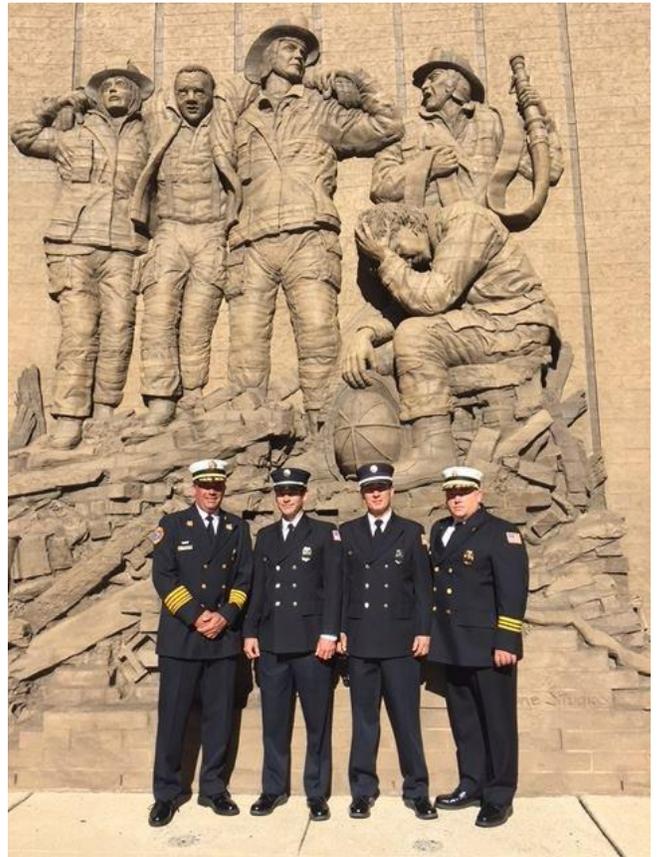


City of Covington Newsletter
Highlights from the Week*
September 11 - 17, 2016



It was a beautiful and serene day in downtown Memphis on Sunday, 9-11-16, when Chief Michael Naifeh, firefighter/paramedic Baker McCool, firefighter Ed Moss, and Assistant Chief Richard Griggs represented the Covington Fire Department in the 9-11 ceremony. Covington's Ladder 1 truck held a giant American flag in the street. The event ended at the Memphis Fire Fighter's Museum, where our firemen are pictured above.



The **General Welfare and Public Relations Committee** met for their regular monthly meeting Tuesday at Covington City Hall. Covington Municipal Airport Director Robin Anderson reported that fuel sales were way up in August, 2016, exceeding over 5,200 gallons.

At the last meeting, Anderson was asked to do some research on how LED lighting at the airport might be cost effective. He submitted a color-coded report based on the switch to LED lighting by the Cleveland, TN airport. According to this data, he projects Covington might see a savings of about \$2000 a year even if we made a partial change-over to LED lighting. Alderman Edwards asked for total cost for changing lights over, and Anderson speculates that would be just over \$500,000. He went on to say there is a 95-5 grant available for this for which the City of Covington could apply. A 95-5 grant means City of Covington would be responsible for 5% of the total cost if grant was awarded, which is a substantial savings. Mayor Hanson asked Anderson what he thinks the likelihood is for receiving a grant for LED lighting. Anderson believes he has good chance of getting the grant, but believes it is wise to wait to apply after paving is completed.

Also at the August meeting, Director Anderson was approved to purchase a FOD (Foreign Object Debris) clean-up machine. He has received this machine and implemented it on the runways. It is working well and he believes it will be an asset to the airport. Anderson also reported that airport customers are giving this a “thumbs up” and he feels it creates a win-win for the airport.

Anderson submitted a draft schedule for the runway re-paving project. DOT approved the work in August with a notice to proceed. Anderson expects a full-depth reclamation paving event and projects it will be completed by July 1, 2017.

Anderson reported he had enjoyed The Dynamics of Supervision MTAS training last week and expressed his appreciation to The City for being able to attend the session.

Alderman Glass asked clarifying question about renewal of farm lease. Lease is up on September 30 of this year. Alderman Hadley motioned to accept Anderson’s report, Mayor Hanson seconded motion, motion passed with Alderman Edwards abstaining.

The regular meeting of the **Public Works Committee** also met Tuesday at Covington City Hall. Director David Gray reported that CPW has been heavily involved in investigating BOD issues at the Waste Water Treatment Plant in Covington – BOD = **B**iological **O**xxygen **D**epletion. Gray reported that back in late April of this year, his department discovered the Covington Waste Water facility was running at 100% of acceptable BOD loading. Previously, the Covington plant experienced much lower readings at about 60%. This resulted in immediate internal observations at our waste water facility as well as observations of local sugar-based companies, including Sugarite, which has not yet been permitted to add to our waste water treatment facility. Unilever production is up, and they have added additional shifts, which also adds a burden to our system. Gray distributed a color-coded pie graph to help explain his report concerning industrial BOD loading in the Covington Waste Water Treatment facility. Director Gray, Waste Water Plant Director James Mason, and Utilities Manager Calvin Johnson were able to identify multiple issues and attack each of those independently. After three recent samples, the team made recommendations for Sugarite, and they are working to meet those expeditiously. Gray also reported that CPW has made repairs in our own system to improve operations. All mechanical problems have been fixed, they are hauling sludge, and sampling, observations, and testing will continue for ongoing monitoring. James Mason is currently managing operations of the Covington Waste Water Treatment Facility and the Covington Water Plant.

Alderman Bommer asked if Sugarite was the root cause of the BOD overload, and Gray stated they have been part of the problem, but also part of the solution. Gray said that as CPW continues to work with Sugarite, the appropriate permitting will occur. He further stated that permitting is a deliberate and ongoing process, and it has begun. Alderman Edwards asked if there are consequences for Sugarite dumping without a permit. Gray said Sugarite (Formerly CSC Sugar) completed all required permitting paperwork when operations began and it was determined at that time they would not need to be permitted. Gray also reported he has adjusted their rates and Sugarite is in the process of researching internal means by which to address the issue, as well.

Mayor Hanson and Director Gray stated Mr. Mason and Mr. Johnson will be recognized for stepping up and assisting in the long, arduous process of identifying and alleviating the problems in this area. Alderman Bommer expressed her gratitude that this staff can do this level of scientific work, as well as the mechanical work that has led us through this potentially dangerous situation. Gray continued his commendations of Mason and Johnson for acquiring their various licenses, as these are not easy to access. Gray stated there are new hires in the department who are working on adding licensures in this area, as well. Alderman Glass suggested the committee tour the waste water facility to better understand the process. Mason and Johnson will be recognized at the next Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting on September 27th for their tenacity in identifying and solving these serious and complicated concerns in a timely and efficient manner.

Gray continued his report with information regarding the mowing of the two cemeteries owned by the City of Covington. It costs the City of Covington over \$18,000 a year to keep these two cemeteries mowed, and this figure is just based on hourly wages, and does not include benefits. Alderman Bommer stated that mowing was contracted out several years ago and it was not economically feasible. Gray stated this takes a lot of man hours and costs the city a lot of money. He is investigating other avenues to assist in this area.

The 1-ton truck has come in and is in the process of getting the dump bed installed. We are looking forward to using it by next week.

A brush truck has been ordered (knuckle boom), which will primarily be used to remove woody brush waste.

Gray reported there have been a lot of questions about the new curbside ordinance, but he has addressed each one and feels we are moving in a good direction with it. Full enforcement will begin October 1st. Bulky items, such as sofas and other furniture will continue to be picked up – However, residents will need to call and schedule this service and will pay an additional fee for the service, as well.

Lessie Fisher of the Codes Enforcement Division of Covington Public Works distributed a handout to committee members detailing the work of her department. That list included, but is not limited to, the following events:

- Surveying and platting at Townsend Cemetery is complete. The new grave sites are prepared and ready to be sold.
- The Codes Department is updating the Covington street inventory list to ensure all public streets in the city are properly identified, named, and maintained
- Fisher is continuing her education on flood plains and is continuing to update the flood plains files in Covington
- The City of Covington social media outlets are continuously being updated to provide the most current information. This includes our website (www.covingtontn.com) and Facebook pages.
- Since the last report, 30 illegal signs have been removed, 6 dogs placed at Dr. Clay's (3 returned to owners), and 1 cat taken to the Tipton County Animal Shelter.

Mayor Hanson motioned to approve Director Gray's report and Alderman Bommer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

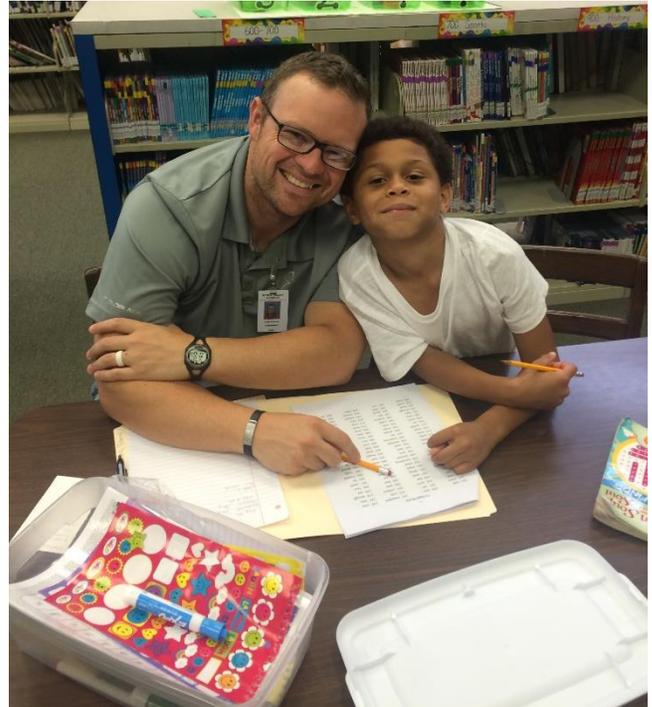


If you live here, you already know it, but now it's been made official – Covington has made the list as a great small town for peace and quiet. The article, appearing in [Only in Your State](#) says that here, there are good people with big smiles – and we knew that, too! But, it's very nice to be recognized and applauded as a great place to live. In addition to the peace and quiet, Covington boasts a lovely historic district, has a wide variety of Churches, and vibrant hometown shopping and dining on the historic town square. We have an ever-expanding Parks and Recreation Department and a beautiful covered pool for year-around access. [DSCC](#) and [TCAT](#) - TWO institutions of higher learning - are right here in our town for easy access to advanced job training. [Baptist Memorial-Tipton](#) is a full service community hospital in our city limits. We have a very active municipal airport and a rail accessibility making our community attractive for manufacturing. Several large manufacturing facilities are located here offering a variety of employment opportunities. [Hydratrek](#) produces unique amphibious vehicles being marketed around the world. The Covington [Charms Candy](#) plant makes all the "Blow Pops" that are distributed world-wide. [Unilever](#) is the largest ice-cream manufacturing facility of its kind on Earth. So, this is one of the many reasons why we are "The Sweet Spot", in case you were wondering!



The Covington High School Marching Band took top prize the Cockett County "Max it Out" Marching Band Festival. They earned the trophy for Small Division **Grand Champion**. In addition, they earned a trophy for **1st place in Band, 1st place in Percussion, 1st Place in Field Commander and 2nd in Auxiliary**. Kreston Smith is the band director and is shown here with their trophies.





Grace Phelps, Minister of Programs and Outreach at Covington First United Methodist Church, has organized [ARISE2READ](#) at Covington Integrated Arts Academy. [ARISE2Read](#)'s desire is that **all children** are reading on grade-level by the time they reach the third-grade. [ARISE2Read](#) intends to take an active role in the development of children in our public schools through the presence of trained volunteers who go in once a week and follow a prescribed format for improving reading. This is accomplished through the recruiting and training of volunteers from local churches who will partner with public schools to coach second-grade students in literacy. While each volunteer goes only once a week, volunteers work with the children several days a week for continuity. CIAA guidance counselor Stefanie Beasley and Schoolwide Programs Coordinator Brandi Hamm coordinate the program at CIAA. For more information, please call Grace at 901-476-9694.

* 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

The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Covington – Tipton County Chamber of Commerce

Executive Director Position

The Covington – Tipton County Chamber of Commerce is currently seeking an enthusiastic, motivated professional to attract new business and support the growth and development of existing business in the Covington and Tipton County areas. The person selected for this position will be responsible for clarifying, communicating and implementing the mission of the Covington – Tipton County Chamber of Commerce (“the Chamber”). He/She will serve as a community leader developing and maintaining relationships with area and state leaders in both public and private sector, as well as, advocating for new business in the area. He/She will work closely with the Board of Directors to focus the Chambers priorities and balance the needs of its members while maintaining daily operations of the Chamber office.

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL DESCRIPTION AND DETAILS](#)



The conference room at [Tennessee College of Applied Technology in Covington \(TCAT\)](#) was filled with the largest class in the school’s history Tuesday as administrators honored students in a celebration welcoming students and guests to the fast-growing facility. Special guests included Mayor Justin Hanson, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, and former TCAT Recruiter and Industry Coordinator, Glenn Baker.

“My Future’s So Bright” was the theme of the event held at TCAT in Covington as they celebrated their largest enrollment ever. Students donned their “shades” with special guests Dr. John Combs, Assistant Superintendent of Tipton County Schools, Covington Mayor Justin Hanson, and TCAT Director Youlanda Jones (R).



The 2016-17 academic year is the second year of the [Tennessee Promise](#) program, which provides two years free of tuition and most fees at Tennessee’s community colleges and Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology for new high school graduates. The separate [Tennessee Reconnect](#) program is for eligible older Tennesseans who don’t qualify for TN Promise to return to school to pursue certificates, diplomas and degrees. Left, Mr. Will Somerville, who is attending TCAT Covington through Tennessee Reconnect, expressed his gratitude for Tenn. Reconnect, TCAT Covington, and his teachers as he seeks certification in HVACR.





Congratulated by Fire Chief Michael Naifeh and supported by his family, firefighter & paramedic Baker McCool was honored for achieving his paramedic license from the State of Tennessee at Tuesday's Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting at Covington City Hall.



At Tuesday's Board of Mayor and Alderman Meeting, Mayor Hanson recognized citizens who participated in The Crepe Myrtle Beautification Project in the City of Covington. He presented them with certificates and thanked them for their involvement. Twenty-five families and/or businesses participated in this first phase of the beautification project.



A large crowd gathered at the Tipton County Veteran's Museum in Covington Tuesday night to honor September's Veteran of the Month 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. 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 rified 10 months later and transferred to the Army Reserves. In September 1973 he joined the Army Reserves in Memphis. 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.



Grace Burgess, formerly Miss Tipton County and Miss Mid-South, represented Tennessee in the Miss America pageant last weekend. As Miss Tipton County, she visited with city officials (L) and distributed books to area children through our local schools. She finished in the Top 10 in Miss America, as pictured below. Congratulations and Thank You for representing Tipton County and Tennessee! Miss Arkansas was named Miss America 2017.



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

Dates to Remember...

- 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 23 – BBQ bologna lunch at INSOUTH BANK to support March of Dimes. Call 476-3330
- September 24 – [Heritage Day in Covington](#) – Join us on the Historic Covington Square all day!
- September 24 – [GRACE RACE 5-K](#) – Starts at 8:00 am 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.
- September 30 – Walk with the Mayor – Covington Sportsplex – 10:00. Put on your walking shoes and join us for the 3rd walking event with Mayor Justin Hanson to promote a [Healthier Tennessee!](#)
- October 1 – October Fest – Town of Brighton – 6:00 – 9:00 pm - Erin Solang and Natalia Yarbro
- 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.
- October 13 – Cruisin’ Against Bruisin’ Car Show to benefir Amanda’s Way – Brighton High School.
- October 13-15 – BOOK SALE at the Tipton County Library. Scroll down for more information!
- October 21 – Celebrity Waiters’ Luncheon at The Chamber Center on the Square – A benefit for Carl Perkins Center – scroll down for more information!



Keep up with News, Events, and Information from Covington and Tipton County

[City of Covington](#)
[Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce](#)
[Tipton County](#)

[Tipton County Schools](#)
[South Tipton Chamber of Commerce](#)
[Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region](#)

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



Ribbon Cutting for
Burnett and Family BBQ!

Come and join us in celebration of our newest
member!

September 16th at 2pm



Burnett and
Family
BBQ
102 N. Main St
Covington, TN 38019
Wednesdays – Saturdays
11 AM – 9 PM
(901) 313-9388



BBQ BOLOGNA LUNCH TO GO!!

SAVING BABIES, TOGETHER!

INSOUTH BANK - 425 HWY 51 S. COVINGTON

We will be serving BBQ Bologna, Chips, and a Drink for a minimum donation of \$6.00

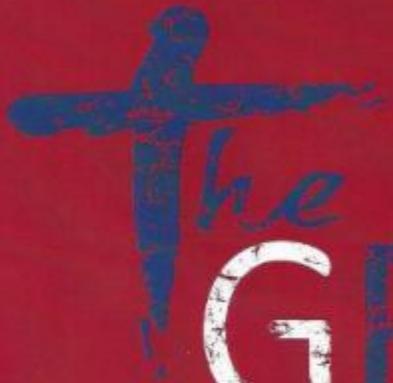
Friday, Sept 23, 2016 from 11:00 A.M. til 1:00 P.M.

ALL PROCEEDS benefit **THE MARCH OF DIMES**

**WE WILL BE ACCEPTING ADVANCED ORDERS – PLEASE CALL
JACKIE WILSON or Dorainda Kee at 901.476.3330
OR FAX THE ATTACHED ORDER FORM TO 901.475.2471**

HELP US SAVE BABIES!!!

march  **of dimes®**
march for babies®



9.24.16

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

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.

WALK with the Mayor



As a part of the Healthier TN Initiative Justin Hanson will be leading out with the Walk with the Mayor Program this month in an effort to get people moving! Come Join Justin Hanson and others on the walk at Covington Sportsplex.

Date: September 30, 2016

Location: Covington Sportsplex
790 Bert Johnson Ave. Covington, TN

Time: 10:00 a.m.

(Will take place outside or inside depending on the weather)

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



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE HATCHIE RIVER
REGION

Invites you to our Inaugural

Steak & Burger Event



THE HOME OF SAM & GWINN STITT
6545 Mt. Carmel Rd.
Covington, TN 38019

Thursday October 6, 2016
6:30 in the evening

We invite you to an extraordinary evening, where the Boys & Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region will carry on one of the longest standing and most time-honored traditions of Boys & Girls Clubs across the nation- The Steak & Burger event.

This event is truly special and is one you don't want to miss. Members of our Club will be treated to elegant dining, where they will display their etiquette lessons, enjoy steak and interact with their supportive guests. Sorry supporters, you'll be treated to burgers.... However- for the right price, you just MIGHT be able to bid for a Club member's steak- which is one way they can help their Club!

You will also experience first-hand the amazing potential the Youth of our Club are realizing, as we will reveal- for the first time- our very own Youth of the Year. This is a very special milestone our Club has reached, as our finalists have now met the requirements to go on to the State, Regional and hopefully National competitions. Join us, hear from our finalists, and take part as our Community selects and reveals our Nomination.

Adults 21+ are invited to purchase an upgrade ticket for indoor access to the Home in a Pre-Event Social starting at 5:00 in the evening

Please see attached for sponsorship and ticket level options

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 # _____

Amanda's Way

3rd Annual



Cruisin' Against Bruisin'

October 15, 2016

Brighton High School

8045 HWY 51 South

Brighton, TN 38011

Registration 8:00-9:30 Award Ceremony 2:00

Cars, Trucks, & Bikes of all makes and models welcome!
Music, BBQ, Silent Auction, 50/50 Drawing, Inflatables,
Vendors and Much More!

Come out and Support **Amanda's Way** in our
Stand Against Domestic Violence in Tipton County!

Got Questions? Call Christie at 901-214-5471

FALL into some great books

at the

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

OCT 13-15

**Tipton County Public Library
DSCC Covington Campus**

MEMBERS PREVIEW NIGHT:

Thursday 4-7pm

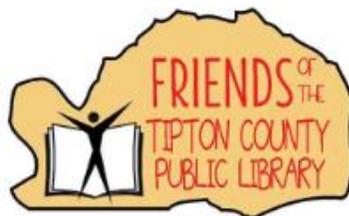
(memberships available at the door)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Friday 10am to 4pm

Saturday 10am to 2pm

**Your purchase helps the Friends of the Library fund
valuable reading programs at the Library!**



Town of Brighton

Presents...

October Fest

October 1st 6pm-9pm

Erin Solang and Natalia Yarbro



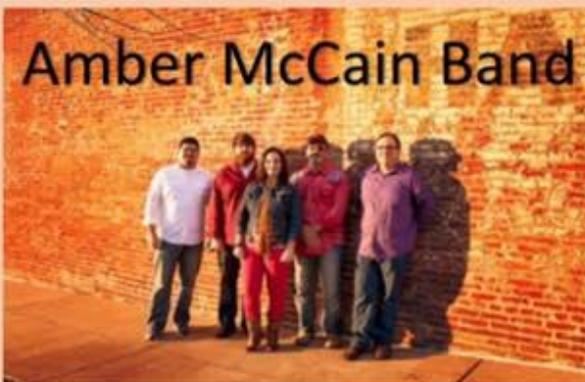
October 8th 6pm-9pm



Gospel Night

October 15th 6-9pm

October 22nd 6-9pm



October 29th 6-9pm



Games, Candy,

Boucey House, Hot Dogs,

Drinks

Free Admission!

Bring your own chair and blankets

No Outside Food or Drink

Concessions Available

Celebrity Waiters' Luncheon



October 21, 2016
The Chamber Center
On the Square in Covington
12:00 noon

To Benefit the Exchange Club-Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse

Reserve a Table of 8 for \$200

Number of tables ____ (\$200 each) Additional seats ____ (\$25 each) Donation Only \$ ____

Amount enclosed _____

Reservation Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (including area code) _____ E-Mail _____

Deadline: October 14, 2016

Please make checks payable to:

Carl Perkins Center
707 South Main Street
Covington, TN 38019
For information call: 901-476-1515

What's Happening at the Museum?



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

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



The Tipton County Museum, Veterans
Memorial & Nature Center Presents

Fun with Acrylics

With Barbara Flowers McBride

When: Friday mornings, 9:30—noon
Sept. 16, 23, 30, & Oct. 7, 2016

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

Fee: \$60 Members, \$80 General Public

Barb will show you are how easy and fun it is to paint with this versatile medium. No previous art experience is required. Please call the Tipton County Museum for the supply list and to register for the course.



The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

751 Bert Johnston Ave., P.O. Box 768, Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-0242



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



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.

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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 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:
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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