



There were two Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies last week in Covington. Fox Hollow recently opened Hyde Park Center - a new addition to their community. Burnett Family BBQ is a BBQ and fish restaurant operating just off the Square on North Main Street.



Mayor Hanson visited with the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Monday to celebrate Constitution Week. The group held the event at the Tipton County Library on the Dyersburg State Community College campus in Covington.



The regular monthly meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee was held Tuesday at Covington City Hall. Human Resources Director Tiny Barton invited Sam Stitt of McGowan and Stitt Insurance to make a presentation about insurance for the committee to consider. Mr. Stitt projects medical inflation to be anywhere from 9% to 15% by calculating from recent trends. He offered some options for the committee to consider as they do some preliminary budget planning. He also introduced an online service called TELADOC. This is in addition to regular insurance, and is a flat rate option that provides employees the opportunity to talk to a doctor for non-emergency issues, such as getting prescriptions refilled and minor health concerns. There is no co-pay, no office visit, and is not reflected on insurance. After much discussion and several questions, Mayor Hanson motioned for the committee to study and research Stitt's information and continue the discussion at the next meeting. Director Barton also suggested getting employee feedback, as well. The motion passed unanimously.

Also at the request of Director Barton, Tim Joyce with the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS) made a presentation to the committee about retirement plans offered through TCRS. He distributed an informational flyer and went through it with the committee. Participating in such a savings plan would be a voluntary payroll deduction program and require no costs for the City of Covington. The State of Tennessee holds fiduciary responsibility for these plans and not the employer. Alderman Mac McGowan made a motion for the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to make a resolution to transfer the city's existing 457 plans to TCRS because they pay a better return on the investment. Alderman Drew Glass seconded, but also asked department heads in the room to weigh in and comment on this idea. All were in approval. The motion passed with Alderman Edwards abstaining.

Alderman McGowan asked Mr. Joyce about the progress for transferring all city employees to TCRS. Mr. Joyce stated that it is a work in progress and he is hopeful that will take place in early 2018. As of October 1, 2015, all NEW City employees are enrolled in TCRS.

The City of Covington has two commercial/retail buildings for sale just off the square on South Main Street. These have been listed with Harold Morris of Property Place, but that contract has expired. Mayor Hanson suggested three options for the committee to consider: 1. Relist the properties for sale; 2. Consider lease options; or 3. Auction them off. After much discussion, Alderman Drew Glass made a motion to keep the buildings listed for sale at the same prices previously set with different incentive options for real estate agents. Mayor Hanson stated he would look into this option and advertise for RFPs if appropriate. That motion passed with McGowan abstaining.

Covington Public Works Director David Gray presented a plan to the committee for leasing a street sweeper. Three lease options were up for the committee to discuss. Director Gray went through these lease options with the committee and suggested option three. Alderwoman Bommer asked for him to explain this. Gray distributed a hand-out and explained that option three spread the lease out over 6 years. Alderwoman Bommer motioned to accept what Gray suggested. Alderman Ed Timberlake seconded her motion. Alderman Glass asked about the life expectancy for such a vehicle. Gray stated the vehicle would be properly maintained with regular preventative maintenance as well as operating it appropriately. He expected it to operate as well, if not better than, the sweeper the city purchased in 2000, and stated the lease option would keep CPW within budget restrictions. Alderman McGowan expressed concern for anticipated maintenance in years 4-5 & 6. Alderman Glass followed that with questions about the warranty on such a vehicle. Committee Chairman Jere Hadley expressed his concerns about a six-year lease option, particularly on a machine with so many moving parts. Gray reiterated that with proper operating procedures and regular maintenance, he feels it will perform appropriately. Gray also stated the lease contains satisfaction language that he believes will protect the City. He also stated there is a warranty on the vehicle, but he did not have that document available at that time. After more discussion, the committee voted to move forward with option 3, with Glass voting no. Gray stated he will provide the warranty information to all committee members ASAP. (Warranty was emailed to all committee members 9/22/16).

Mayor Hanson presented a packet of information from multiple cities and municipalities in West Tennessee describing how they handle charitable contributions. Included in this packet were samples of policies from several municipalities explaining their policies and procedures for financial support. Mayor Hanson stated he feels the City of Covington needs

a clear policy for donating to charitable organizations and having such a policy will be transparent, fair, and offer equal opportunities to all organizations seeking assistance. He asked the committee to take the packet, study it, do research on their own, and be prepared to begin drafting such a policy for Covington at next month's meeting. Chairman Jere Hadley stated he feels it is important for those seeking financial assistance from the City to go through an approval process. Alderman Glass asked City Attorney Rachel Witherington for a legal opinion on such a policy. She stated such a policy will provide equal access to funding and clear language and expectations will protect the City. Hanson stated having clear guidelines and policies will better inform those seeking assistance and streamline the process. Alderman McGowan stated he believes something like this will help create checks and balances between the City and those seeking financial assistance.

Mayor Hanson expressed how disrupting and confusing it was when a post office branch in Memphis lost over 2000 utility bills destined to Covington residents earlier this year. As a result of this, he informed the committee how he and Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn have reorganized utility bill distribution. Customers can expect to receive their utility bills in a regular size business envelope. The bill will be printed on 8.5 X 11 inch paper. The larger format will give the City room to add announcements, as well. This was an administrative decision by the Mayor and required no motion for approval. The cost will be about the same, there should be fewer problems with postal delivery, and man-hours will be saved. Customers can expect this new format for the October 13 billing cycle.

Codes Enforcement Officer Lessie Fisher reported that the new part of Townsend Cemetery has been totally platted off and new grave spaces are ready to sell. Fisher presented an updated draft on the new administrative cemetery policy she has worked on for several months in hopes of moving forward getting the new Policy approved by ordinance. Alderwoman Bommer made a motion that the Administrative Cemetery Policy and Ordinance be presented to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen at the next meeting for first reading. Alderman McGowan raised several questions regarding multiple provisions in the proposed policy. He wanted to know if urns are required for cremated remains, how many cremated remains will be allowed to be interred in each individual grave space, and how record keeping for "multiple interments" will be conducted. Fisher and City Attorney Rachel Witherington answered that the policy does require containers for cremated remains, and the issue of a limit on the number of cremated remains interred per grave space will be specified in the policy before it comes up for first reading. Markers will be required for each person buried in any municipally owned cemetery. McGowan asked if solar lights or vases will be allowed. David Gwinn stated nothing will be allowed to be "stuck" in the ground. McGowan went on to ask if headstones with vases installed will be allowed. Fisher stated there are already many of those in the cemeteries and trying to change that would be difficult. McGowan asked if water in such vases creates breeding grounds for mosquitoes and referred to a policy implemented in New York City banning the use of vases in cemeteries. Attorney Witherington asked David Gwinn to do research on this issue and to check with headstone companies about drainage on vases installed in headstones. The committee approved moving forward with the three readings while this information is gathered. Gwinn will report on his findings at the first reading for the new cemetery ordinance.



Recently students from Covington High School's CDC class and members of the Student Council visited the Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial and Nature Center to take place in an indoor scavenger hunt. The students had a great time while they viewed the current Vietnam era exhibit and the Science and Nature exhibits to learn a few interesting facts. They worked in teams and the goal was to be the first team to answer all of their questions correctly.



CIAA 8th grader Antonius Edwards welcomed Stacey Travis to the school Wednesday. Travis grew up in Covington and attended Covington Elementary School. She graduated from Covington High School and the University of Memphis. She operates Drop in the Bucket from offices in Los Angeles, CA and Kampala, Uganda, and regularly visits family members who still reside in Covington and Tipton County.



Drop in the Bucket founder and CEO Stacey Dowdy Travis, a native of Covington, was a guest speaker for 8th graders at CIAA this week. She talked about how she founded the 501(C)3 organization and expanded it over the past 10 years. Through her speech and slide show presentation, she educated the students on the importance of access to clean water and how bringing clean water and toilets to schools in Uganda and South Sudan has enabled children – particularly girls - to attend school. She encouraged the students to set goals and do something daily to make a difference for themselves and people around them.

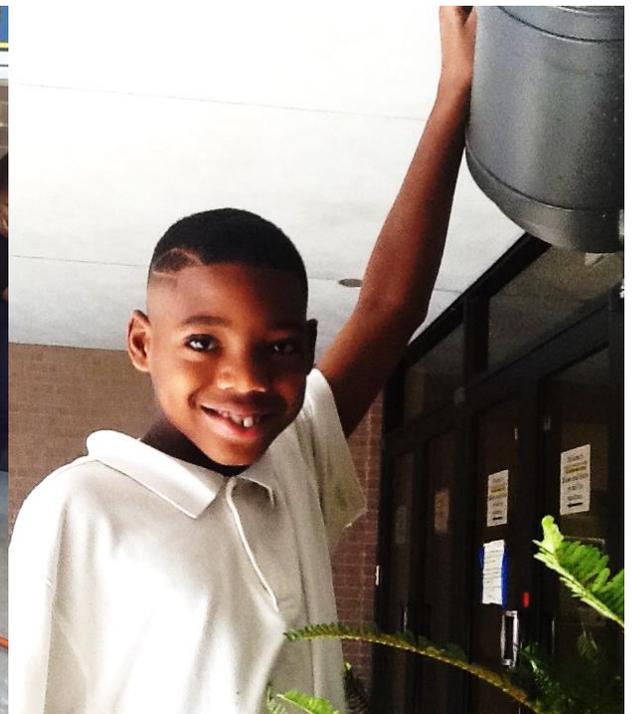
Wednesday, USDA Rural Development State Director Bobby Goode announced the Memphis Area Association of Governments (MAAG) was the recipient of a grant to assist low and very-low income rural residents in Fayette, Tipton, and Lauderdale Counties. These grants help rural homeowners improve their properties. The funds may be used to resolve health or safety issues, make accessibility modifications for people with disabilities, or make energy-efficiency improvements. The \$45,000 grant is being provided through USDA Rural Development’s Housing Preservation Grant program and monies are available for seven low and very-low income families for owner-occupied housing repairs. Codes Enforcement Officer Lessie Fisher and Museum Director Barrie Foster attended the MAAG Housing Grant Presentation at a home in Brighton. The homeowner was awarded grant funding from MAAG, USDA, and DHS for the “weatherizing” of her home. As a result of these grants, her home received a new roof, storm windows, an updated electrical system, new insulation, and her furnace became vented to the outside of the house.

In attendance at the event were Foster and Fisher for the City of Covington, Ralph Moore, Executive Director of MAAG, Paul Morris, Program Developer/Project Manager for MAAG, Arlisa Armstrong, Jackson Area Director of the USDA, Joshua Wilkerson, USDA Area Specialist, Bobby Goode, USDA State Director, the Honorable Maurice Gaines, Mayor of Lauderdale County, Eugene Pugh, Mayor of Halls, Tulesia Montgomery from Delta HRA, Ronnie Twisdale from Delta HRA, Project Contractor Don Davis, and Dorothy Cordle. Also in attendance were representatives from Senator Lamar Alexander’s office and Senator Bob Corker’s office.

Since 2009, the USDA Rural Development has assisted more than 1.5 million Tennessee families and businesses in 230 communities in all 95 counties of Tennessee, investing more than \$6.6 billion through affordable loans, loan guarantees and grants.



LOOK



Because Covington Integrated Arts Academy practices The Leader in Me, students are given jobs and responsibilities in addition to academic and behavior expectations. The “Green Team” is a group responsible for the care and maintenance of the landscape and greenery in the front of the building and along the entryway. Visit www.theleaderinme.org or CIAA in Covington to learn more about The Leader in Me. For a full TLIM experience, plan to attend CIAA’s LEADERSHIP DAY January 27.

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.

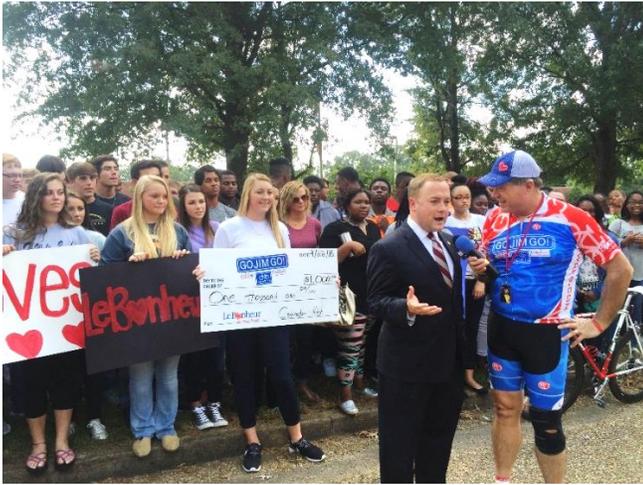
[CLICK HERE FOR FULL DESCRIPTION AND DETAILS](#)



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

*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



The [Covington High School](#) Senior Class and Mayor Justin Hanson welcomed WREG meteorologist Jim Jagers to Covington on his annual **GO JIM GO** ride through West Tennessee to raise money for [Le Bonheur Children's Hospital](#) in Memphis. Senior Raygen Escue presented Jim a check from CHS for \$1,000. Jagers also visited the Teen Learning Center and Tipton Christian Academy on his journey through Covington Thursday. Click on link at right to see more!



Tipton Christian Academy welcomed Jim Jagers to their campus and, along with Principal Lisa Blalack, presented him a check for \$1100 to help support LeBonheur Children's Hospital.



Teen Learning Center Principal James Fields and Counselor Lisa Bradford, along with their students, welcomed Jagers to their campus and presented a check for \$400 to LeBonheur. Jagers expressed his deepest appreciation to Covington for our support. Click on the GO JIM GO sign above to learn more.

Dates to Remember...

- 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 27 – Coffee with the Mayor – Pappy and Jimmie’s 511 East Liberty 7:30 – 9:00
- 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 2 – Ms. Senior Tipton County Pageant – Ruffin Theater – 2:00 pm \$10 admission
- 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 benefit Amanda’s Way – Brighton High School.
- October 13-15 – BOOK SALE at the Tipton County Library. Scroll down for more information!
- October 14 – Harvest Dance – 7:00 – 9:00. Commission on Aging – 401 S. College Street, Covington.
- October 15 – Amber McCain Band at Brighton’s October Fest. 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](#)

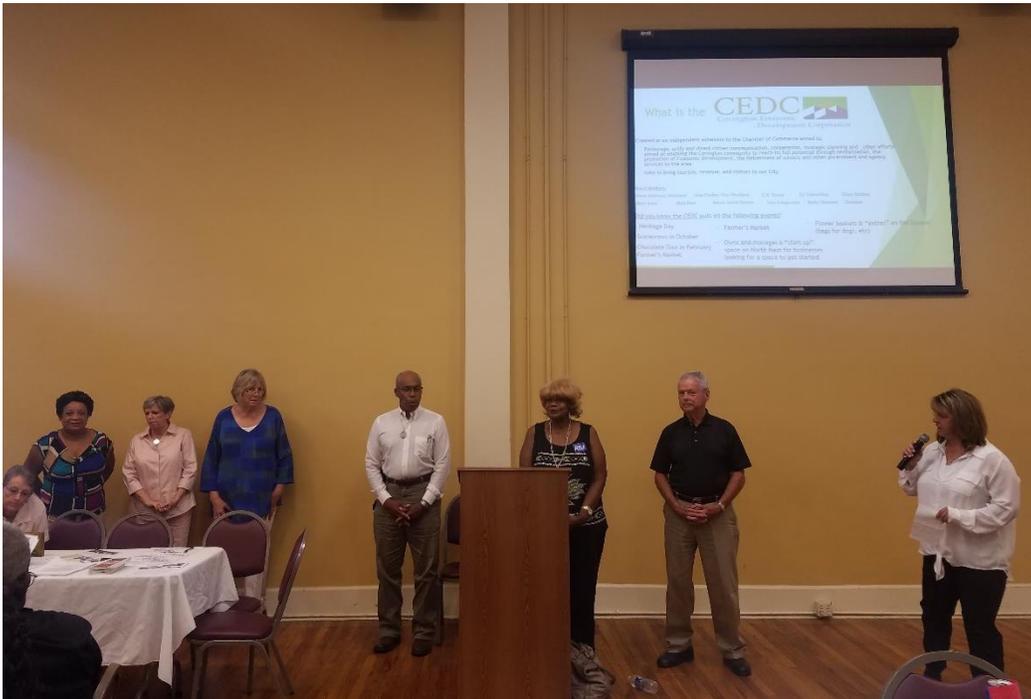
[Tipton County Schools](#)
[South Tipton Chamber of Commerce](#)
[Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region](#)

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

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Third Thursday continues to grow and gain popularity as a “business after hours” gathering to meet, greet, learn, and prosper. September’s event was hosted by the Covington Economic Development Corporation., and they made a presentation to bring folks up-to-date about their organization. These events are held on the third Thursday of each month at the Chamber Center on the Square in Covington beginning at 5:00 pm. Everyone is invited.

WALK
with the Mayor

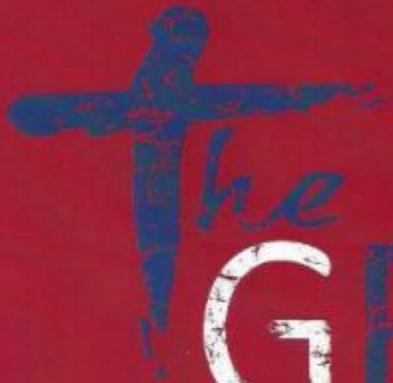
As a part of the Healthier TN Initiative Justin Hanson will be leading out with the Walk with the Mayor Program this month in an effort to get people moving! Come Join Justin Hanson and others on the walk at Covington Sportsplex.

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)



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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



The Tipton Arts Council
and
The Tipton County Commission
on Aging

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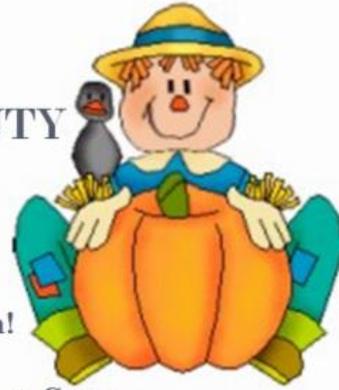
The
MS. SENIOR TIPTON COUNTY
PAGEANT 2016

October 2, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

Ruffin Theater, Covington, TN

Tickets \$10 per person

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.



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 **#** _____

The background of the poster is a vibrant autumn-themed illustration. It features a warm, golden-yellow sky with soft clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. In the foreground, there is a detailed still life of harvest produce, including a basket of purple and green grapes, several red apples, and a bunch of green leaves. The overall color palette is dominated by warm tones of orange, red, and yellow, creating a cozy and festive atmosphere.

HARVEST DANCE

October 14, 2016

7:00 p. m.

\$7.00 per ticket to
9:00 p. m.

at the

Tipton County Commission on Aging

401 S. College St.

Covington, TN 38019

Live Entertainment
Double D Band

with Duane Cleveland & Matt Bradley

Special Guest Tommy Cheairs

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

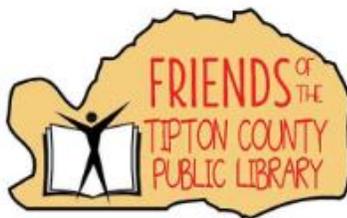
(memberships available at the door)

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

Amber McCain Band



SmallTown Trio



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 _____

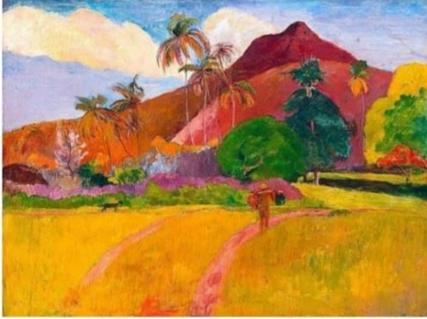
Phone Number (including area code) _____ E-Mail _____

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 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.

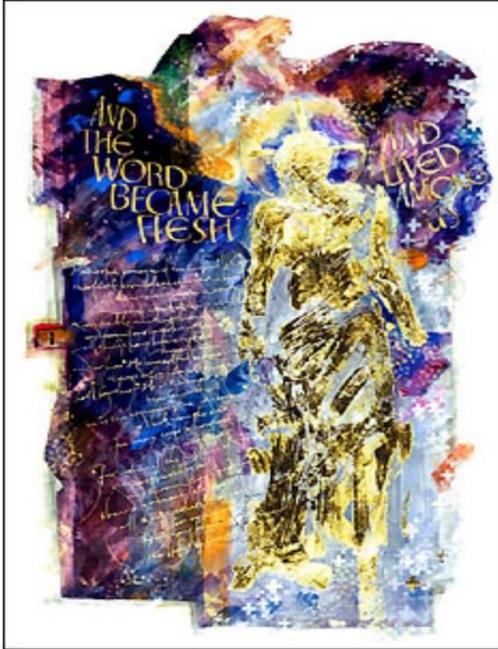
The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

751 Bert Johnston Ave. Covington, TN 38019

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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.

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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
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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