

City of Covington Newsletter
Highlights from the Week*
August 28 – September 2, 2016



Covington Human Resources Director Tiny Barton and Allan Landstreet from the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS) met with City employees Monday to introduce them to the TCRS retirement system. As of October 1, 2015, all new City of Covington employees have been enrolled in TCRS. These meetings were opportunities to ask questions and gather information.



Good News!



TVA made a \$2000 donation to the [Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region](#) in Covington this week. On hand for the presentation were Covington Electric System Director Tim Sallee, Boys and Girls Board President Dr. Charlotte Fisher, Covington Mayor Justin Hanson, board member C. H. Sullivan, Board President-Elect Joey Caldwell who is accepting the check from TVA representatives Lynn Dabney and Patrick Crossnine, Boys and Girls CEO Dr. Tracey Johnson, and Boys and Girls program director Rebecca Ray.



[The Peace Run](#) made its way through Covington earlier this summer. Left, they teamed up with Park Ranger Robby Tidwell and Sportsplex employee Kristin Sallee as they proceeded north along Highway 51 with a Covington Police escort. Because Covington was a host city for the event, the group stopped in at Covington City Hall for a visit with the Mayor and city employees. Below, Teresa Bonds-Howard held the torch and said a prayer with the team before they resumed their run to Dyersburg.



Peace Run participants shared the torch with Mayor Hanson as they passed through Covington earlier this summer. The Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run is a global torch relay that embodies humanity's universal aspiration for peace. [Read more about it here.](#)





Planning is underway for **Go Lucy Go Day** in Covington. This “Day” will include the GLG 5-K race as well as music and events on the square and culminating with a swim meet at the Covington Aquatic Center. GLG Day will be April 8, 2017, so mark your calendars! On hand for this planning session were Parks and Recreation Director Joe Mack, Alderman Drew Glass, Mayor Justin Hanson, and Kate and Erik Krull, founders of the [Go Lucy Go Foundation](#).

Mayor Hanson along with Street Department Supervisor James Dowell congratulated Covington Public Works employee Clarence Fayne (c) for obtaining his GED. Fayne tackled the task of “going back” so he could open up job opportunities for himself. The Mayor praised his efforts and thanked Mr. Fayne for his perserverance.



9/11 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



9/11 Remembrance Service - Sunday, September 11, 2016

Fire Museum of Memphis

118 Adams Street - Memphis, Tennessee

The Memphis Fire Department and Fire Museum of Memphis invites you to participate in a 9/11 Remembrance Service honoring the 343 Firefighters, 60 Police Officers, and 8 Paramedics lost on September 11, 2001. The procession begins at 08:45 a.m. at Second Street and Adams Avenue and will proceed to the Fire Museum of Memphis.

[Read more about it here](#)

Covington Fire Department will participate. The public is invited.

* Information in this newsletter is an overview of events. All official minutes and documents can be viewed at Covington City hall at 200 West Washington Street, Covington, TN. or on our website at www.covingtontn.com

Dates to Remember...

- September 5 – Labor Day Holiday – all City offices will be closed.
- September 6 - Calligraphy Class: "Italic Hand" 6 – 8 p.m. Tipton County Veteran's Museum
- September 7 – A Dose of Reality – 8:30 – 5:00 at DSCC-Covington - sponsored by Drug-Free Tipton. See information below.
- September 8 – Industrial Golf Tournament – Contact the Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce for more information! 901-476-9727
- September 9 – Star Wars free movie in the park – Walker Park – Atoka. Call 837-5300 for info.
- September 10 – UNPLUGGED! A free event for kids encouraging them to turn off their electronic devices and go outside to play! 9:00 – 11:00 Frazier Park in Covington
- September 10 – Stephanie Adlington LIVE at the RUFFIN THEATER – 7:00 Call 901-229-3505 for info
- September 15 – 3rd Thursday – 5:00 – Chamber Center on the Square. Sponsored by the Covington Economic Development Corporation.
- September 22 – GO JIM GO Join us on the SQUARE in Covington at 11:30 am to meet JIM JAGGERS and donate to LeBonheur Children's Hospital. Learn more here.
- September 24 – Heritage Day in Covington – Join us on the Historic Covington Square!
- September 24 – GRACE RACE 5-K – Starts at 8:00 at Covington First Presbyterian Church. All proceeds benefit The Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region. To register, please go to www.racesonline.com
- September 24 – Free Legal Clinic – First Presbyterian Church – Covington. 11:00 – 1:00 Call 1-844-HELP4TN for more information.
- October 6 – Steaks & Burgers – dinner and entertainment fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region in Covington. Scroll down for ticket and event information.

Tipton County Veterans Services Officer Alex Jones has announced new hours at the Munford location. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact his office 901.476.2456.

Monday: 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

Tuesday: 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

Wednesday: 7:30 am – 3:30 pm



Sugarright has an opening for a Lab Technician. Interested applicants may forward a resume directly to:

Adam K. Miller

Covington Plant Manager

4000 North Hwy 51

Covington, TN 38019

amiller@cscsugar.com

or apply at:

Hamilton-Ryker

132 East Pleasant Avenue

Covington, TN 38019



September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month. Help spread the word and keep on the look-out for kids who need your help. #GoGold

Industrial Golf Tournament

September 8, 2016



Mark your calendars!
The annual Industrial Golf
Tournament is coming up quick.
If you would like to participate in
the tournament this year please
call the Covington-Tipton County
Chamber of Commerce at 901-
476-9727

COVINGTON – TIPTON COUNTY SQUARE CROWS



It's that time of year again!

We would love to have your Square Crow
represent you this year on our beautiful square!

Stop by or call the Covington-Tipton County
Chamber of Commerce if you have questions
about Square Crows 2016!

106 West Liberty Ave
Covington, TN 38019
901-476-9727

Square Crow Information Packets and applications are NOW AVAILABLE.



West Tennessee Seminar on Diversion of Pharmaceuticals

A Dose of Reality: Trends on Prescription Drug
Abuse



Wednesday, September 7, 2016

8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Dyersburg State Community College Jimmy Naifeh Center

3149 Highway 51 South

Covington, Tennessee

Preregistration Required – Please Register by, Friday, August 26, 2016

The Tennessee Dangerous Drugs Task Force (TDDTF), Drug Free Tipton, the Tipton County Sheriff's Office, and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Tennessee are cosponsoring the Seminar on Diversion of Pharmaceuticals at **no cost to attendees**. Preregistration is required. A limited number of seats are available, so register early. Complimentary breakfast and lunch will be provided along with door prizes and handouts. To assist the cosponsors for preparation of the correct number of complimentary meals, it is requested that you register by Friday, August 26, 2016.

Seminar Focus: To increase collaboration between health care, law enforcement, Department of Children's Services, educators and any related fields touched by this topic; to present updates on trends and current changes in Tennessee General Assembly legislation to control prescription drug abuse. The diversion of pharmaceuticals presents multidiscipline and multijurisdictional ramifications so please feel free to disseminate this Seminar Announcement to those you think may be interested.

Seminar Schedule

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Complimentary Breakfast and Registration
8:30 am	Seminar Begins
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Complimentary Lunch
5:00 pm	Seminar Conclusion

Seminar cosponsored by Tennessee Dangerous Drugs Task Force, Drug Free Tipton, Tipton County Sheriff's Office, Baptist Memorial Hospital-Tipton, and U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Tennessee.

Proposed Seminar Topics

- Overview of Diversion Issues from Tennessee and National Perspective
- Dynamics of Addiction/Role of Addiction in Pain Management
- Drug Endangered Children
- Diversion Investigations/Prosecutions (including doctor shopping, prescription forgery/fraud and TennCare fraud)
- Response to Pharmaceutical Diversion by Tennessee Drug Coalitions
- Overdose Deaths and Postmortem Toxicology
- Tennessee Department of Health Efforts to Address Prescription Epidemic

Preregistration is required. Register at www.adoseofreality.eventbrite.com by Friday, August 26, 2016.

For additional information, contact Kennisha Stowe, Professional Care Services of West Tennessee at (901)378-0545/ kennisha.stowe@pcswtn.org or

Kim Litman, Tennessee Dangerous Drugs Task Force at (423)752-1479/kim.litman@tn.gov.

A FREE EVENT TO ENCOURAGE KIDS TO GET OUT AND PLAY!



PRESENTS

UNPLUGGED

**INFORMED
UPBEAT
RESOURCEFUL
HEALTHY**

SATURDAY, SEPT 10TH, 9-11AM
COVINGTON - FRAZIER PARK
SATURDAY, OCT 22, 1-3 PM
ATOKA - NANCY LANE PARK

Stephanie Adlington

THE SIREN OF THE SOUTH



LIVE AT THE HISTORIC

RUFFIN THEATER

Saturday

7:00 PM

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SEPT.

ON THE SQUARE

COVINGTON, TN

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT DOOR

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CALL 901-229-3505

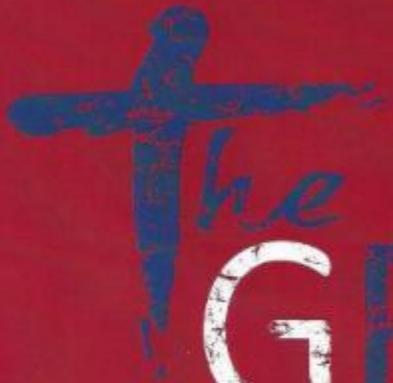


Ribbon Cutting for
Burnett and Family BBQ!

Come and join us in celebration of our newest
member!

September 16th at 2pm





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GRACE 5K

Presented by

First Presbyterian Church Covington

403 South Main St., Covington, TN 38019

BENEFITING



Boys & Girls Club
of the Hatchie River Region

**5K race,
stroller division
& 1/2 mile fun run**

**Velocity
Timing**

(8:00am start time for all ages, just prior to
Covington's Heritage Day on the square)

5K \$25.00

**late registration after September 21 \$30.00

Stroller division \$25.00

½ Mile Fun Run \$15.00

Spirit Runner (T-Shirt Only) \$20.00

Discount for families of 4 or more (mail in registration only)

Register online at
1pc-covington.org/grace-race-5k/
or racesonline.com



Heritage Festival

With Art & Crafts & Antiques

September 24th, 2016

9AM til 4PM

On the Historic Court Square in

Covington, Tennessee

Join us for a fun filled day of live music, performances, heritage displays, arts & crafts, antiques, children's activities, and more! Free Admission and free parking for this family friendly event!

Heritage Festival presented by the Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce and the City of Covington.

For more information call 901-476-9727

FIRST ANNUAL
GOLF TOURNAMENT



SEPTEMBER
★ 29 ★
1:00 PM

★ COVINGTON
★ COUNTRY
★ CLUB

The first annual Tipton Christian Academy golf tournament will be held Thursday, September 29th at 1pm at the Covington Country Club. All proceeds benefit the TCA Athletic Fund. Deadline for entry is September 15th. For more information and to register, contact Kendra Parr at 901-475-4990.

- 4-man scramble
- \$300 entry fee per team
- 2 flights
- 3 winners per flight
- Hole in One cash prize

WWW.TIPTONCHRISTIANACADEMY.COM

PLEASE RESPOND NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 19, 2016!!!



**Please mail response to Board Member at The Boys & Girls Club: P.O. Box 384 Covington, TN 38019
STEAK & BURGERS FUNDRAISER – OCTOBER 6, 2016**

Name: (Individual, company, or organization): _____
Email or Phone so we can get your logos, tickets to you, etc:
(Please text us if you aren't going to use all of your tickets so we can distribute as donations): 901-413-1180

VIP Tables- Special seating, fine dining experience with waiter service, fine tableware, etiquette tips from Boys & Girls Club members, at least 2 Award winning Club members at your table, Access to VIP Pre-event social inside the Stitt home (Social is 21+ only)

*Non-VIP tables: self service with higher level tables called in order for food line

*"Donation tickets" will be standard event tickets for family of Boys & Girls Club members, volunteers, Club employees,
etc. (Board will oversee distribution/eligibility)

VIP Platinum Sponsor: \$1500 + CHECK HERE: _____

- 1 VIP table: 6 VIP tickets (Includes VIP perks, waiter service, access to Pre-event Social inside home for 21+)
- 2 VIP sponsorships for nominated Boys & Girls Club members
- 2 Club members at your table
- 1 vote for table towards Youth of the Year
- 2 standard donation tickets with your logo
- Banner & Road sign at event
- Company logo on table and name announced by Boys & Girls Club members

Silver Sponsorship: \$750+ CHECK HERE: _____

- 8 Silver level seating tickets
- 3 tickets to Pre-event social (21+)
- Preferred seating
- Banner at event
- Company logo on table and name announced by Boys & Girls Club members at the event

Standard Table: \$500+ CHECK HERE: _____

- 6 Standard level seating tickets
- 2 tickets to pre-event social
- Banner at event
- Company logo on table and name announced by Boys & Girls Club members at the event

Gold Sponsorship: \$1000+ CHECK HERE: _____

- 6 Gold level seating tickets & Access to indoor Pre-event Social (21+)
- Preferred seating & first called to food line
- 2 Boys & Girls Club members at your table
- 2 standard donation tickets with your logo
- Banner & Road Sign at Event
- Company logo on table and name announced by Boys & Girls Club members

Sponsor Only: \$225: CHECK HERE: _____

- 2 VIP tickets or 4 standard/4 social tickets (circle choice above)
- Name recognized as donor
- 1 standard event sponsorship for a Club Employee, Volunteer, or Family member

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS:

\$100: VIP TICKETS # _____

Includes VIP Perks, VIP seating, Access to pre-event Social (21+), 1 standard donation ticket

\$15: I want to sponsor a Club member, Employee, or Club Volunteer to the event # _____

\$30 Standard event ticket # _____

What's Happening at the Museum?

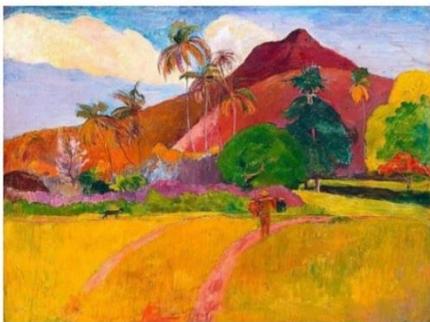


The FALL GARDENING SERIES is coming
EVERY SATURDAY IN OCTOBER from 10 to 11:30
a.m. to the TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM in Covington!!!

- Oct. 1 "A Brief History of Public American Gardens" by Dominique Bellott, Garden Historian
- Oct. 8 "Healthy Plant Plus Healthy Soil Grows Healthy Food" by Carl Wayne Hardeman, Master Gardener and founder of the Collierville Victory Garden
- Oct. 15 "Insect Pests of Ornamental Plants" by Chris Cooper, U.T. Extension Horticulture Agent and Host of The Family Plot: Gardening of the Mid-South on WKNO
- Oct. 22 "Garden Preparation" with Tom Mashour, Master Gardener & WKNO Contributor
- Oct. 29 "A Personal Perspective of Private American Gardens" by Dominique Bellott, Garden Historian (Bring pass-along plants to share.)

Admission is FREE to Museum Members and \$5.00 General Public.

The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center
751 Bert Johnston Ave. Covington, TN 38019
(901) 476-0242



The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center
Presents

Artist Series for Kids:

Paul Gauguin

Tipton County Museum Director and Art Teacher Barrie Foster will introduce Paul Gauguin, a famous artist, to your children! The children will learn where he was born and raised, and that he did not start out to become an artist. They will then paint "Tahitian Landscape" in chalk pastels. All materials will be furnished, and no previous art experience is necessary. A snack will be provided. A sibling discount is available. Please call to register. Ages 10 and up.

When: Saturday, November 5, 2016 10 a.m. until noon

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

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

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The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center
Presents

"A Day of van Gogh"

Museum Director and Art Teacher Barrie Foster will lecture on the Art & Life of Vincent van Gogh at 10 a.m., then at 1 p.m. lead you in an exciting afternoon of painting "Starry Night" in Oil Pastels on a 16 X 20 inch canvas! No previous art experience necessary, and all supplies will be furnished. Please call (901) 476-0242 to register for the art class.

What: Lecture & Art Class

When: Saturday, November 12, 2016

Lecture at 10 a.m., Art Class at 1 p.m.

Where: Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington TN

Fee: Lecture: Free to Members, \$5 General Public

Art Class: \$35 Museum Members, \$40 General Public

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The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial &

Nature Center Presents

THE ST. JOHN'S BIBLE

Illuminating the Word

- What:** Lecture and Photographs
- When:** Saturday, November 19, 2016 , 10—11:30 a.m.
- Where:** Tipton County Museum
751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019
- Fee:** FREE to Museum Members, \$5 General Public

Artist in Residence Peggy Kunkel will be lecturing on the first hand-illuminated bible to be commissioned by a Benedictine monastery in over 500 years, which took almost 15 years to complete! There will be plenty of time for questions and answers. Light refreshments will be served, and everyone is welcome.

Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

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(901) 476-0242



**The Tipton County Veterans Council and the Tipton County Museum, Veterans
Memorial and Nature Center
Veteran of the Month for September, 2016**

Henry Leslie Billings

Leslie Billings was born on May 22, 1947 in Tipton County and grew up in Atoka. A graduate of Munford High School, he was drafted into the U.S. Army on December 1, 1966. After Basic Combat Training at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky; Advanced Infantry Training at Ft. Ord, California; and Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Georgia; he attended Heavy Mortar and Davy Crockett School at Ft. Benning followed by Jungle Survival School at Ft. Sherman, Panama. His first tour of duty in Vietnam included an assignment as Weapons Platoon Leader in the 199th Light Infantry Brigade, C Company of the 2nd Battalion 3rd Infantry. During this tour, Leslie was wounded by a ground mine (now called an IED) in the Parrots Beak area along the Cambodian Border. In December of 1969, he returned to Ft. Campbell. After 9 months as a Basic Training Company Commander then 12 weeks at Vietnamese Language School, he found himself starting 1971 on his second tour of duty in Vietnam – this time as the Senior Advisor to the 2nd Battalion 10th Regt. 7th ARVN Div. He was assigned to work with the Vietnamese Battalion Commander, whom he shadowed for about 10 months. Although living conditions were often difficult, he quickly learned to eat what the locals ate - chicken, boiled duck, fermented fish, and various edible weeds – and to obtain fresh water from coconut milk and to steal water from cisterns.

After his second tour in Vietnam, Leslie spent 9 months in the Officer Advanced Course for Senior Captains at Ft. Benning before being assigned to Ft. Gordon, Georgia as the Assistant S4 for the Military Police Brigade. He was rifted 10 months later and transferred to the Army Reserves. In September 1973 he joined the Army Reserves in Memphis. He worked various civilian jobs until his employment with DuPont, which lasted from September 1976 to May 31, 2005.

Leslie is a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America, and Military Order of the Purple Heart. He is a regular volunteer at the Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial, and Nature Center and for the past two years has been the featured soloist at the annual Tipton County Veterans Council Memorial Day Service honoring our fallen Veterans. More kind-hearted than his often gruff demeanor betrays, Leslie is a tireless advocate for timely and accurate Veterans healthcare. He has spent many hours and tanks of gasoline transporting Veterans to and from doctors' appointments and helping ensure they filed their compensation claims.

He met his wife Melanie, a cheerleader at the time, at a ball game. They were married on January 23, 1970, between tours of duty in Vietnam. They have one daughter, Wendi, who is married to Roger Allan and one grandson, Kade. They are members of Bethel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Atoka. Leslie was nominated by fellow Vietnam Veteran, H.T. Ray.

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

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