

**CITY OF COVINGTON'S BEST OF THE BEST!**



Mayor Justin Hanson was the people's choice as Best Elected Official in The Leader's 2015 Readers' Choice Awards.



Mr. Tipton County, Mark Heaston (R), is congratulated on winning that honor in The Leader's Readers' Choice Awards by Covington Fire Chief Michael Naifeh.



Special Events Coordinator Karen Griffin and Parks and recreation Director Joseph Mack accepted the People's Choice for Music on the Square – The Best Place to See Live Music.



Mayor Hanson accepted Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis's Readers' Choice Award for Best Law Enforcement Officer. Chief Lewis was attending the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police State Conference in Chattanooga when awards were presented.

**In addition, Covington Firefighter Lee Wallace was selected as Best Firefighter in the Leader's Readers' Choice Awards.**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL READERS' CHOICE  
NOMINEES, VOTERS, AND WINNERS!**

## Sky Dive for Charity!

Local law enforcement members are planning to skydive as a fundraiser for the prevention of child abuse.

"(We) have accepted a challenge," said Lt. Richard Nessly, one of the organizers of the team. "We will jump out of a perfectly good airplane if we can collect enough donations for the non-profit Tipton County Exchange Club/ Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse."

In addition to Nessly, the team also includes Sheri Wassel, Amber Lawrence, Brandon Matlock, Brent Chunn and five others. Only Nessly has jumped in the past. Chunn admitted he has never even flown. They will take the "Jump for Joy" once they've each reached their \$500 goal.

Donations can be made online at <http://charityskydive.org/drops/53>.



## IMPORTANT CHANGES TO CURBSIDE TRASH PICKUP

- CONSTRUCTION WASTE - Any garbage or trash from new construction, repair, remodeling, or demolition on private property will NO LONGER be picked up by the City of Covington. Property owners must remove the trash themselves or call City Hall for a trash train which incurs an additional fee.
- BULKY ITEMS – Items like furniture, mattresses, and appliances (stoves, refrigerators, washer/dryers, water tanks, or similarly sized items) will be removed for the current adopted fee, HOWEVER, the property owner must give prior notice to City Hall before putting these items at the curbside – items should NOT be placed at the curbside more than 24 hours before the arranged pick-up time.
- CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY – property placed on the curb after an eviction will be picked up within 36 hours of notice to the City by the property owner. Property owners will be invoiced the current adopted fee for such service.
- YARD WASTE...
  - Branches should be cut to a length of 5 feet or shorter, and should be no more than 12 inches in diameter. Larger branches must be removed by the property owner.
  - Grass clippings, hedge cuttings, and leaves MUST be placed in bags prior to putting on curbside. HOWEVER, leaves raked into piles or rows between OCTOBER 15 and FEBRUARY 1 will be removed by the vacuum trucks.
  - Property owners should place their yard waste away from obstacles such as mailboxes, light poles, water meters, fences, etc, and should avoid placing them under low hanging branches.
  - Property owners should NOT place any yard waste in drainage ditches, in the street, on the sidewalks, on cul-de-sac islands, or on vacant lots.
- Clubs, civic groups, or other interested parties planning a clean-up day should contact the Director of Public Works at City Hall for assistance in debris removal.
- The full ordinance and route day maps are available on the City of Covington website at [www.covingtontn.com](http://www.covingtontn.com). Any questions about these or other changes to the ordinance should be directed to David Gray, City of Covington Public Works Director, at 901-476-9613 ext 127.

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The regular meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee met at Covington City Hall on July 25. Barrie Foster, Tipton County Museum Director reported that the Museum Board met and approved the purchase of a laptop computer and a projector for use at the museum. They also approved an offer by Steven Scott of Boy Scout Troop 60 to build a wooden bridge on the nature trail as his Eagle Scout project. Director Foster brought the committee a detailed plan for this bridge, including drawings, and reported that Mr. Scott intends to raise all the funds and do the work to complete the project. The committee approved her report and will present to the Board at first August meeting.

Accountant Rick Tankersley was present to discuss his audit report for the city. There were many questions asked to help the aldermen understand the language and meaning of the report and Mr. Tankersley was able to clarify those things. Chairman Jere Hadley thanked him for being there and for guiding the city in financial matters. Anyone interested in viewing the audit can do so at Covington City Hall or can view online by [clicking here](#).

There was more discussion of proposed new cemetery ordinances and also those pertaining to slum/blight. Lessie Fisher in Codes, Attorney Rachel Witherington, and David Gwinn have met with Skip Erwin for the platting of new graves in Townsend Cemetery. An entire new section is being opened up that will include over

130 new grave sites. They will have updates and more information on new cemetery ordinances for the August meeting. Fisher will continue to work on timelines for dealing with blight and have new plans prepared for further discussion by the September meeting.

The committee listened to information that has been gathered on the Price property which is under consideration as a possible site for an African American museum. Mayor Hanson stated several informational items have been placed in mailboxes for the aldermen to read and consider. The home has been placed on Historic Register, as well. Hanson has met with MAAG, Mayor Jeff Huffman, Code and Fire inspectors, Museum Director Barrie Foster, and others to discuss and gather information. MAAG provided a feasibility study – in mailboxes, also. Hanson asked for Tipton County Museum Director Barrie Foster and Codes Enforcement Officer Lessie Fisher to update the committee on their findings.

Director Foster reported that Alderwoman Bommer had asked that Director Foster oversee the facility if the museum comes to fruition. Bommer wants it to be operated under the auspices of the Tipton County Museum system. Foster gave the committee an outlined estimate of approximate costs, in her opinion, for starting up and maintaining a new facility of this kind, which was about 176,000 for the first year. This did not include purchasing the property, but did include such costs as repairs to the home, exhibit tables and shelves, technology, and office furniture and supplies. Fisher pointed out that more costs could be incurred to the structure due to it becoming a high-occupancy facility. Foster explained that once the museum is operational, she can oversee it through the Tipton County museum system with additional full time personnel, provided this is approved by The Museum Board of Directors.

There were more discussions by the committee of parking for such a museum. Fisher reported she has been in contact with TDOT regarding traffic flow in this area should the home become the site of a museum. There is not room on the existing property for adequate parking, particularly for high occupancy vehicles such as tour or school buses. Foster expressed concerns for parking and access at the current site, as well. It was recommended there be a plan for including adjacent properties in the purchase of the space to provide for appropriate access, including bus access.

Alderman Mac McGowan stated there is no doubt the history should be preserved, but asked if this could be done at the existing museum building. Foster stated it is a Veteran's museum with two permanent exhibits – nature and military. However, she is in process of creating another area called Tipton County Rich Heritage. She has contacted Hattie Yarbrough for first person of interest for this addition.

Alderman Drew Glass asked how flow of traffic on North Main area can be adjusted with consideration of our current transportation master plan? Is this something that needs to be addressed before moving forward? Fisher stated property to the South of the Price home (Wynn property) does need to be considered. Fisher has had some discussions with Jason Moody of TDOT about this location. Fisher gave Glass a map to look at while discussing traffic flow in this area.

Alderman John Edwards asked where bus parking is at current museum. Director Foster stated buses can go around through the museum driveway, drop off riders, then park across the street in CIAA parking lot or on the street in front.

The committee concluded there are more things to research and consider before moving forward with this project and asked all parties involved to continue with this study. Chairman Hadley stated it will be on the agenda for discussion at the August meeting.



**Mayor Justin Hanson presented Attorney T.D. Forrester a “key to the city” plaque in recognition of his years of service and support to Covington as the City Attorney. Mr. Forrester’s family surrounded him in support during the presentation, which was held at the Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting Tuesday night, July 26<sup>th</sup> at Covington City Hall.**



**Mayor Justin Hanson presented Harvey Wilson a “key to the city” plaque in recognition of his years of service to the City of Covington. Mr. Wilson worked in numerous jobs in his long tenure with the City and finished as the Water Quality Manager. Mr. Wilson’s family joined him for the presentation, which was held during the Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting Tuesday night, July 26<sup>th</sup> at Covington City Hall.**



**Fire Chief Michael Naifeh, Mayor Justin Hanson, Josh Wilkerson of USDA, and Covington firefighter and grant writer Lee Wallace met to discuss the application for a grant that will provide additional fire truck equipment for the Covington Fire Department. CFD applied for the grant to ensure they have access to state-of-the-art materials and supplies for optimum operation in accordance with their mission and vision to serve this community.**

**Mayor Hanson, along with leaders from across Western Tennessee, attended the Institute for Public Service in Jackson Tuesday. The institute was provided by the University of Tennessee and was a strategic planning session.**



**Mayor Hanson connected with fellow Tipton Countians Claudia Peeler and Mary Gaither (L) and Bartlett Mayor Keith McDonald and McKenzie Mayor Jill Holland (above) along with others at the Institute for Public Service Strategic Planning Session in Jackson, TN.**

## Covington Parks and Recreation News

Parks and Recreation Director Joe Mack would like to invite all children ages 4-16 to participate in a Soccer Challenge on August 6, from 10:00 am to 2:00 am at the Sportsplex. Each participant will get an opportunity to show off their soccer skills in dribbling passing and shooting drills. There will be prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers.

Parks and Recreation has implemented an **Adopt-A-Park** Program. Churches, public and private organizations, businesses, Scout troops, sports teams, and other interested entities are encouraged to help keep Covington beautiful by adopting a park, field or trail. The adopter agrees to perform maintenance clean up or restoration in a park, field, or trail of their choice a minimum of one day a month during the months of May thru September.

Mr. Mack would also like to invite Churches in Covington to participate in a “**Run to Glory**” Race Series. The City of Covington and local churches will work together to put on a race in the city, sharing the responsibilities for promoting health and exercise thru participation in a race.

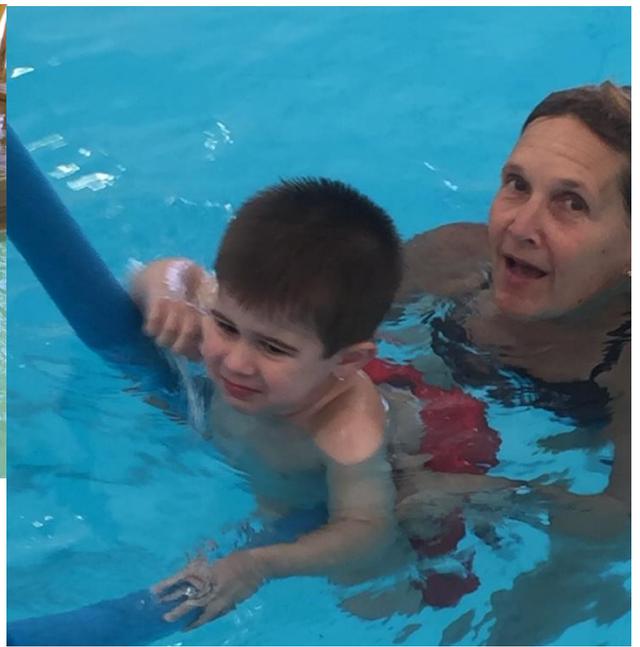
Just last week the Sportsplex was added to the list of acceptable volunteer sites for students to perform community service as a part of their eligibility for the TN Promise program now in all Tipton County high schools. Michael Butler was the Sportsplex’s first student volunteer and he completed 8 hours of volunteer service (4 hours each day) on 28 and 29 July to complete his requirement and earn his eligibility for the program. We look forward to working with more of our high school students through the Tennessee Promise Program.

For more information on these items or anything regarding the Parks and Recreation Department, Please contact Mr. Joseph Mack at 901-476-3734 or email him at [jmack@covingtontn.com](mailto:jmack@covingtontn.com)

## Covington Aquatic Center



**Swimming lessons are offered at the Covington Aquatic Center for swimmers of all abilities and ages. Please call 901-476-3734 or 901-476-9178 for more information.**





Covington Manta Rays Swim Team competed in the Mid-South Swimming Conference Summer Championship on Sunday July 17, 2016 in Tunica, MS. The team competed against 15 other teams throughout the region and scored a total of 243 points, putting them in third place. This is the best score they have earned since 1998. Pictured above are (front) Mary Claire Hensley, Kate Dawson, Jack Krull, Avery Stambaugh, Lane Clark, Lane Myers, (2<sup>nd</sup> row) Kinley Carver, Presley Goforth, Ella Jonsdottir, Olivia McCalla, Zane Jones, Brayden Cooley, (3<sup>rd</sup> row) Ella Krull, Brie Howard, Jenna Kelley, Roby Myers, Jonah Hensley, Lane Dawson. Zoe Jones, Christen Wilkes. And John Owen Hensley.

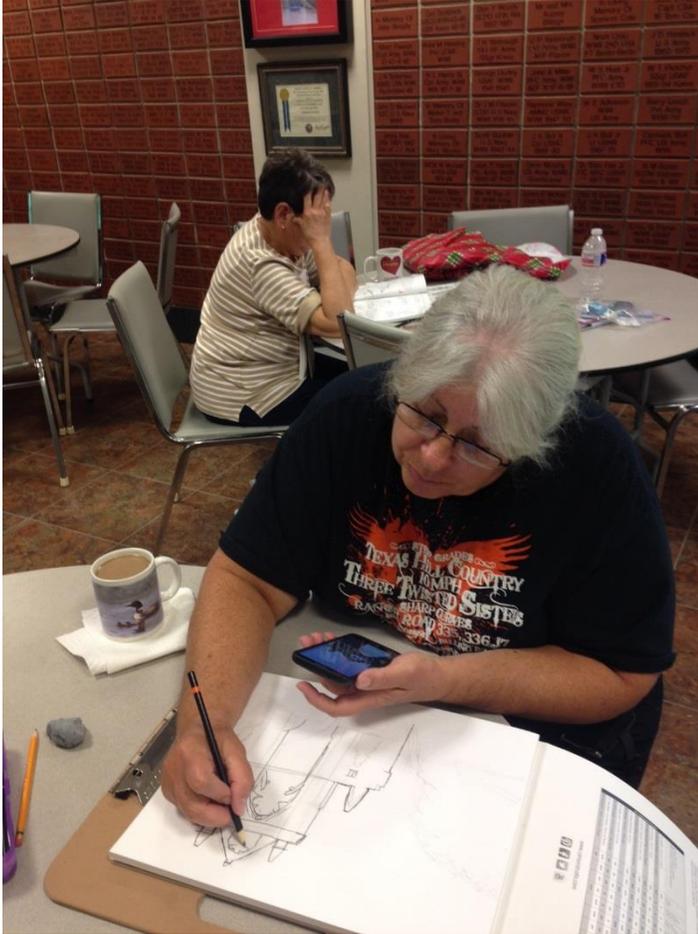
**CONGRATULATIONS SWIMMERS!**



**For more information on water aerobics classes, please call  
901-476-3734 or 901-476-9178**

Water Aerobics Classes continue to grow in participation as people learn about their health benefits and their availability at the Covington Aquatic Center. Classes are FREE with a Sportsplex or Aquatic Center membership and are offered on Monday – Wednesday – Friday mornings, Monday – Tuesday – Thursday nights, and Saturday mornings. Classes are for adults of all ages and ability levels and are available year-round.

## What's Happening at the Museum?



Saturday, July 16, was the first "Art Studio Saturday" at the Tipton County Museum. Local artists brought their art supplies to the Museum and worked on their artwork in the conference room. The Museum now has several bookshelves with art books, so it is a great place for artists on a Saturday! The next "Art Studio Saturday" will be July 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Tipton County Museum, where there is complimentary coffee and lemonade. The lighting is great in the conference room, where there is a large picture window that showcases the beautiful grounds. There is no fee for this.

On Saturday, July 16, the Tipton County Library hosted a "Storywalk" at the Tipton County Museum. The children read "Over in the Forest" by Marianne Berkes. Participants had fun reading and learning about all the animals that live in the forest. They even learned what sounds the animals make and what their tracks look like. It was a very fun time for everyone! Keep up with events at the [Tipton County Library here](#).





The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

Presents

## **Artist Series for Kids: Georgia O'Keeffe**

Tipton County Museum Director and Artist Barrie Foster will introduce your child to Georgia O'Keeffe, a famous American Artist. The children will also learn what an abstract painting is, and will then create their own masterpiece in mixed media. All materials will be supplied, and a snack will be furnished. Ages 10 and up.

**When:** Saturday, August 6, 2016, 10 a.m. until noon

**Where:** Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington

**Fee:** \$20 Museum Members, \$25 General Public

Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-0242



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## **Introduction to Copperplate**

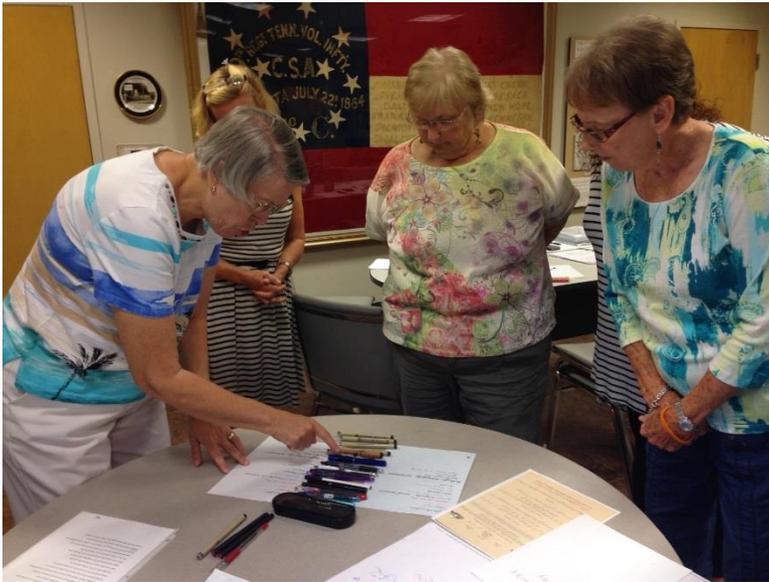
**With Peggy Kunkel**

This four week class will meet Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 at the Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, Tennessee. **Class dates are August 2, 16, 23 & 30.**

Artist in Residence Peggy Kunkel will be teaching the **copperplate hand** in calligraphy. Peggy has over 20 years of experience teaching calligraphy, and is the former President of the Memphis Calligraphy Guild. Participants will provide their own supplies (call for supply list).

Program Fee: \$60 for Museum Members \$80 for non-Members

Contact the Museum for information or any questions (901) 476-0242.



Artist in Residence at the Tipton County Veteran's Museum, Peggy Kunkel, held a handwriting workshop Saturday, July 23 called "Improve Your Handwriting". The next scheduled event for her is August 13 when she will present Celtic Knots Simplified. For more information on this and other museum events, please call 901-476-0242.



## Dates to Remember...

- July 30 – Enrollment for Boys and Girls Club After School Program  
9:30 – noon at 412 C Alston Circle in Covington. Call 901-476-0180 for more information.
- Fridays in August – Barbara McBride will teach Introduction to Acrylics 9:30 – 11:30 at Tipton County Veteran’s Museum in Covington. \$60 for museum members and \$80 for general public for all sessions. Call 901-476-0242 to register.
- August 2 - Artist in Residence Peggy Kunkel will be teaching the copperplate hand in calligraphy. Peggy has over 20 years of experience teaching calligraphy, and is the former President of the Memphis Calligraphy Guild. Call Museum for more information at 901-476-0242
- August 6 – Artist Series for Kids class based on Georgia O’Keeffe for children 10 yrs and older. Tipton County Veteran’s Museum in Covington. \$20 for museum members and \$25 for general public. Call 901-476-0242 to register.
- August 13 – Celtic Knots Simplified – Peggy Kunkel – Artist in Residence – Museum – 10:00 am
- August 18 - High Voltage Demonstration – 8:00 am to 7:00 pm – Covington Home Depot

**Free Legal Clinics.....Covington First Presbyterian Church....11:00 – 1:00. 1-844-HELP4TN**

- September 24



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF THE HATCHIE RIVER  
REGION**

*Discover New Ways to  
**BE GREAT!***

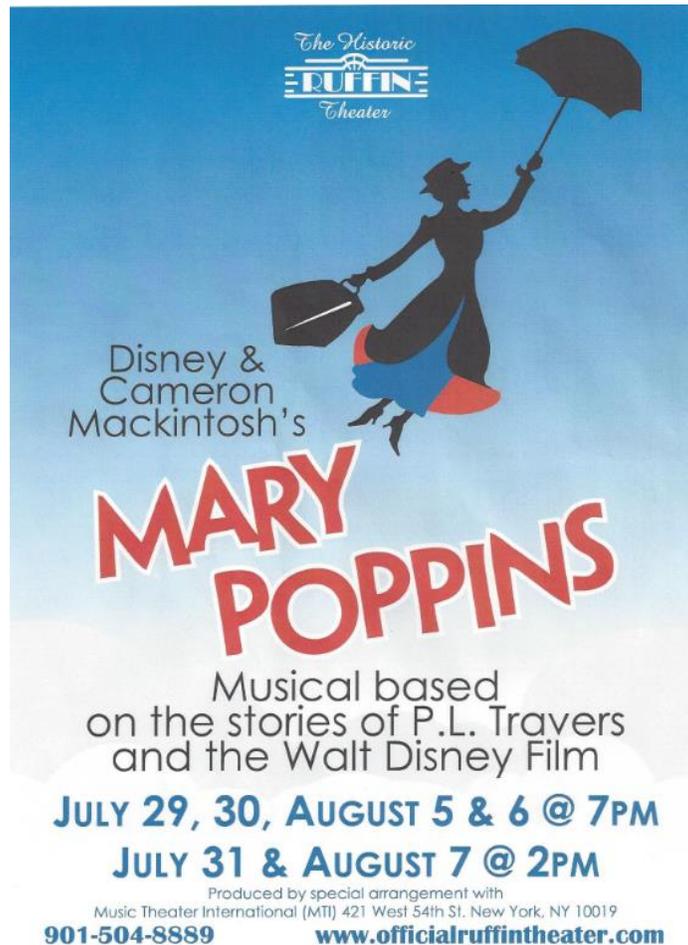


**After School Program**  
Weekdays 2:30pm - 6:30 pm  
(Car Riders Pick Up at 5:30)

- ◆ Power Hour Homework Help
- ◆ Project Succeed Site
- ◆ Character & Leadership Training
- ◆ Health & Life Skills
- ◆ Creative Arts
- ◆ Education & Career Development
- ◆ Sports, Recreation & Fitness

**ENROLLMENT IS HAPPENING NOW!**  
**School Supplies given away for each enrollment (while supplies last).**  
**July 30th, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm**

For details on how to enroll, call 901-476-0180  
Boys & Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region - 412C Alston Circle - Covington, TN 38019



## GOOD NEWS FROM COVINGTON!

- The City of Covington has been awarded a Transportation Alternatives Grant from the Tennessee Department of Transportation for over \$720,000 for ADA sidewalks, crosswalks, and lighting that will begin at the Covington Housing Authority Community Center on Jackson Street and extend through Frazier Park to the Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region and Children and Family Services on Alston Street. This will provide sidewalks where there aren't any, improve the ones that are there by widening them, will add ADA ramps, create crosswalks for safe crossing, and replace a foot path through the park with a sidewalk with lighting. Mayor Hanson applied for this grant to provide much needed infrastructure in this area that will greatly improve accessibility and safety and make pedestrian travel ADA accessible.
- As part of The City of Covington's Transportation Master Plan, Mayor Hanson has requested funds from the Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) through the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) that will provide sidewalks on James Street from South College to US Highway 51. Mayor Hanson initiated this project to provide improved pedestrian access through James Street, as this is a highly traveled area with no sidewalks. Sidewalks will provide much safer pedestrian access to Covington High School and surrounding areas.



**We Are On the MOVE!!!!**



**New Storefront!!  
Same Covington Court Square!!!**

**107 Court Square West  
formally the Hatchie River Haberdashery**

**BE PATIENT!!!!  
Undergoing renovations**

**OPENING SOON!!!!**



Sugaright LLC currently has an opening for a **Shift Coach/Supervisor** in its Covington TN location. Sugaright LLC is looking for highly self-motivated applicants with the ability to work effectively as part of team, to interact across departmental and cross-functional boundaries, while minimizing conflict and maximizing continuous improvement.

Job Purpose Summary:

- This position is responsible for leading a Team of Techs towards achieving company goals (Safety, Quality, and Continuous Improvement) and developing a high performing culture. In addition, this position must be able to perform all floor jobs. If needed, this position is the key role for escalation of issues or corrective actions that Management needs to be aware of and is the representative of the company out on the floor.

Applicant must have:

- High School diploma or equivalent required
- Must be adaptable and flexible
- Ability to troubleshoot equipment and processes
- Ability to lead and mentor a cross functional team in a positive manner
- Ability to communicate concisely, and at the right level
- Ability to recognize and escalate issues to Management as needed
- Recordkeeping / documentation skills
- Basic understanding of laboratory testing equipment
- Basic understanding of documentation needed for process
- Previous food industry experience is preferred
- Basic State, FDA, OSHA and other regulatory understanding as applied to floor operations
- Able to use Microsoft Office (Word, Excel)

All applicants must register with Hamilton Ryker in Covington TN. PH# (901) 475-0350

- [Congratulations to Sugarite!](#)

Hatchie River Store is now open  
126 West Pleasant  
Tuesday-Friday 10:30-4:00  
Saturday 10:30-3:00

New Store Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting  
July 20, 2016



## Covington Fire Department and State Fire Marshal's Office Push "Close the Door" Campaign

Three simple words can save lives during a fire: "Close the door!" The Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office and Covington Fire Department are telling Tennesseans to remember those words during a fire.

"A door is one of the best pieces of firefighting and life-saving equipment in a home," said Deputy Commissioner Gary West. "If you leave a room that is on fire, closing the door behind you can be the best decision you make."

Closing the door reduces fire growth and spread, limits damage to your home, and could possibly save lives. A closed door can hinder flames and smoke from spreading to other rooms and can help deprive a fire of the oxygen it needs to grow.

"Fires can spread fast," added Covington Fire Department Chief Michael Naifeh. "Closing the door can help control the fire and provide precious seconds needed for you and your loved ones to escape."

Getting out of a burning building and calling 9-1-1 are crucial to survival during a fire, but closing doors during an escape can potentially limit the structural damage a fire can cause and save lives. For example, if you leave your apartment door open during a fire, you could contribute to the rapid spread of smoke and fire, making it more dangerous for firefighters to fight a fire and more difficult for other occupants to escape.

Things to Remember:

- **Close the bedroom door when sleeping, if possible.**
- **Close doors behind you when escaping a room/building that's on fire.**
- **If you are unable to escape a building that is on fire, close all doors between you and the fire. Use towels or sheets to seal the door cracks and cover air vents. Call the fire department to report your exact location.**
- **Keep fire doors closed. These specialized doors are used to compartmentalize a building and prevent the spread of smoke and flames. Never wedge, disable, or prop open fire doors in apartments or other buildings.**

The State Fire Marshal's Office and the Covington Fire Department urge Tennesseans to have working smoke alarms on all levels of their homes and to develop a home fire escape plan. For more tips on keeping your home fire-safe, download the State Fire Marshal's home fire safety checklist at <http://1.usa.gov/1DcZeqt>.

Drug Free Tipton has launched the tip411 alert system, a new interactive way to keep the community connected and informed through email, text message, and online public safety alerts. Tip411 also allows the public to report crimes and other suspicious activities directly to law enforcement agencies by sending anonymous text messages from their cell phone or via a FREE smartphone app. Click the logo below for more information.





Southwest Tennessee Electric  
Membership Corporation

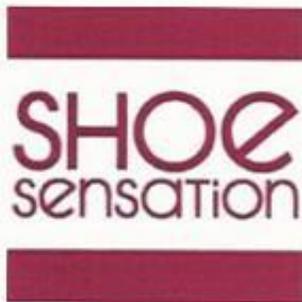
A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

# HIGH VOLTAGE DEMONSTRATION

A high voltage demonstration trailer will be at STEMC Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> to educate our members and first responders about powerline safety. Each demonstration will be set up from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and will run at 60-90 min. intervals. For more information or to schedule your Fire, EMS or Law enforcement agency, contact: Brian Holland, STEMC Safety Coordinator, at (731)608-4401 or [bholland@stemc.com](mailto:bholland@stemc.com)



MONDAY, AUG. 14 – JACKSON FAIRGROUND S  
TUESDAY, AUG. 16 – GENE RECORD PARK, HENDERSON  
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17 – HAYWOOD COUNTY JUSTICE COMPLEX  
THURSDAY, AUG. 18 – COMINGTON HOME DEPOT  
FRIDAY, AUG. 19 – NANCY LANE PARK, ATOKA



JULY 5TH-JULY 31ST

SHOE SENSATION AND YOUR LOCAL CARL PERKINS CENTER ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP KIDS SUCCEED AND YOU CAN TOO BY DONATING SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR KIDS IN NEED!

(DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT SHOE SENSATION IN COVINGTON AT 973 HWY 51 NORTH IN COVINGTON, TN 38019)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED:

PENCILS (#2 AND MECHANICAL)  
PENS (BLACK BLUE AND RED)  
MARKERS  
COLORED PENCILS  
ERASERS  
GLUE STICKS  
SAFETY SCISSORS  
BASIC CALCULATORS  
LOOSE LEAF NOTEBOOK PAPER  
SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS  
3 RING BINDERS

TAB DIVIDERS  
CONSTRUCTION PAPER  
CRAYONS  
HIGHLIGHTERS  
INDEX CARDS  
BACKPACKS  
COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS  
DRY ERASE MARKERS  
POCKET FOLDERS  
KLEENX  
RULERS

# Summer CINEMA Series

FREE! — All Movies Start @ 8pm, Bring your own blankets & chairs  
Rain Out Dates: The Friday Following Original Event Date

Friday May 13th  
The Good Dinosaur  
(PG) Walker Park



Friday July 8th  
Minions (PG)  
Nancy Lane Park



Friday Oct 14th  
Hocus Pocus (PG)  
Nancy Lane Park



Event Contact: Casal Yates  
901-837-5300  
cyates@townofatoka.com

Friday June 10th  
Aladdin (G)  
Nancy Lane Park



Friday Sept 9th  
Star Wars (PG-13)  
Walker Park

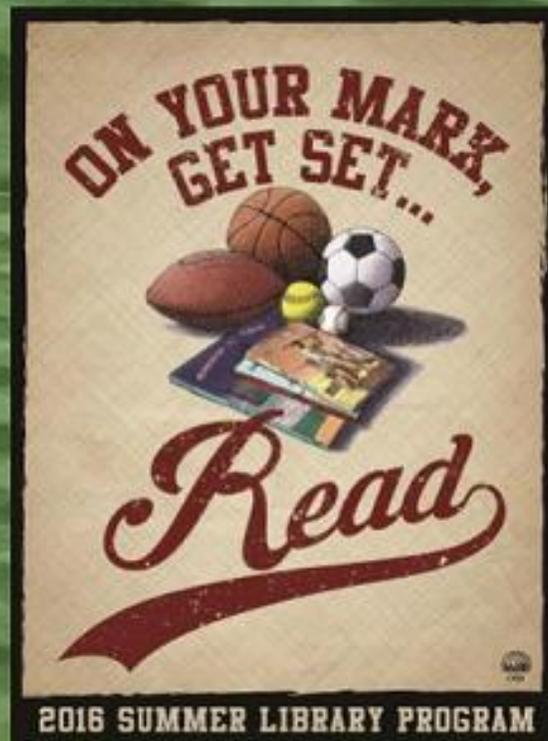


ATOKA  
Parks & Recreation

**Free movies in the park, all summer long!!!**

**Call 901-837-5300 for more information**

# TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 2016 SUMMER READING PROGRAM



June 1<sup>st</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>

**On Your Mark, Get Set...READ -- Ages 11 &  
Under**

**Get in the Game READ – Ages 12-17**

**Exercise your mind READ – Ages 18 & Up**

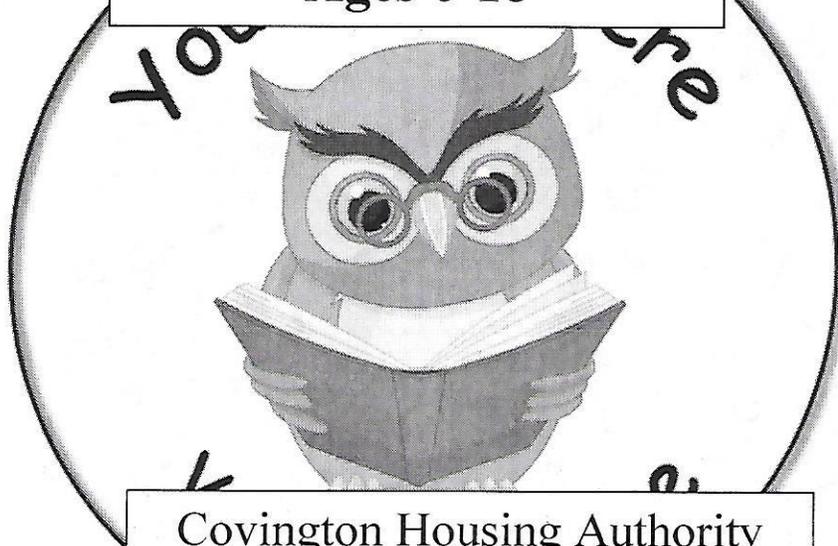
Weekly programs for all ages!

Program schedules are available at the library or by visiting our Facebook page  
[www.facebook.com/tiptoncountylibrary](http://www.facebook.com/tiptoncountylibrary)

Tipton County Public Library  
3149 Hwy 51 S. Bldg C  
Covington, Tennessee 38019  
476-8289  
[tiptonpl@tiptonco.com](mailto:tiptonpl@tiptonco.com)

**Free Summer Reading  
Program**

**Ages 6-18**



Covington Housing Authority  
Community Building

706 Jackson St.

Saturday's 10:00-11:30 pm

Please Send Your Children

Volunteers Needed

Training Available

Contact- Marilyn Barbee

901-592-9139

## The Historic Ruffin Theater



-MAY-

High School Musical

-JUNE-

Steel Magnolias

-JULY-

Mary Poppins

-AUGUST-

Ms. Senior Tipton County Beauty Pageant

-SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER-

The Rocky Horror Picture Show

"Movies will make you famous; Television will make you rich; But theater will make you good."

— Terrence Mann

# Farmer's Market

Open: Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays!  
8:00 am until 2:00 pm



**The Farmer's Market is located under the water tower just off the square in Covington.**



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

**Veteran of the Month for August, 2016**

**William Thomas Cheairs III**

William Thomas (Tommy) Cheairs, III was born in Memphis on July 21, 1946. He graduated from high school in Grenada, Mississippi, having moved with his family to Mississippi just before starting high school. He attended the University of Mississippi for four years under the Air Force ROTC program. After graduation, he worked for 6 months at a CPA firm in Memphis, where he met his wife, Susan. He then went to Lubbock, Texas, for a year to learn to fly the C-130. An Air Force pilot for 5 years, he spent 2 of those years on combat tours in Vietnam. In May of 1972, Tommy was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his successful missions to resupply An Loc, a city whose residents were left to starve after being cut off by the Viet Cong. The battle for An Loc placed C-130 crews against the most heavily armed units of the Viet Cong. Flying through flak from medium anti-aircraft guns and SAM missiles, Tommy and his crew helped ensure that An Loc and its residents survived. During those 3 long months of airlifts, three C-130s and their crews were lost. Another 38 planes were damaged by ground fire. On 27 April, 1972, Captain Cheairs flew a night low-level tactical emergency airdrop of critically needed supplies to a besieged concentration of allied forces located in a heavily defended hostile area. With complete disregard for his own personal safety and using previously untried tactics developed for this specific operation, Captain Cheairs flew the night resupply mission and successfully delivered his cargo on schedule within the established limits of the drop zone in spite of intense hostile ground fire and marginal visibility.

After five years in the Air Force, he served 18 years in the Tennessee Air National Guard. After 23 years of missions taking him all over the world, he retired in December 1989 as a Lieutenant Colonel. He greatly enjoyed his next two careers: a small business owner in Covington from 1974 to 1989 and Federal Express pilot from 1987 to 2006.

In April, 1969, he and Susan were married. They have one son and one daughter. Susan is the Director of the Tipton County Public Library. They are members of the First United Methodist Church in Covington. Alice Fisher, former Director of the Tipton County Museum, nominated him for this award.

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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