

What a weekend! At the Covington High School football game Friday night, the Chargers recognized and paid homage to our local police departments for their work in keeping us all safe. Officers from Tipton County Sheriff's Department and Covington Police Department walked out onto the field and were heralded for their heroic works. Bright and early Saturday morning, the 2nd annual Grace Race to support the Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region took place. Preliminary reports are that the event raised over \$10,000. Heritage Day drew huge crowds to the Covington square Saturday as folks enjoyed the children's parade and browsed the stores and booths lining the square. Classic Sea World celebrated their 30th anniversary of doing business in Covington by having an open house at their location on Highway 51. It was a great weekend of support and celebration for our citizens by our citizens exemplifying once again why Covington is the SWEET SPOT of West Tennessee!



Tipton County Sheriff Pancho Chumley (R) and Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis (L) led their officers out on the field at Charger Stadium to be recognized and honored at Friday night's game. This included the canine officer, Bella, pictured above at right.



Chief Donna Turner, Mayor Justin Hanson, and Fire Chief Michael Naifeh celebrated with the Charger fans as they honored law enforcement.



Tipton County Sheriff's Department



Covington Police Department



The Second Annual [Grace Race](#), founded and presented by the First Presbyterian Church in Covington and supporting the Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region in Covington, took place Saturday morning with hundreds of runners (of all ages) participating from around the region.





Heritage Day kicked off with the Children's Parade. This year's theme was Little Olympians. The GOLD MEDALISTS were in "uniform" depicting their favorite Olympic sporting event. People filled the square and surrounding streets to visit the local stores, vendor booths, and of course pony rides! It was a beautiful day in Covington and Heritage Day was a huge success!





Mayor Hanson (along with Mango the bird) joined Classic Sea World's owners Aaron and Verna Adams as they celebrated 30 years of business in Covington last Saturday. They hosted an open house with food and fun at the store in appreciation to their customers. They had a special anniversary sale, fun and games for the kids, and snacks. Classic Sea World carries a variety of fish, birds, and reptiles and is a full service dog groomer. Congratulations on 30 years of success in Covington!



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](#)



Mayor Hanson joined Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis and members of the Covington Police Department in recognizing officers for the month for July and August. Above left, Sargent Andrew Hefner accepted the honor for July. Above right, Corporal Tony Ginn was honored for August. Assistant Chief Cavat Bass, Assistant Chief Allen Wilson, Hefner, Mayor Hanson, Ginn, Chief Lewis, and Captain Jay Black participated in the ceremony.



The regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee took place Tuesday at Covington City Hall. Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis presented a copy of a Civil Disturbance Policy he had drafted after researching such policies from other municipalities such as Covington. He asked the committee to read and analyze it and consider it for approval. Chairman McGowan stated he would like to review it and come back to make a decision. John Edwards motioned to take Lewis' policy under advisement and Mayor Hanson seconded. Edwards thanked Lewis for coming up with this policy and also thanked CPD for their behavior on the job. Edwards expressed his appreciation for the work CPD does. Lewis stated he appreciates Edwards support and that of this community. Lewis stated he feels body cameras are a huge help with enforcement by putting everyone on notice they are being recorded – the public and police officers. Edwards' motion to take the policy under advisement passed unanimously.

Chief Lewis reported that two officers had been named "officer of the month". Sargent Andrew Hefner accepted the honor for July and Corporal Tony Ginn received the honor for August. These officers are pictured above.

Mayor Hanson, Chief Lewis, and Personnel Director Tiny Barton attended a public safety building seminar in Orlando Florida recently to gather information for building a new police facility in Covington. The current building was built in 1957 and used to be the Covington Fire Department. The building is antiquated and our department's needs have outgrown the current square footage. Furthermore, it does not meet current standards for police facilities, does not contain an elevator, and there is not adequate parking. Chief Lewis was very pleased with the information he received from the seminar and suggested to this committee they move forward with a detailed analysis and study to determine what kind of building would meet our needs most appropriately.

and where to locate it. Mayor Hanson supported Lewis's urge to plan adequately and reiterated that the overarching theme he got from the seminar is to plan adequately. He stressed the need for having these studies done so we may be guided in our decision-making by professionals in this field. Director Barton supported Chief Lewis and Mayor Hanson's statements regarding planning. She, too, expressed her support for adequate planning and advisement. Alderman Jere Hadley stated he thinks we need to do this detailed study before investing in such a facility. He stated that we need expert opinions in this matter, especially since these facilities need specific safety features and technology infrastructure, and determining the most appropriate location is most important. Alderman Mac McGowan stated that until we do such an analysis, we just won't know if a location is right. McGowan suggested moving Lewis's request for the detailed analysis and study to the Finance and Administration Committee so they can consider the costs and determine what action needs to be taken. Alderman Ed Timberlake made a motion to recommend to the Finance and Administration Committee to fund a detailed analysis and study for a new police building in Covington. Alderman John Edwards asked the committee if we could avoid the cost of such a study by doing our own research on similar new facilities that have been built in cities comparable to Covington. Chief Lewis that certainly this could be done, but the need here is great and he feels this project should be expedited as soon as possible. Edwards reiterated we should look at cities who have recently built police facilities and gather information from them. McGowan stated he feels spending money for such an analysis on such an important endeavor will be money well spent and would give us expert information to guide us in the planning and construction of such a facility. Hadley agreed with McGowan and reminded the committee that we did such a study when constructing the current waste water treatment facility, which was useful in guiding the construction of that plant. Hadley believes the study should be done and will provide information we can use. He went on to say he would be glad to consider this option in the Finance and Administration Committee. Mayor Hanson stated he feels the recommendation should be to defer this conversation to the Finance and Administration Committee and let them decide what monies should be allocated. Alderman Timberlake then withdrew his motion. Mayor Hanson then motioned for this information to be presented to the F & A Committee in October for their consideration. Edwards seconded Hanson's motion and it passed unanimously. Chief Lewis thanked the committee for their support.

Lewis continued his report stating that two new hires will leave Sunday for the Police Academy in Nashville. They are scheduled to graduate on December 22 and be ready to go to work in early 2017. Lewis also reported he has been invited to attend the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee on October 13 to make a presentation on the use of Body Cameras by police officers. He has also received a scholarship to attend the International Chiefs of Police Conference in Dan Diego, CA October 15-18. Chief Lewis will participate in both of these prestigious conferences at no cost to the City of Covington.

CPD officers Sheila Wynn, Andrew Hefner, and Tony Ginn attended the Tennessee Highway Safety Conference recently and won a Speed Alert sign valued at \$8000 for the City of Covington. This sign will monitor speeds of vehicles along our city streets. It can be mounted on poles or on trailers for use.

Alderman Edwards asked Chief Lewis how many more officers he intended to hire. Chief Lewis replied there are two openings and they are now taking applications. Edwards asked for this to be posted on our website for easy access. Edwards also asked for Lewis to bring to the monthly meetings a listing of how many noise complaints CPD has responded to. Mayor Hanson motioned to accept Chief Lewis's report and Timberlake seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Covington Fire Department Chief Michael Naifeh began his report listing the items he has bid out using the AFG grant funds his department received. He included in his handout the listing of items he is asking for through this funding, which includes 22 SCBAs (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus), 35 face pieces, 45 cylinders, 11 trans fills, 2 fill stations, 1 reader-writer, and 22 key tags. He also gave an update on the progress of the SAFER grant. Covington applied for this grant, but has not received any feedback at this time. Naifeh has been monitoring the distribution of these funds and has determined there are about \$22,000,000 left. He hopes we will be awarded some of that and anticipates knowing something by the end of October.

Naifeh reported he is pleased with the volunteer program and that volunteers worked about the same number of hours in August as in previous months. He reported that our department was one of 6 who participated in the 2016 9-11 Memorial ceremony in Memphis. He is pleased to have a good working relationship with the Memphis department and stated the ceremony was well organized and well attended.

CFD is gearing up for Fire Prevention Month, which is the month of October. They have plans for speaking to more than 2000 school students alone. CFD will participate in the Home Depot Safety Fair this Saturday, October 1 at the Covington Home Depot from 10:00 – 2:00. Everyone is invited. They will also participate in a Tipton County Fire Chief’s Association Truck Pull in Brighton Saturday.

Chief Naifeh submitted a report outlining the department’s response to calls from August 23 through September 25. That report includes, but is not limited to

- 153 EMS calls – this is continuing to increase each month
- 17 medical alarms
- 19 fire alarms
- 2 structure fires
- Miscellaneous others for a total of 238 responses

Naifeh also submitted the CARE/911 report which includes, but is not limited to

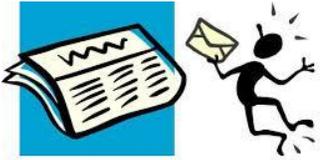
- 45 welfare checks
- In-service training for Head Start program regarding disasters
- Worked with Region 8 EMT consultant and investigator Kevin Cagle regarding upgrades
- Completed one AHA Heartsaver AED First Aid CPR recertification
- 22 smoke alarms installed
- Completed AHA Heartsaver First Aid CPR class for Director Joe Mack at Covington Parks and Recreation Department

Chief Naifeh also reported that CFD is working with Sam Lynd and Dr. David Connor of Baptist Memorial Hospital Tipton to work out a relationship with the hospital and our paramedics

Alderman Edwards motioned to accept Chief Naifeh’s report and Timberlake seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Mayor Hanson and Codes Enforcement officer Lessie Fisher attended a meeting in Nashville Wednesday with Tennessee Department of Transportation representatives to initiate discussions for the Transportation Alternatives Grant the City of Covington has received for the Frazier Park area. This project will provide sidewalks, lighting, and handicap accessibility in the area.



Good News!



Former educator and librarian Hattye Yarbrough, a Covington resident and lifelong historian, attended the grand opening of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture on September 24 in Washington, D.C. Pieces from her World War II collection, which consists of items gathered from African American soldiers she befriended, were selected to be on display at the museum. How fantastic that Covington was represented at this National event and congratulations to Ms. Yarbrough for her years of gathering and preserving history.

[Click here to read more as featured in The Leader.](#)

WAY TO Go

Treasury Poindexter, daughter of Katasha and Steven Poindexter of Covington, graduated from Covington High School last May #11 in her class with a 3.89 GPA. Treasury has long been known for her athleticism and had offers from local colleges to play volleyball, basketball, *and* softball. But, she wanted to play for a Division I school. Did she just give up? WHY NO! She contacted the softball staff at the University of Tennessee and made an appointment to “try out” for The Lady Vols. She has been accepted on the team and has taken the role as pinch runner for the catcher. Pictured ready to catch the ball (R), she proudly wears number 33 – the number her mother and her aunt (Katrisha) wore for CHS basketball. Treasury is representing our community well not only on the softball field, but she is majoring in kinesiology and aspires to become a physical therapist. Her grandparents are Walter and Deborah Glass and Larry and Mary Poindexter of Covington.



At the regular meeting of Board of Mayor and Aldermen Tuesday night at Covington City Hall, Covington Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Mack, Museum Board Chairman Vernon Parimore, Museum Director Barrie Foster, and Mayor Justin Hanson presented Eagle Scout Stephen Patrick Scott a framed Certificate of Appreciation for building a footbridge on the Nature Trail at the Tipton County Veteran’s Museum and Nature Trail in Covington.

Scott took on this project to earn his Eagle Scout badge. After Mayor Hanson’s presentation, Scott addressed the Board and explained his project. Scott is a member of Troop 60 in Atoka, and his father, Mark, is the troop leader. He is a senior in high school and is interested in studying engineering in college.



The third Walk with the Mayor took place Friday, September 30. The series of walks are to promote a healthier Tipton County in association with the Tennessee Department of Public Health's [Healthier Tennessee](#) initiative. Pre-K students at CIAA lined the sidewalk as the walkers passed by and cheered them on. Mayor Hanson took a small detour from the walking trail to visit with the students and teachers and to thank them for supporting the event.



* 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
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Dates to Remember...

- October 1 – Home Depot Safety Fair – Covington Home Depot – 10:00 – 2:00
- 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 4 – Calligraphy Class – Tipton County Museum by artist in residence Peggy Kunkle.
6:00 – 8:00 pm Call 901-476-0242 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.
- October 12 – EMPLOYEE FEST – First United Methodist Church Family Life Center – 11:00 – 1:30 – health fair, free lunch, and much more! See information below for details.
- 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 – Party with the Pollinators in the garden at the Covington-Tipton County Veteran's Museum and Nature Trail - 5:30 pm The event is sponsored by the Tipton County Master Gardeners and the Museum. It is free and open to the public.
- 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

Wednesday: 7:30 am – 3:30 pm



The Tipton Arts Council
and
The Tipton County Commission
on Aging

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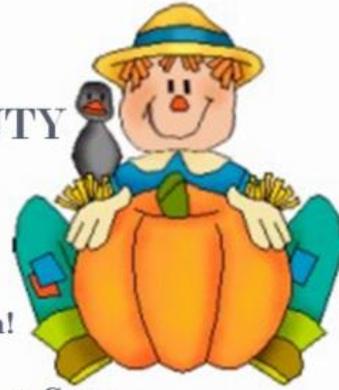
The
MS. SENIOR TIPTON COUNTY
PAGEANT 2016

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 # _____



Your Personnel Department

Presents...

Employee Fest 2016

Free Lunch

Door Prizes

Free Stuff

Flu Shots

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2016

COVINGTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER

11:00-1:30

TCAT

DSCC

COSTCO

BOST

ING/VOYA

CHIROPRACTIC OFFICES

FITNESS DEMONSTRATIONS

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

MCGOWAN STITT

SAMS CLUB

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

AND...Much Much More!!!



OCT. 3-28 BREASTSTROKE FOR HOPE

Swim-a-Thon

Help us raise funds to support the fight against Breast Cancer. Sponsor a swimmer or order a shirt. Shirts are \$20.00. All proceeds go to Tipton County Relay for Life. For more information on registration, ways to donate, or order a shirt, please contact the Covington Aquatic Center.



SPONSOR A
SWIMMER

ORDER A SHIRT!

DONATE TO RELAY
FOR LIFE

HOPE SWIMS HERE!!

HOW MANY CAN
YOU SWIM?

**COVINGTON AQUATIC
CENTER**

750 Bert Johnston Ave.
Covington, TN 38019
(901) 476-9178

Facebook.com/covingtonaqua
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The background of the poster features a warm, golden glow, possibly representing a sunset or a fire, with silhouettes of trees and a basket of fruit in the foreground. The text is overlaid on this background.

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

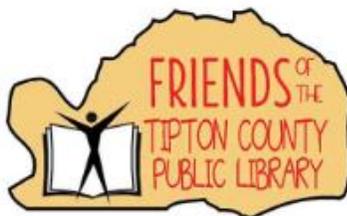
(memberships available at the door)

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

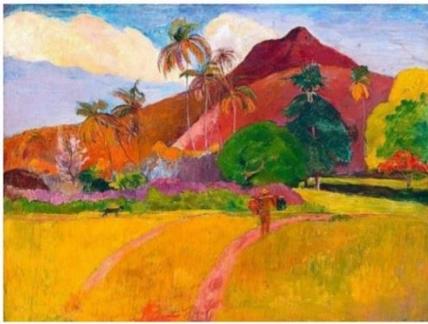
Please make checks payable to:

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

What's Happening at the Museum?



Tuesday, September 27, Tipton County Master Gardeners Sherl Rose (L) and Paula Sweatt visited with Tipton County Museum Director Barrie Foster (R) to discuss plans for the upcoming “Party with the Pollinators”, which takes place Friday evening, October 14 at 5:30. Both the Tipton County Master Gardeners and the Tipton County Museum are hosting the event, which is free and open to the public. The Tipton County Master Gardeners recently redesigned the Herb Garden behind the Museum, and will be introducing it at the party.



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!!!

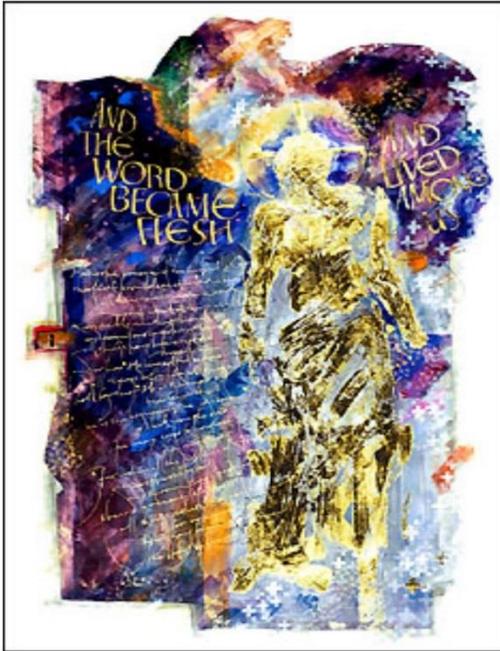
- Oct. 1 “A Brief History of Public American Gardens” by Dominique
 Bellott, Garden Historian
- Oct. 8 “Healthy Plant Plus Healthy Soil Grows Healthy Food” by Carl Wayne
 Hardeman, Master Gardener and founder of the Collierville Victory Garden
- Oct. 15 “Insect Pests of Ornamental Plants” by Chris Cooper, 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

(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.

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

“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

The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019

(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 rified 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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Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

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Presents:

2016 Artist in Residence

Peggy Kunkel

Artist in Residence Peggy Kunkel is a calligrapher with over 25 years of experience and has taught calligraphy extensively throughout the Memphis area. She is a past President of the Memphis Calligraphy Guild and is a member of the Tipton Art League. Her exhibition, "This and That", is on display in the Conference room of the Tipton County Museum. She and her husband Keith live in Covington.

- March 22 **Reception:** Come out and meet Peggy! 6:30 p.m., **Free**
- June 4 **Lecture:** "Rock, Paper, Stone, plus a Demon" The History of Calligraphy, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Free to Members, \$5 Nonmembers
- July 23 **Workshop:** "Improve Your Handwriting", 10 a.m. – Noon, \$10 Museum Members, \$15 Nonmembers
- August 13 **Workshop:** "Celtic Knots Simplified", 10 a.m. – Noon, \$10 Museum Members, \$15 Nonmembers
- Oct. 27 **Host:** "Museum Merchant Gala", Meet local artists, 6 – 8 p.m., Free and Open to the Public
- Nov. 19 **Lecture:** "The St. John's Bible", The 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