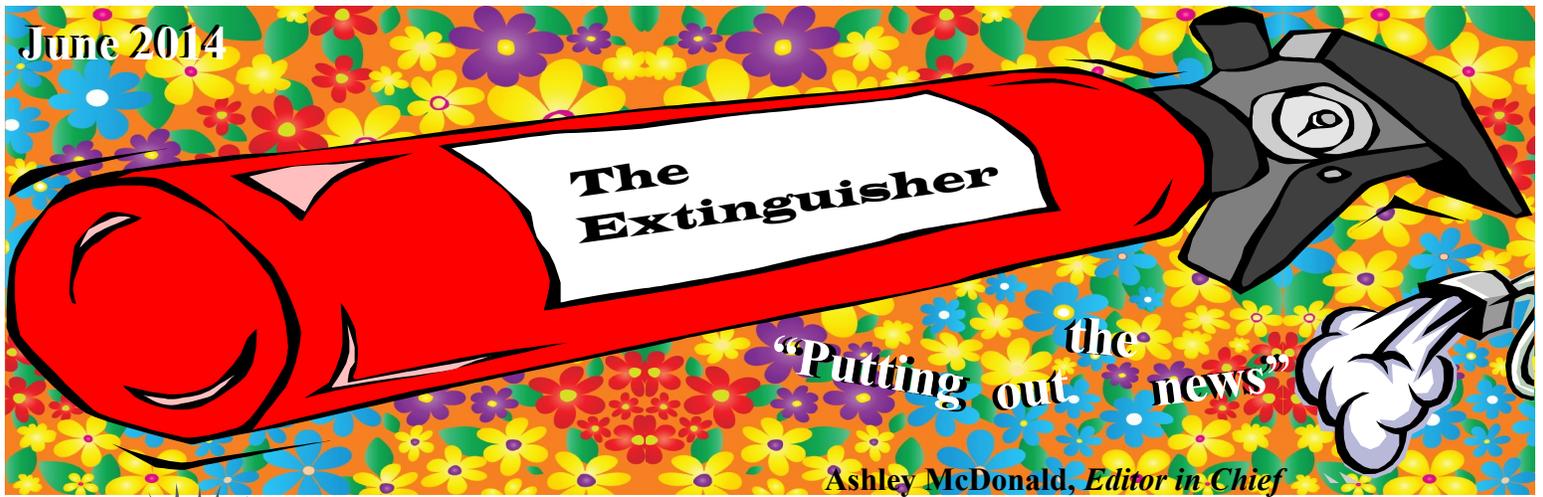


June 2014



Birthdays

- Tim Rowlett 6/2
- Allen Swader 6/2
- Clay Malone 6/7
- Jonathan Gaither 6/11
- Dustin Liddell 6/13
- Jim White 6/16
- John Avaritt 6/19
- Randy Shaw 6/19
- Jeff Irvin 6/20
- Raleigh Marlin 6/23
- Joe Pennington 6/24
- Mark Brewer 6/27
- Adam C. Brown 6/28
- Troy Gannon 6/28
- Mike Meeks 6/28



If you notice MFRD personnel providing exemplary service, displaying professionalism, or representing the City of Murfreesboro in a positive light, please share your experience by nominating them for a Service Excellence Stars Award.

Click here for more information or to
[Nominate a STAR.](#)

BILLY VINSON HONORED FOR 40 YEARS WITH MFRD

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department Training Coordinator Billy Vinson was honored May 1 in recognition of his 40 years of service with the department.

Vinson surpassed the department's modern-day years of service record of 39 years, which was held by Firefighter Joe Finney.



Vinson started his career with MFRD, when it was still Murfreesboro Fire Department, on May 1, 1974. "Firefighting was never in my thoughts until I moved to Murfreesboro [from Cannon County] and met my wife," said Vinson. "Her father was Assistant Chief Herbert McCullough; he peaked my interest in the department."

Vinson was the first person hired when the department elected to go to the 24 hours on/48 hours off shift schedule. "I was working a hard job [at Chromalox], said Vinson "and the 24 hours on and 48 off was appealing." "I learned to love it," he continued. "Fires are fun to fight...the job is fun, and you're making a living."

Chief Cumbey Gaines presented Vinson with an engraved clock and said, "Thank you for the time that you've given this department. We thought we would give you some 'time' in return." Vinson also received a plaque of MFRD's most recent patch.

Several MFRD employees spoke about their experiences with Vinson over the years and the impact he has made on them and on the department as a whole. Outgoing Mayor Tommy Bragg thanked Vinson for his service to the department and the City of Murfreesboro, before thanking Vinson's family members that were present for "sharing him for so many years." City Manager Rob Lyons also offered his appreciation to Vinson for what he has accomplished over 40 years.

Vinson, who plans to retire on July 3, said "I can't even begin to express how blessed I am to have had this opportunity to work for the greatest fire department and greatest city in the world."

Front Row, Kneeling (L to R): Firefighter Sean Wheeler, Firefighter Jeff Clementi, Captain/Shift Inspector Nora Smith, Captain Raymond Smith, Firefighter Bo Jones, Driver Ronald Nobles, Driver Adam Petrig, and Driver Adam P. Brown.

Back Row, Standing (L to R): Part-time Clerk Nell Spradling, Retired Captain/Shift Training Officer Ronald Jones, Assistant Fire Marshal Tracy Summar, Assistant Fire Marshal Michael Bartlett, Firefighter John Flynt, Driver Randy Shaw, Department Coordinator Carol Whitaker, Administrative Assistant Laurie Alsup, Assistant Chief Kaye Jernigan, Assistant Chief Allen Swader, Training Coordinator Billy Vinson, Chief Cumbey Gaines, Training Coordinator Nicole Miller, Captain/Shift Training Officer Terry Smith, Captain/Shift Training Officer Mike Keith, and Captain/Shift Training Officer Bob Decker.

MCMAHAN AND SWANN RECOGNIZED AT NAIFA LUNCHEON

MFRD Shift Commander Tim Swann and Captain Kurt McMahan were recognized at a luncheon hosted by the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA) Middle Tennessee Chapter for their service to the community.

Both men were nominated by Geoffrey Herring, who graduated from MFRD's Citizens Fire Academy in 2005 (Session IV), of the local chapter of NAIFA.

They each received a certificate (pictured top right) which reads, "It is with great respect that we, the members of NAIFA of Middle Tennessee, wish to recognize and honor your outstanding service, support, and commitment to the safety of our community."



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Swann has been with the department since June 1990 and McMahan started with MFRD in September 1994.

L to R: McMahan and Swann pictured with Herring.

CORDER RECEIVED PRESTIGIOUS F.A.I.T.H. AWARD

Firefighter Tim Corder received the "prestigious" F.A.I.T.H. award at Patterson Park Community Center on April 19. F.A.I.T.H. stands for "First African American in the History..." In Corder's case, he was the first African American male to have his basketball jersey retired from Riverdale High School.

Corder was a four-year starter in basketball for Riverdale from 1984-1988 and was able to set the school's record on both points (2,032) and rebounds (963). During his four years at Riverdale, the school compiled a record 106 wins/7 losses. During his freshman year, the team finished 25-1.

From 1984-1988, Riverdale won four District 7-AAA titles in a row and held a 45-3 district record during that time. Tim was also named District Mid-State MVP, Tennessee/Georgia All-Star Game MVP, 3-time All District MVP, 3-time Murfreesboro McDonald's Player of the Year, Hawaii Class MVP, and was named to the Associated Press Class AAA All-State Team.



His Riverdale jersey (#25) was retired in 2011.

Corder has been a Firefighter with Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department since November 2001.

Previously, three other MFRD employees received this honor. In 2011, Chief Cumbey Gaines was recognized as the first African American Inspector, Shift Commander, Deputy Chief, and Chief. In 2012, Firefighter Mary Madding was honored for being the first African American female Firefighter, and Driver Michael "Vular" Anderson received the honor for being the first African American representative on Rutherford County's Road Board.

2014 F.A.I.T.H. AWARDS

TIMOTHY L. CORDER is the third of four children born to Linda E. Petway and Leon M. Corder, Sr. According to his mother, basketball was his life and that was all he thought about. She always knew where to find him after school. As a child Tim had a little red fire truck and said he one day wanted to become a fire fighter. He also gives the credit to his stepfather, Edward Petway.

Tim was a four year starter in basketball at Riverdale from 1984-1988, and was able to set the schools career record in both points (2,032) and rebounds (963). In 1986 Tim was on the Lone State Tournament Team and averaged 22.7 pts. and 9 rebounds per game. During his four years at Riverdale, the school compiled a record of 106 wins and 7 losses. During his freshman year the team finished 25-1. From 1984-1988 Riverdale won four District 7-AAA titles in a row and held a 45-3 district record during that time. Tim was also named District Mid-State MVP, TN-GA All-Star Game MVP, 3 time All District MVP, Murfreesboro McDonald's Player of the Year for 3 years, Hawaii Class MVP and named the Associated Press Class AAA All-State Team. Tim shares these accomplishments with brother Leon Corder, 2 time Banner All-Mid-State Star. In 2011 Riverdale High School retired Tim's #25 Jersey.

From 1989-1990, Tim attended Sullivan Jr. College of Business where he was an All American Basketball Player and received his associates degree in Business Management. From 1990-1992 Tim attended Middle Tennessee State University on a basketball scholarship. From 1993-1994 he played Semi-Professional basketball with the Jackson Jammers in Jackson TN. For the last 12 years Tim has served the City of Murfreesboro TN as a Fire Fighter and a first Responder. He attends Swift Tabernacle under the leadership of his brother, Pastor Leon Corder, Jr. Tim would like to recognize his lovely wife, Tawana M. Corder, his children: Chelsea, Timothy Corder II, Adareus, Ja'Quae, Michael and Ja'Quan. His big brother and best friend, Leon McKinley Corder, Jr., his twosisters, Tammy and Kim, and grandchildren, Zaydin, Isiah, Jordan, Aliah, Armoni, Amari, Adareus II, Tamejah and Monteria and all of his nieces and nephews.

TIMOTHY L. CORDER
First African American male's Jersey to be retired at Riverdale High School

All-Midstate team

Player	Points	Rebounds	Assists
Riverdale's Tim Corder	2032	963	106
Other players

*Information provided by F.A.I.T.H. Award Coordinator Cynthia Wilson.

MFRD & MPRD FILM WATER SAFETY PSA

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department and Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Department recently filmed a Water Safety public service announcement (PSA). The PSA is expected to air on CityTV sometime in June. MFRD's Water Rescue team gives warnings about swimming and diving in open waters, and MPRD provides safe and fun alternatives to swimming in rivers and lakes.

BENCHMARKING FIGURES FOR MURFREESBORO FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT (PROVIDED BY ASST. CITY MANAGER JIM CRUMLEY)

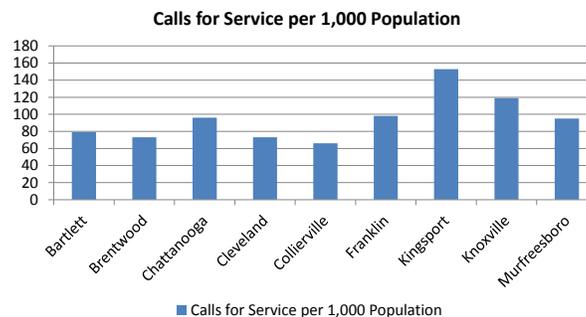
Fire services consist of the entire range of assistance provided by the benchmarked city's fire departments, including fire suppression, fire prevention, fire code inspections, fire safety education, arson investigation, rescue and emergency medical services.

There is considerable variation in how these services are provided, principally due to the differences in emergency medical services. Of the nine benchmarked cities, only Bartlett provides medical transport with fire department personnel. Six of the nine cities offer Advanced Life Support (ALS) to their residents, one city, Chattanooga, offers Basic Life Support (BLS), while Cleveland and Murfreesboro offer First Responder services.

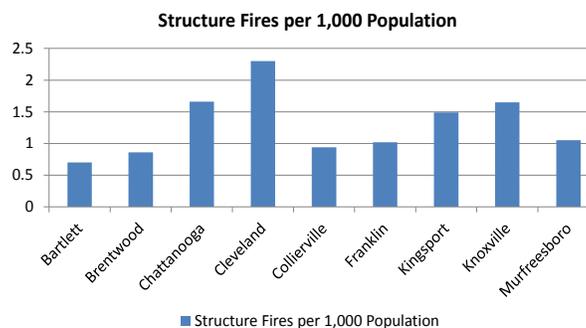
The Insurance Service Organization (ISO) provides ratings of fire departments based on established criteria including a community's fire-suppression system, communications, fire departments, and water supply. The ratings range from Class One to Class Ten, with the better rated services receiving the lowest Class numbers. Of the nine cities in the benchmark, Chattanooga, Franklin and Murfreesboro earned a Class Two designation. All the other communities were rated Class Three, with the exception of Brentwood, which was scored Class Four.

The study offers two Workload Measures: Calls for Service and Structure Fires per 1,000 population. Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue's Calls for Service falls at the statewide average, while the Structure Fires per 1,000 Population is only 70% of the statewide average. The Structure Fire measure may be low compared to the statewide averages due to the rapid growth of Murfreesboro over the last twenty years. A significant portion of the housing stock is relatively new, with better heat sources and construction inspections, which result in fewer structure fires.

Fire and Rescue
Calls for Service per 1,000 Population
Murfreesboro at the Statewide Average

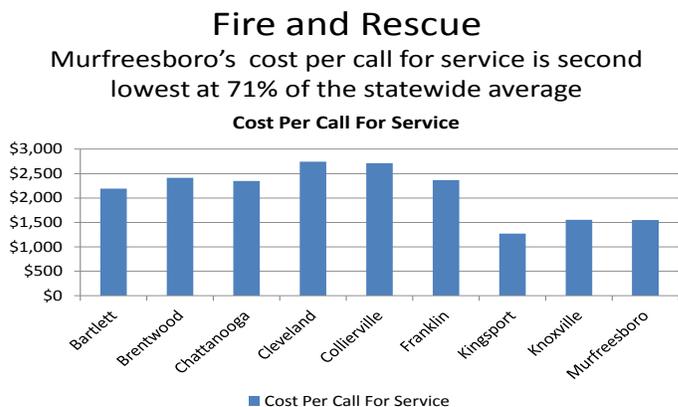
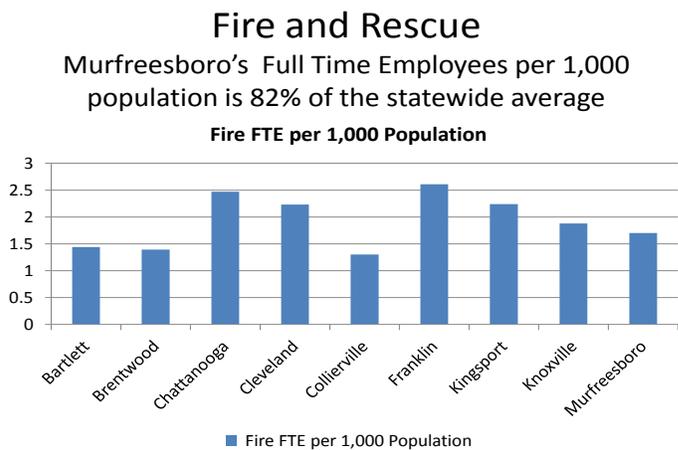
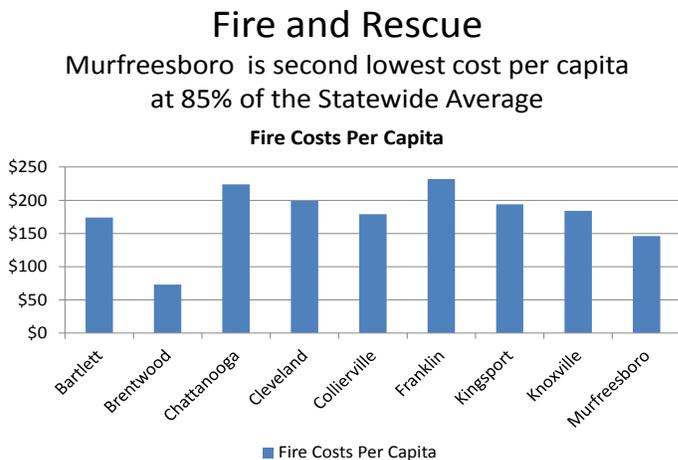


Fire and Rescue
Structure Fires per 1,000 Population
Murfreesboro at 70% of the Statewide Average



BENCHMARKING CONTINUED...

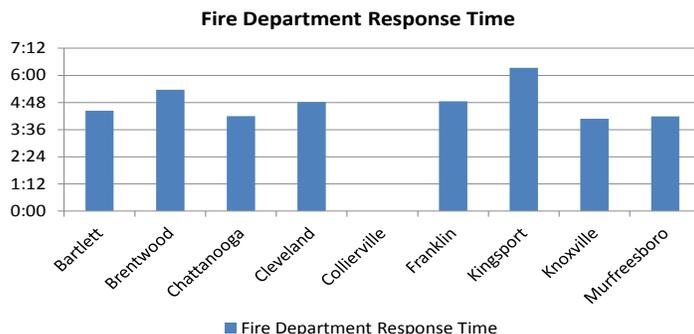
The study offers three Resource Measures: Fire Department Cost per Capita, Fire Employees per 1,000 Population and Cost per Call for Service. All three measures consistently show the Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department to carefully use resources and that city management is using good judgment in allocating additional resources to the Department.



BENCHMARKING CONCLUDED...

As an effectiveness measure, response time was selected to demonstrate the success of the Department in performing its mission. With the second lowest response time, the Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department demonstrates the readiness of its employees and the proper positioning of the nine stations in serving their assigned geographic areas.

Fire and Rescue
Murfreesboro's response time is second lowest at 90%
of the statewide average



MFRD'S AWARD-WINNING HONOR GUARD ATTENDS MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS TRAINING

Members of Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department's award-winning Honor Guard attended a Military Funeral Honors Training Class at the Smyrna National Guard Base the week of May 19-23.

Captains Jeff Irvin and Thomas McAdoo and Firefighters Greg Burt and Chad Davis sharpened their skills and expanded their knowledge in new techniques of funeral honors such as "step and march" maneuvers, two and three-person flag folds, casket bearer drills, manual arms, and nine soldier details. Students were tested on each skill level and are now AP3 Certified with U.S. Army Funeral Ceremonies.

Participating members will train additional members to the methods used in military honors funeral services.

L to R: Captain/Shift Inspector Thomas McAdoo, Firefighter Chad Davis, Class Instructor Specialist Rader of the Tennessee National Guard, Captain Jeff Irvin, Firefighter Greg Burt, and Major Smith of Tennessee State Guard.



FIREFIGHTER JAMES "BO" JONES GRADUATES MTSU WITH DUAL MAJOR

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department Firefighter James "Bo" Jones graduated from Middle Tennessee State University, obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree with dual majors in Aerospace and Construction Management.

Jones has been with MFRD since March 2004.



Congratulations!



COMING SOON...

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department filmed the next episode of "Cooking with MFRD" in May at Oaklands Historic Mansion and Museum. It is slated to air on CityTV in July. Training Coordinator Nicole Miller and Firefighter Matthew Twomey join Host Ashley McDonald in sharing campfire recipes and outdoor fire safety tips.

Featured in this episode are "Campfire Cheesy Potatoes," "Kick'n Quick Chicken," and simple fruit kabobs. Not familiar with campfire cooking? No problem! These tasty treats can be cooked on the grill as well!

Visit [MFRD's website](#) or [Facebook](#) page for the latest episodes and recipes from Cooking with MFRD.



MFRD FIREFIGHTER WINS CONTEST, MEAL PROVIDED TO STATION



Two Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department personnel, Driver Adam Petrig and Firefighter Britt Gammon, from Fire Station 9 (A-Shift), attended the 2014 Fire Department Instructors Conference in April. They participated in a contest hosted by Elkhart Brass in which there was a physical challenge with three stations. Each station had a challenge that gave the participant 30 seconds to complete as many reps as possible, with 15 seconds of rest between each task.



During the span of the conference, the highest amount of reps was 93. On Friday, MFRD Driver Adam Petrig took first place with 97 reps. However, Gammon won the entire competition for that day with 98 reps. This victory won A-Shift at Station 9 a free meal at the firehouse. The meal was delivered on May 20, and personnel and their families were able to enjoy!

L to R: Driver Adam Petrig, Captain Joe Barrett, Firefighter Ryan Daniel, Firefighter Britt Gammon, Captain/Shift Training Officer Mike Keith, Firefighter Ben Honeycutt, Firefighter Joe Pennington, and Driver Dwajuan Howse.

MFRD HONORARY FIREFIGHTER KOBE LOWE PASSES AWAY AFTER LONG BATTLE WITH CANCER

He touched many hearts at Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department and was presented a certificate as an “Honorary Member” of MFRD. Eleven year old Kobe Lowe passed away in May after an extended battle with cancer.

The following is his obituary:

Kobe Michael Lowe, age 11, of Murfreesboro, TN passed away peacefully in the arms of his family, Wednesday, May 14, 2014. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Wyatt and Christopher Herman; great-grandfather, Ramsey Lowe; and step-mother, Bonnie Trail.

A celebration of life for Kobe will take place at The Experience Community Church in Murfreesboro on Saturday at 1:00PM. Corey Trimble will officiate. Burial will follow in Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

He is survived by his loving parents, Mike Trail and Brandy and Jonathan Herman; brother, Lane Herman; grandparents, Julie and Donny Lowe, Mary and Billy Trail and Tammy Davis; great-grandparents, Margarete and Billy Pendergrast, Betty Jean Parker, and Jenny Herman; uncle, Mikey Lowe and his wife Crystal; aunt, Brenda Rowland; uncle, Billy Rogers; aunt and uncle, Janene and Shocky Shank; great aunt and uncle, Roger and Elaine Herman; and many cousins.



Kobe was a member of The Experience Community Church. He loved video games, Legos, soccer, and animals, especially snakes and dogs. Kobe had a deep passion for the Police and Fire Department and especially loved Juice, a police dog with Murfreesboro Police Department. Kobe had a sweet presence, touched many lives and he loved people. He was a very special and unique little boy. He saw Jesus many times when he was very sick.

Pictured: Deputy Chief Roger Toombs and Chief Cumbey Gaines presenting an “Honorary Firefighter” certificate to Kobe.

“HEROES FOR A CURE”: RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT SUCCESSFUL

Several members of the Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department and their families participated in the Relay for Life 12-hour walk at Siegel High School from 6:00 pm on May 30 to 6:00 am on May 31.

MFRD’s goal was to raise at least \$1,000 in donations for the American Cancer Society. The official total raised thus far has exceeded that (\$1,056).

A special “Thank you” goes out to the event attendees that contributed to MFRD’s team and to the silent supporters online.

Team Captains Julia Pitt and Ashley McGriff also wanted to thank MFRD’s participants for making our involvement so successful. “We would also like to thank the employees of MFRD, MPD Dispatch, and other city employees that purchased t-shirts to help our team raise money.”

For more information on Relay for Life, visit their website at relayforlife.org.



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MITCHELL AND RIVAIT NAMED FIREFIGHTERS OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE 2014



Drivers Eddie Mitchell and Doug Rivait have been named Firefighters of the Month for June 2014. The two were nominated by their Captain, Mike Adams, for the following:

“On May 3, 2014, Ladder 8 had a PR event at Kroger on Lascassas Pk. While at the event a man came up to us carrying a small child in his arms. The man asked if we knew a place that would help him with getting some diapers for the child. He was on disability from work and was not due a check for another week. As we were trying to figure out a place he might be able to get some help, Dr. Eddie Mitchell told the man to come with him. Eddie took him inside the store and bought the child the biggest box of diapers they had. Dr. Doug Rivait split the cost with Eddie after the diapers were purchased.”

Adams went on to say, “Eddie never questioned the man about anything, he saw the child in the arms of a father that had fallen on hard times and did what he felt was the right thing to do.”

Mitchell has been with MFRD since April 1984 and Rivait since December 1991.



June Anniversaries

29 YEARS

Sam Benford
Keith Bratcher

24 YEARS

Jeff Bratcher
Keith Elrod
Troy Gannon
Guy Matthews
Steve Melton
Ronald Nobles
Ted Pertiller
Allen Swader
Tim Swann
Eugene Todd

20 YEARS

Robert Canterbury
Gary Hutchinson
Nora Smith

15 YEARS

Israel Marcella
Greg Robinson

13 YEARS

Brian Lowe
Mike Meeks

11 YEARS

David Bricker
Davey Ferrell
Kenny McFarland
Ray Robinson
Jim White
Mitchell Whittenburg
Kyle Winnett

10 YEARS

Mark Brewer
Karl Daigle
Joel Patnode

2 YEARS

Chad Davis
Kevin Defeo
Ashley McGriff
Matt Roeger

Congratulations!!!

RELAY FOR LIFE PICS CONTINUED

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KASEN MICHAEL WHEELER

SON OF SEAN & KELLI

BORN: MAY 5, 2014

AT 7 LBS / 7 OZ

19 3/4" LONG

