



Walter Black, President of the Covington Lions Club, and fellow Lion Mayor Justin Hanson welcomed Marianne Dunavant to their meeting Monday. Mayor Hanson introduced Mrs. Dunavant and gave an overview of Amanda's Way. Mrs. Dunavant informed the group about the organization, which provides shelter and support for victims of domestic violence. The Amanda's Way house is located in Covington.



Aubree Jones, daughter of Russ and Melissa Jones of Covington, placed second in the State golf tournament held recently at Willowbrook Golf Club in Manchester, TN. Aubree, who is a senior at Brighton High School and plays on their golf team, won the state title her freshman and sophomore years and placed second last year and this year. She is a 4-time district champion and a 4-time region champion. Aubree is currently ranked 52nd in the world by the Polo Golf ranking system and will be honored this November as a Rolex all-American for the 2016 season on the AJGA (American Junior golf Association). She has been playing golf at the Covington Country Club since she was 3 years old, and is now committed to Mississippi State University, where she has a full golf scholarship.

Congratulations

A decorative graphic featuring the word 'Congratulations' in a cursive font, with a fountain pen nib extending from the end of the word.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Welfare and Public Relations Committee took place at Covington City Hall Tuesday, October 18, and Chairman Drew Glass called the meeting to order at 1:00. First on the agenda was a report from Covington Municipal Airport Director Robin Anderson. The Covington facility was the focus of an annual, announced TDOT inspection by their aeronautics division on September 20, 2016. A report was issued September 28, 2016 regarding this inspection. A summary letter was sent to Mayor Hanson which stated, in part,

On September 20, 2016, State inspectors from Tennessee Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division conducted an annual state and federal inspection of the Covington Municipal Airport (FAA site No. 22930.*A). A report is included detailing the findings of this inspection. Inspectors have deemed the airfield is in violation of numerous state and federal standards.

The annual license for Covington Municipal Airport will not be renewed at this time. A 120 day conditional license will be issued. The City of Covington must submit a response to our office by October 21, 2016, including the immediate action that will be taken to correct the findings (summarized) below:

- 91.13 Careless or reckless operation
- 91.119 Minimum safe altitudes: General
- 91.126 Operating on or in the vicinity of an airport Class G Airspace

Anderson began by saying he takes the findings in the report very seriously and will take care of each finding in a timely manner. He explained that this inspection was a regular annual visit, but when the inspectors were flying in, a plane used in an aeronautics agriculture business stationed at the Covington airport “cut them off.” Anderson stated he took the incident seriously and dealt with it that day. One of the inspectors turned the complaint over to the FAA, but there were no FAA violations issued. Director Anderson has complied with all requests from TDOT and has responded with his own letter, which stated, in part,

This letter is in response to your annual inspection of the Covington Municipal Airport on September 20, 2016 and subsequent findings report dated September 28, 2016. I want to be clear that corrections to these issues are already underway.

In regard to violations in Section I, correspondence with FAA confirmed that there were no federal regulations violations. However, please note that I, Director Anderson, take these violations very seriously and have taken immediate action regarding each of them...

Anderson went through each detail of the findings with the committee and explained his plans for addressing each. He stated he is going to create a checklist for regular inspections of the grounds. He plans to consult with Covington Public Works Director David Gray to address some of the findings, such as filling in potholes, updating mowing procedures, and keeping the fenced areas clear of debris. He doesn't foresee a problem getting the license restored to full capacity.

Director Anderson stated he has ordered a new card reader screen for \$569.19 and expects to have that installed by the end of this week. He went on to report that the wind sock has recently been replaced and he will proceed to paint the pole holding it. He also stated he will be in further communication with the TDOT Aeronautics Division as well as the FAA for guidance on regulations. He stated this report is a good learning tool for him and his staff and will help them stay focused.

Mayor Hanson stated that reports that contain language such as “careless” and “reckless” at our airport are unacceptable and asked Director Anderson why he hasn't already been using a checklist. Anderson stated he just never knew to and never had to, but it will be done. Alderwoman Minnie Bommer asked Director

Anderson if he knew inspectors were coming that day, and he said that he did know. Bommer asked follow-up questions about training the mowers (to keep them off the runways), and directing the Ag planes. Anderson replied that he has taken care of both of those issues. She asked about the 120 days for conditional license and stated we have to get these things addressed. Anderson replied that much has already been taken care of. Bommer stated that “telling them” is not what they want – they want actions. She went on to say that these things should not have happened – this denotes problems that indicates we aren’t vigilant and not doing what we are supposed to be doing. We need to get this corrected quickly and make sure it doesn’t happen again. Anderson stated that if there’s a safety issue, they automatically put you on conditional license until issues are corrected. He is taking this seriously and will work with FAA and TDOT for guidance and will address them.

Chairman Drew Glass asked Director Anderson to present an action plan to the Committee at the November meeting. Anderson stated he will begin immediately and get it in ASAP. Alderman John Edwards recommended Director Anderson work with the Mayor in the interim on a follow up report to present at the next committee meeting. Glass agreed and asked for plan in writing when prepared. Anderson stated he will definitely shoot for that and will do the best he can, provided he can make the connections necessary. Anderson stated written plan is for Section 1 – others are suggestions. Chairman Glass asked for each issue to be addressed item by item. Glass reiterated for Mayor and Anderson to work together to have a written plan prepared.

Anderson continued his report by stating that fuel sales totaled about 3700 gallons. He went on to address the upcoming runway paving project by stating that at the first meeting (design review meeting), everything is on schedule. We will have a scope of work meeting and will know more about that on the 4th. We are still shooting for advertisement date in Feb, then Bid packets – and go from there.

Anderson stated that since the last meeting, he had gathered information about replacing lighting at the airport with LED lights. Anderson stated he had consulted with Tony Anesta and had gathered information from him about what savings we might see by changing to LED lighting. Anderson stated he went a little further and looked at every light we have at the airport – some of them will require changing the fixture – Anderson referred to the handout from Anesta regarding possible savings. Anderson stated this man will do another report that will be a little more in-depth and he hopes to have this for the committee by the next meeting. Glass stated that this is quite a savings. Anderson stated if doing this from grant, the payback might really show up quickly. The committee accepted Anderson’s report.

The committee discussed the lease of the land out by the airport and are taking the bidding process under consideration. Mayor Hanson requested that this conversation continue in the November Finance and Administration Committee Meeting.

Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Mack made a PowerPoint presentation showing multiple pictures of areas located in the various parks and facilities throughout the city. He talked about the great need for immediate repairs, remodeling, and refurbishing. He discussed his plans for partnering with businesses, industries, and individuals in Covington and surrounding areas for “naming rights”. He clarified that he doesn’t want to change tradition, but has a plan for gathering support for individual projects within each park. He asked for the committee’s permission to proceed with this and support him in moving forward. After some discussion, Chairman Glass stated that there is definitely a need to go out and have these discussions. Director Mack also discussed his plans for closing concession stands in parks and saving on electricity when not in use. Director Mack’s report was accepted by the committee.

Alderman Edwards asked Director Mack to consider giving charitable organizations different consideration when they rent our facilities for fundraising. Mack suggested they partner with the city so the Parks and Rec Department will “run” the event, and charge a percent of concessions. Mack stated we will take on the operating costs and it is a relationship building opportunity for all of us.

Chairman Glass redirected a question to Director Anderson by asking him to discuss policies and procedures he has written for the airport. Hanson suggested a copy for everyone to be reviewed. Anderson stated he is ready to present his draft for approval. Glass suggested distributing copies to F & A committee meeting October 19 (next day). Anderson left the draft to be copied for this purpose.

Tipton County Museum Director Barrie Foster reported that the Vietnam Veteran of the Month (October) is Richard Willers and there was a reception held in his honor at the museum on October 11. Fall Gardening Series continues on Saturdays in October – call 901-476-0242 for more information or check on our website for details. A full description is also included in this newsletter.

Party with Pollinators was held at the museum last Friday. Foster reported it was a nice evening and a lot of people were there. This was a reception of sorts for the Master Gardeners, who have refurbished the Herb Garden there at the museum.

Foster invites everyone to the Merchant's Gala at the museum on Thursday, October 27, where you can meet local artists and purchase one-of-a kind items. This is scheduled from 6:00 – 8:00 at the Museum.

Foster also encourages everyone to join in the FREE yoga class – October 25 outside in the garden at the museum. There will be a children's art class simultaneously if child care is needed. Scroll down for more information or call the museum at 901-476-0242.

Alderman Jere Hadley moved to accept Foster's report – Hanson seconded motion. Glass asked for further discussion – motion passed.

Alderman Edwards reminded the committee that the next meeting is scheduled on Election Day, so perhaps it should be rescheduled. Glass opened the floor to suggestions. Wednesday, November 9th at 1:00 was suggested and approved by the committee.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM, VETERANS MEMORIAL AND NATURE CENTER FOR BECOMING A [CERTIFIED WILDLIFE HABITAT](#).

This means the facility is a quality habitat, including food, water, and cover, for wildlife to live and raise their young. With over 20 acres of land, it is truly a beautiful place to visit. Please call 901-476-0242 for more information or keep up with museum activities online at <http://www.covingtontn.com/museum.html>

The regular monthly meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee took place at Covington City Hall Wednesday, October 19, and Chairman Jere Hadley called the meeting to order at 1:00. Dawn McGee and Hall Gardner from Regions Bank, Trust Division, addressed the committee first by bringing them up to date on the management of our pension funds. Kristin Mathis, Senior Accountant for the City of Covington was presented a hard copy of the performance for her records, and a summary handout was distributed to the committee members for discussion. Mr. Gardner, the portfolio manager for the account, went through each section of the handout and asked for questions. After discussion, Alderman Glass made a motion to accept the report and Alderwoman Bommer seconded the motion. Motion to accept the report passed unanimously.

Chairman Hadley called on Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis to address the committee about a new police facility. Lewis stated it is no secret that current facility is in terrible condition. It is a 50+ year old building that is in disrepair and not adequate for the department's current needs. Lewis stated that in his opinion, this facility is an embarrassment for our city and if we expect this department to be as professional and involved in the community as they should be, then he thinks they should expect the City of Covington to provide an environmentally safe, technology-ready, secure and compliant facility of our own. Lewis wants to host trainings here in Covington, and he wants our CPD to be a major player in community events. Lewis stated he has just returned from International Police Chiefs Conference in San Diego and many sessions dealt with community involvement. He stated that there are so many things CPD could do with a newer, more secure and up-to-date facility. Chief Lewis said he was addressing the committee today to express that the next 2 years are very critical for the CPD. What Lewis ultimately asked the committee to do was to approve him spending money from his current budget for an in-depth study and subsequent report regarding the needs in Covington for a facility, the recommendation for the type and size for such facility, and suggestions on location of a new building.

Alderwoman Minnie Bommer asked Lewis if he takes these funds from his current budget would he have anything left to address building needs in the interim. Lewis stated he does anticipate repairs being needed because the building leaks, but this comprehensive study would exhaust what is set aside for repairs and he would have to come before the Board for assistance. Bommer continued by saying she feels the committee understands the facility needs to be replaced and she is OK with Lewis moving ahead to use monies from his budget for this comprehensive study. Alderman John Edwards asked Lewis if he had solicited bids for a study from any other company. Lewis stated he has not because this company (Center for Public Safety) specializes in public safety facilities and he (Lewis) had attended a conference conducted by the Center for Public Safety. He is confident they will carry out a comprehensive study of our needs. Lewis stated he is not necessarily pushing for any one company, but does believe we need an expert opinion before investing money in such a big decision. Lewis reiterated the Center for Public Safety is working on projects such as this all over the country, they come highly recommended from other police chiefs Lewis has conferenced with, and he doesn't know another company so specialized as this.

Mayor Hanson stated it is a big investment, but even if this company did the initial study, it doesn't mean we are obligated to them for further work, such as construction. Lewis agreed and stated we have received information from this particular company and he is convinced this company is so detail-oriented are good at what they do. We have seen first-hand the work of this company. Land and special study will be between \$15,000 - \$18,000.

Alderwoman Bommer stated that Lewis had given a report on what he would like to do and she stated she is in favor of him going ahead with the study. She suggested to the committee to support him getting the study done and get the information we need to know in order to take the next appropriate steps. Bommer stated she motions to approve his request to have the study done. Alderman Glass seconded her motion. Alderman Timberlake stated it is time to stop talking and start doing. Alderman Edwards again encouraged Lewis to look at other agencies and consult MTAS. Lewis stated he has consulted MTAS and acted on their referral. Chairman Hadley asked for votes for the motion to approve Chief Lewis using monies from his budget – not to exceed \$18,000 – for the Center for Public Safety to conduct a comprehensive study for a new law enforcement facility in Covington. Motion passed with Edwards voting no.

Mayor Hanson stated he appreciated Alderman Edwards's suggestion to seek out other companies and he will look into that for comparison, particularly for construction. Chief Lewis thanked each member for their time, understanding, and vote.

Codes Officer Lessie Fisher came before the committee to ask for their input and suggestions for the City's sign ordinances. She read from current ordinances and committee members asked questions. Fisher stated she has also obtained several other cities' ordinances that have been recently updated, particularly since the recent Supreme Court ruling on [Reed vs the Town of Gilbert](#), to use for guidance. Alderwoman Bommer stated that our ordinances should be clear with well-stated consequences. She also stated they should be enforceable and be designed to help citizens and not penalize them. The committee spent some time discussing vehicle signs, temporary signs, portable signs, broken and damaged signs, and the height of signs.

Mayor Hanson stated that the purpose is not to hinder businesses, but to make our city aesthetically clean and pleasing to all citizens. He stated that while we encourage and promote successful businesses in our town, businesses can't expect the city to provide advertising for them. Alderman McGowan stated perhaps The Chamber should provide signs up and down feeder streets for businesses.

After much discussion, Alderman Edwards made a motion to take Fisher's request for suggestions under advisement and for members of the committee to contact Fisher individually about their concerns. Alderman Drew Glass seconded that and the motion passed unanimously.

The final business on the committee's agenda concerned the adoption for a policy for the City to have a procedure through which organizations can apply for financial assistance. Mayor Hanson told members he had given them a packet of information last month about this stemming from his research. He told the committee that the City of Munford is working on adopting a policy such as this (their draft was included in the handout) and the City of Atoka has already adopted a policy, which can be [found on their website](#). Hanson stated he believes we need more information from those requesting funding that will give our Board the necessary data they will need for consideration, including the financial needs of such organizations, the purpose of the request, and the Board of Directors' names. The form will be due by May 1 of each year for consideration for the next budget year. Chairman Hadley said he thinks we need to do this. However, if somebody comes up in the middle of the year for something, we can donate and how much? Now we do \$200, and this proposal states that would go to \$250. Alderwoman Bommer asked if an organization requested \$250, would they have to go through this rigorous application process, and the answer is no. Mayor Hanson also stated that if approved, he would like to offer forms on the city's website for easy access. This motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Edwards asked Covington Public Works Director David Gray why some fire hydrants are covered. Gray stated they have been assessed and those covered were found in need of updates or repairs. All parts have been ordered and repairs will take place next week.



Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis recently attended the International Association of Chiefs of Police in San Diego, Ca.

NEW BENCHES AND TRASH RECEPTACLES IN COVINGTON PARKS



New benches and trash receptacles have been set in place by Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Mack throughout Covington parks as the result of a grant the City of Covington received through the Tennessee Department of Public Health. Please enjoy our parks and help us keep them clean. Call 901-476-3734 for parks information.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Munford United Soccer Club proved that they have some of the best talent in the game of soccer right here in Tipton County. The team brought home the 1st Place Championship at the Wolf River Classic at Mike Rose Soccer Complex competing against highly competitive teams from Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama. This is a great way to represent our county and local players. Head Coach: Bobby Chapman; Asst Coach: Shawn Phelps. Learn more at www.munfordunited.com

October's 3rd Thursday sponsored by Tennessee USDA



Friends and business professionals gather at The Chamber Center on the square in Covington on the third Thursday of each month to share information and build relationships in a growing event called **3rd Thursday Business After Hours**. The Tennessee USDA Rural Development sponsored this month's event and highlighted how they have supported Tennessee, Tipton County, and Covington through the years.





Tennessee USDA Rural Development representatives Joel Howard, Harriet Cannon, Director Bobby Goode (R), Arlisa Armstrong (L), and Josh Wilkerson hosted 3rd Thursday and discussed their involvement and support of projects in Covington. As part of their ongoing support, they presented Covington with a check (below) to fully fund sidewalk/driveway improvements to the Historic Ruffin Theater as well as purchase much needed safety equipment for the Covington Fire Department. Representative Debra Moody (L) along with Mayor Hanson and representatives from the Board of Mayor and Aldermen accepted on the City's behalf.



Tennessee USDA director Bobby Goode (on right holding check) stated that since 2009, USDA has invested \$8,000,000,000 dollars in Tennessee. This includes helping individuals as well as first responders and providing support for police and fire departments in rural communities. Of this 8 billion, \$172,000,000 has been invested in Tipton County.

There's a new game in town, and the interest is growing!



Covington Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Mack is adding Lacrosse to the repertoire of sports for youth in Covington. Coach Chris Davanzo is getting the game established by involving experts in a camp that started Thursday night in Cobb-Parr Park. BSN Lacrosse is a Lacrosse interest group headquartered in Dallas, TX that helps teams get started across the country. They donated equipment and sent Brian Dowdle, a lacrosse territory manager and expert in training (top center), to Covington to advise and help kick things off. Youth in grades 3 – 11 are welcome to join the camp and learn the game. Competition is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2017. For more information on this and other youth sports in Covington, please call Covington Parks and Recreation Department at 901-476-3734 or Coach Davanzo at 720-917-9505



The Chamber Center was full Friday as the people of Covington and Tipton County came together to support our local Carl Perkins Center's *Celebrity Luncheon*. The "celebrities" in our area purchased tables and invited guests. The celebrity waiters served their guests, who in turn gave tips – for the Carl Perkins center, of course! This is one of many fundraising events the center hosts throughout the year to raise awareness, support, and funds for the prevention of child abuse.



Covington Mayor Justin Hanson (above) closed the event by auctioning off desserts for additional monies for the charity. Participating in charitable events such as this not only benefits the charity and the community they serve, but also provides enjoyable experiences for all who participate.

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- YOUR NAME, TOWN & STATE
- PHONE NUMBER
- WHERE YOUR COLLECTION IS LOCATED
- A DESCRIPTION OF YOUR ITEMS



Dates to Remember...

- October 22 – Boy Scout Troop 61 of Covington will honor our fire fighters and law enforcement officers and their families at an Appreciation Dinner Saturday from 3:00 – 6:00 at the First United Methodist Church Christian Life Center in Covington. ALL ARE WELCOME.
- October 22 – Fall Garden Series Presents - Garden Preparation with Tom Mashour – Master Gardener and WKNO contributor. Tipton County Museum – 751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington. 10:00 – 11:30 – call 901-476-0242 for more information.
- October 22 - Small Town Trio at Brighton's October Fest - 6:00 pm. Scroll down for information.
- October 22-28 & 29 – Rocky Horror Picture Show – Ruffin Theater in Covington. Scroll down for more information. There is a midnight showing on October 29.
- October 25 – Yoga in the Garden –Tipton County Veteran's Museum – 751 Bert Johnston Avenue Noon - 1:00 pm. Free! Scroll down for details or call 901-476-0242.
- October 27 - Parks and Recreation Citizen Advisory Council meeting – 6:00 pm – Covington City Hall
- October 27 – Museum Merchant Gala – Meet local artists – 6:00 – 8:00 – Tipton County Veteran's Museum – 751 Bert Johnston Avenue - Covington - free and open to the public.
- October 29 – The Preacher's Council – 15 for 30 – Frazier Park – 2:00 – 5:00 - scroll down for info.
- October 29 – Scare on the Square – trick-or-treating for children - 4:30 – 6:30 – scroll down for info.
- October 31 – Say BOO to the FLU – Drive in free flus shots – scroll down for information
- November 1 – Coffee with the Mayor at Coffee in the Attic on the square in Covington. 7:30 – 9:00
- November 3-4-5 – CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE ON THE SQUARE IN COVINGTON
- November 5 – Artist Series for Kids – Tipton County Museum – 10:00 – study the art and history of Paul Gauguin. For children ages 10 and up. Call 901-476-0242 to register.



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

* 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.
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TIPTON COUNTY
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VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER

YOGA IN THE GARDEN

Come enjoy a **FREE** Yoga class
surrounded by the majestic beauty of
the Garden @ the Tipton County Museum
(weather permitting)



12-1PM October 25, 2016
TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM
751 Bert Johnston Ave.
Covington TN 38019



No Sitter? No Problem. Bring the kids.
We will also be hosting a kids art class
(ages 3 +) from 12:00-1:00 @ the museum

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON YOGA IN THE
GARDEN AND THE CHILDREN'S ART CLASS,
PLEASE CALL THE MUSEUM AT 901-476-0242

The Historic
RUFFIN
Theater

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FOR
MATURE AUDIENCES**

The
**ROCKY
HORROR**
Show



OCTOBER 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 @ 7 PM
MIDNIGHT SHOW:
OCTOBER 29 @ 11:59PM

BOOK, MUSIC & LYRICS BY
Richard O'Brien

THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW IS PRESENTED BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.



Scare on the Square!

Bring your children and join the merchants on the Historic Court Square in Covington for a community-wide Trick-or-Treat event.

The Square provides a safe and secure place where children can get candy and show off their costumes.

October 29th 4:30pm – 6:30pm

**SCARE ON
THE SQUARE**

The Tipton County Health Department
wants you to:

SAY BOO TO THE FLU

FREE FLU VACCINATION

Drive Through Clinic

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* Vaccine quantities are limited.

Monday, October 31, 2016

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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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



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.



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THE PREACHER'S COUNCIL

PRESENTS

15 FOR 30

"I AM MY BROTHER'S KEEPER"

OCTOBER 29, 2016

2PM- 5PM

FRAZIER PARK

COVINGTON, TN 38019

EVENTS:

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

15 POINT SHOOT OUT

30 MINUTE FULL COURT

\$15.00 FEE

WALK IN FAITH

\$5.00 FEE

BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS

FOR ALL AGES

\$5.00 FEE

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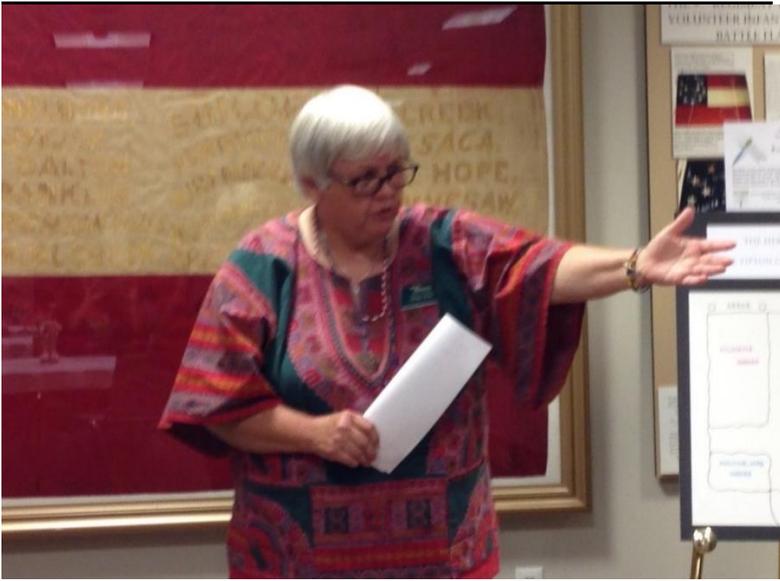
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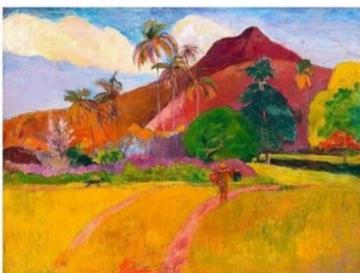
What's Happening at the Museum?



Sheryl Rose of the Tipton County Master Gardeners (L) addressed the crowd at *Party with the Pollinators* in the herb garden at the Tipton County Museum and Nature Trail last Friday evening. The guests were also treated to delicious snacks made from fresh ingredients and natural herbs.



This Saturday will be Garden Preparation with Tom Mashour as the Fall Gardening Series continues through the end of this month. Scroll down for more information.



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

“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

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

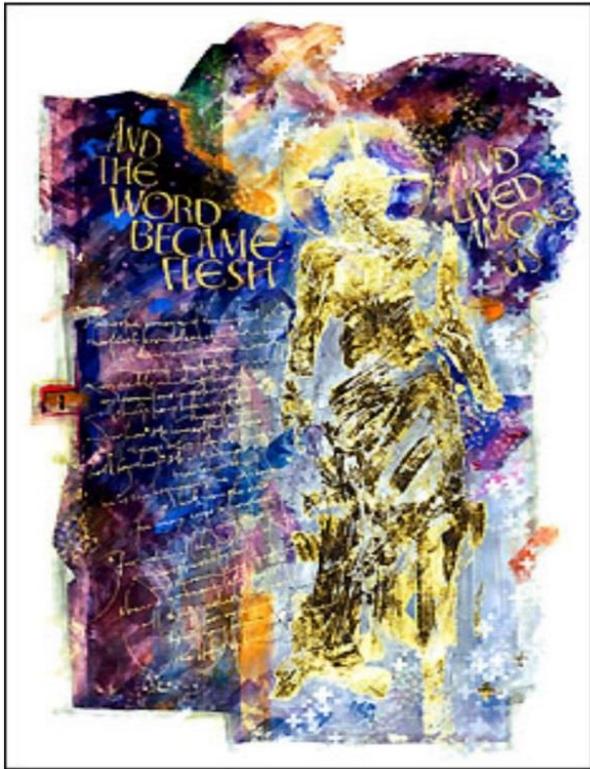
- Oct. 1 “A Brief History of Public American Gardens” by Dominique
 Bellott, Garden Historian
- Oct. 8 “Healthy Plant Plus Healthy Soil Grows Healthy Food” by Carl Wayne
 Hardeman, Master Gardener and founder of the Collierville Victory Garden
- Oct. 15 “Insect Pests of Ornamental Plants” by Chris Cooper,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

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The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial &
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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 Veterans Council and the Tipton County Museum,
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**Veteran of the Month for October, 2016
Warren Richard Willers**

Warren Richard “Rick” Willers was born on November 12, 1948, in Pensacola, Florida. After his 1966 graduation from Demopolis High School in Alabama, he attended Livingston College (now the University of West Alabama). During his junior year in 1969, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. After Artillery Ballistic Meteorology School in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he was off to South Vietnam, where he served for nine months with the 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery. Upon discharge, he served in the Alabama National Guard, then joined the U.S. Navy in 1973. After training as an Aviation Electronics Technician, his duty stations included the USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67), the USS America (CV-66), and the USS Nassau (LHA-4). He also served as an Electronics Instructor in various places, including Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Millington, Tennessee.

While on board the USS Nassau, he spent eight months and three days off the coast of Kuwait during the first Gulf War. In addition to earning his Air Crew Wings, he was also awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Expeditionary Medal (two awards), National Defense Service Medal (two awards), Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Southwest Asia Campaign Medal with two bronze stars, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal (four awards), Navy “E” Ribbon, Combat Action Ribbon, and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (three awards).

After his retirement from the Navy in 1993, he and his late wife Patricia moved to Tipton County. He worked in the private sector for three years before accepting a civilian position on board Naval Support Activity Mid-South in Millington to help close down antiquated facilities. Once that was completed, he worked at Northside Laundry for six years. He is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and attends church at First United Methodist Church in Millington. Rick was nominated for Veteran of the Month by his friend Joyce Geneva Travis.

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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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