

# Congratulations



Covington Police Department and the Tipton County Sheriff's Office had officers in the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy's 50<sup>th</sup> Graduation Class recently in Nashville. Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis, Mayor Justin Hanson, and Sgt. Andrew Hefner were there to congratulate officers Billy Campbell and Joseph Naccarato, II (L) and welcome them to the Covington Police Department. Cpl Eddie Walker, Chief Donna Turner, and Deputy Ernie Byrd (R) congratulated Deputy Chris Martin and welcomed him to the Tipton County Sheriff's Office.



**Crestview Middle School's Leaders of the Month for November are A'Shyia Powell, Christopher Godwin, Cameron Johnson, Alaina Thies, Kaitlynn Overton, Jamarion Dowell, and Assistant Principal Shelley Gough.**



Mayor Hanson invites you to Coffee with the Mayor, which is a comfortable time when we can enjoy coffee and morning treats and just visit and catch up on news and events. This will be a good opportunity for us to be neighborly & keep abreast of things going on in our community. It is also the Mayor's opportunity to seek out good ideas that will have a positive impact on our community. We will sip and chat from 7:30 am to 9:00 am, and you can "come & go" to accommodate your personal schedules.

You are welcome to come each and every time. Mayor Hanson looks forward to lively conversations and opportunities to get to know our citizens better and build relationships with Covingtonians who are dedicated to continuous improvement and growth throughout our fine city. The coffee is "on us"!

Upcoming dates and locations are:

Tuesday, January 10

Tuesday, January 24

Tuesday, February 07

Tuesday, February 21

Tuesday, March 07

Tuesday, March 21

Tuesday, April 04

Tuesday, April 18

Sookie's Bake Shop on the Square

Pappy and Jimmie's - 749 N. Main St

## What do you LOVE about Covington?





Dates to Remember...

- Holiday Hours at Covington City Hall – Closed Monday, January 2.
- January 6 – [Back the Blue](#) Scroll down for information on our local [Sea of Blue](#) event.
- January 10 – COFFEE with THE MAYOR – Sookie’s Bake Shop – 7:30 – 9:00
- January 10 – Board of Mayor and Alderman – 5:30 pm – Board Room at City Hall
- January 14 – Ty’s Heart 5K – scroll down for more information.
- January 24 – COFFEE with THE MAYOR – Sookie’s Bake Shop – 7:30 – 9:00
- January 24 – Board of Mayor and Alderman – 5:30 pm – Board Room at City Hall
- February 04 – Grandpa’s Vegetable Garden – part of the Garden Series – 10:00-11:30. Tipton County Museum – 751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington. Call 901-476-0242 for more information
- February 07 – COFFEE with THE MAYOR – Sookie’s Bake Shop – 7:30 – 9:00
- February 11 – Nature Symbolism and Enlightenment – 10:00 – 11:30 – Tipton County Museum – 751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington. Call 901-476-0242 for more information
- February 16 – Tribute to Ms. Hattye Yarbrough for her contributions to Black History in Covington and at The Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C. – [Tipton County Museum & Veteran’s Memorial](#), 5:30 – 7:00 - Call 901-476-0242 for more information.
- February 18 – Getting your Lawn ready for Summer - 10:00 – 11:30 – Tipton County Museum – 751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington. Call 901-476-0242 for more information
- February 21 - COFFEE with THE MAYOR – Sookie’s Bake Shop – 7:30 – 9:00
- February 25 – How Does your Garden Grow? - 10:00 – 11:30 – Tipton County Museum – 751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington. Call 901-476-0242 for more information



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

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

[Tipton County](#)

[Covington Sportsplex](#)

[Drug Free Tipton](#)

[Tipton County Schools](#)

[South Tipton Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region](#)

[Covington Aquatic Center](#)

[Tipton County Museum](#)

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

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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.

or on our website at [www.covingtontn.com](http://www.covingtontn.com)

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## Press Release

29 December 2016

**\*\* For Immediate release \*\***

### Re: Ten Year Anniversary "Sea of Blue" Law Enforcement Memorial

On Friday, 06 January 2017 at 5:30 PM, the Tipton County Sheriff's Office is having a "Sea of Blue" Memorial for all fallen law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. This is the ten year anniversary of Tennessee Highway Patrol Trooper Calvin Jenk's murder on Highway 14 in Tipton County. The "sea of blue" consists of law enforcement officers from various law enforcement agencies traveling in procession on a route with blue lights illuminated on their cruisers. This light display is a visible sign of honor and in the memory of a fallen comrade within the law enforcement community.

On January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007, Trooper Calvin Jenks left the Criminal Justice Complex after an arrest, traveled back to the area of Highway 14, and moments later was murdered. The Tipton County Sheriff's Office has erected a memorial honoring Trooper Jenks at the site on Highway 14.

The "sea of blue" will begin at the parking lot of the Tipton County Criminal Justice Complex, proceed to Highway 59, then down Highway 14, and will stop at the site on Highway 14 to an awaiting lone THP cruiser. The procession will gather at the site of the memorial for a brief prayer and moment of silence and will conclude by following the lone THP cruiser to the intersection of Highway 14 and Highway 54. Citizens are invited to gather along the procession route and join us at the site on Highway 14. The Jenks family will be a part of the procession during this 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial.

"This memorial serves as a reminder to every law enforcement officer of the dangers that our profession holds and the ultimate sacrifice that Trooper Jenks made on 06 January 2007 and the sacrifices made every day by law enforcement officers throughout our Nation. As we hold this memorial, please pray for the families of those law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty and for the continued safety of the many men and women who serve this community and State every day."

***Sheriff J.T. 'Pancho' Chumley***

For additional information or questions please contact:  
Public Information Officer, Chief Donna Turner  
[dturner@tiptonco.com](mailto:dturner@tiptonco.com); (901) 475-3300, (901) 258-0993.





**Mark Heaston, CARE officer with the Covington Fire Department, spoke to the Rotary Club this week about fire safety.**



**Rotary President Glenn Baker (R), thanked Mr. Mark Heaston for his presentation on fire safety and welcomed his guest, Mayor Justin Hanson**



**HAPPY NEW YEAR  
2017**



# Covington High School Book Drive

Please donate any unwanted books to a local Chamber of Commerce, business, or directly to Covington High School.



All books will be used throughout Tipton County to promote literacy among students. Books not age appropriate will be sent to other Covington schools or traded in for more age appropriate material.

Thank you for your support of our students!

Please call Megan Young at 901-475-5850 or 901-552-8336 for more information.  
She can provide a collection box and pick-up, if needed.



The Covington High School Band performed a Christmas Concert at the school recently and collected over 200 books for the school's book drive.

Free Admission during Holiday Break for School Employees



ALL SCHOOL  
EMPLOYEES

**Free** admission to the Covington Sportsplex &  
Aquatics Center

Christmas Break 2016–2017



Offer good from December 21, 2016 – January 2, 2017 only

School employee ID required for admission

The Sportsplex and Aquatics Center will have abbreviated hours during the holidays  
please check our website or social media pages before you leave for your workout or swim.

TY'S HEART



Online Registration ends  
December 30, 2016



## RUN TO GLORY SERIES

Garland Baptist Church, and the City of Covington Parks & Recreation Department have partnered to Host "Ty's Heart 5K" to assist the family of 2 year old Richard Ty Bryan who is under going -l Transposition of the great arteries for Pulmonary Atresia with VSD.

\*Info for this defect can be found at [www.chw.org](http://www.chw.org)

Run thru Covington's beautiful Cobb-Parr Park & Munford Cemetery

# Ty's Heart Inaugural 5K

5K

*Garland Baptist Church*



ONLY \$30

To register or go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/TN/Covington/TysHeart5K>

January 14, 2017



10:00 AM @ the Covington Sportsplex  
790 Bert Johnston Ave  
Covington TN 38019

Sign up before  
December 30, 2016  
for a Ty's Heart T-shirt

# Tipton-Rosemark Academy

Bound for College. Prepared for Life.

8696 Rosemark Rd. Millington, TN 38053



You're invited to take that next step at one of our

## OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

### 3K, 4K, 5K "Little Rebel" Preview Days

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Thursday, February 9, 2017

9am - 10am

Meet early childhood faculty & administration, engage in interactive play and explore the campus.

### Elementary Open House (Grades 1st - 5th)

Sunday, January 29, 2017

2pm - 4pm

Meet elementary faculty & administration, visit classrooms and explore the campus.

### Rebel for a Day (Grades 5th - 11th)

Friday, February 10, 2017

Thursday, April 6, 2017

8:15am - 2:00pm

Prospective students are invited to shadow a current student, visit classrooms, meet teachers & coaches and enjoy a complimentary lunch.

Space is limited and RSVP is REQUIRED for all events.

Register by calling Suzanne Davidson at 901-829-6536.



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2017-2018 contract fee!**

## What's Happening at the Museum?



# Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center Winter 2017 Newsletter

The year 2016 was a fruitful one for the Tipton County Museum! On October 11, 2016, the Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center became a **Certified Wildlife Habitat** with the **National Wildlife Federation**. We are proud of this designation, and of our Nature Center, which provides our wildlife food, water, cover, and places to raise their young. Our **Nature Trail** behind the museum is an easy half mile hike, and is a great place to observe wildlife in their natural habitat. The trail makes a large loop, so there is no risk of getting lost. There is no charge to hike the trail, which is open during daylight hours.

**Sherri Onorati** is the new “**Archivist and Program Coordinator**” at the Tipton County Museum. Sherri is a retired Navy Chief, a genealogist, and a former reporter for the Leader. She has been busy perusing our artifacts, and has added many of them to our military exhibit. This new exhibit, “**More Stories from Home**” is now on display, and contains not only artifacts from the Vietnam era, but artifacts from World War I, World War II, and the Korean War as well. Please visit us soon and see what's new!

In addition to our military and nature exhibits inside the museum, we are adding a third exhibit in, “**Tipton County: Our Rich Heritage**,” that chronicles the rich history of Tipton County. Featured in this exhibit is Historian **Ms. Hattye Yarbrough**, who taught school in Tipton County for many years. We are proud to recognize Ms. Hattye, who recently donated her scrapbook to the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History. Please join us on Thursday evening, **February 16, 2017 at 5:30** as we celebrate **Black History Month**, our “Tipton County: Our Rich Heritage” exhibit, and we honor Ms. Hattye for her contributions to our community. Refreshments will be served and everyone is invited.

The **February Gardening Series** is returning! Every Saturday morning in February from 10 until 11:30 there a gardening lecture in our conference room. On February 4, Tipton County Master Gardener **Sherl Rose** presents “**Grandpa's Vegetable Garden**.” On February 11, Garden Historian **Dominique Bellott** presents “**Nature Symbolism and Enlightenment**,” which is about the history of Japanese Gardens. On February 18, University of Tennessee Commercial Horticulture Extension Agent **Booker T. Leigh** presents “**Getting Your Lawn Ready for Summer**” and on February 25 Tipton County Master Gardener **Paula Sweatt** will talk about container gardens and vertical landscapes in “**How Does Your Garden Grow?**” Lectures are free to Museum Members and \$5 General Public. Museum memberships start at \$25 and are available at the door. Membership entitles you to free lectures, a 10% discount at our gift shop, and reduced program fees for art classes.

Our **Veteran of the Month** program continues to be a success! We now have honored twenty four Tipton County Veterans for their service and dedication to our country. It is vital we recognize and

honor these fine men and women in their lifetime. This recognition stretches beyond the local level; **Tennessee State Representative Debra Moody** and **Tennessee Speaker of the House Beth Harwell** award a proclamation and a U.S. flag that has been flown over the state capital in Nashville to each honoree. The Veteran of the Month reception is held the **second Tuesday evening of each month at 6:30**. Refreshments are always served, and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. If you would like to nominate a Tipton County Veteran for this honor, please call the museum at (901) 476-0242 and we will gladly mail you a nomination form.

**Richard Reed** is our **2017 Artist in Residence**. Richard is an award winning artist, a retired Visual Arts Teacher from Munford High School, and a member of both the Tipton Art League and the Memphis Sketchers. His exhibit **"A Sketch a Day or More"** will be on display in the conference room beginning in January. You will have the chance to meet him on Tuesday evening, **January 24, 2017 at 5:30** when we have a reception in his honor. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome. We are looking forward to Richard lecturing and teaching art classes in 2017!

In addition to celebrating Black History Month in February, the Tipton County Museum will be celebrating **Women's History Month in March** with a variety of events. On **Saturday, March 4**, Artist in Residence Richard Reed will lecture about **Georgia O'Keeffe** at 10 a.m., and he and Museum Director Barrie Foster will lead participants in **painting O'Keeffe's "Blue Morning Glories"** from 1 to 4 p.m. in the conference room. The lecture is free to Museum Members and \$5 General Public, and the painting class is \$35 for Museum Members and \$40 General Public. No previous art experience is required, and we furnish all the supplies. We ask that you do register for the art class, so we can be sure to have plenty of art supplies for everyone. Then on **Saturday, March 11**, Garden Historian Dominique Bellott will be talking about the evolution of women landscape architects in **"Women in the Garden"** at 10 a.m. Her lecture is free to Museum Members and \$5 General Public. On **Saturday, March 18**, Military Women Across the Nation will present **"Women's Military Service through the Years"** at 10 a.m. This event is free to Museum Members and \$5 General Public.

Director Barrie Foster continues to teach art at the Tipton County Museum. She will be teaching **"Watercolor Botanicals"** on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8. Class dates are **January 31, February 7, 21, & 28**. Program fee is \$60 Museum Members and \$80 General Public. **No previous art experience is required**. Please call the Tipton County Museum at (901) 476-0242 for a supply list and to register for the class.

Because of the generous support of our members, the City of Covington, and Tipton County, there is no admission fee to tour the Tipton County Museum. We also gratefully acknowledge the support of the Tipton County Veterans Council, Bank of Tipton, Patriot Bank, the Tipton County Master Gardeners, and our volunteers. If you are not already a member of the Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial, and Nature Center, please consider becoming one in 2017. Just call the museum at (901) 476-0242 and we will gladly mail you a membership application.

**MUSEUM DOLLARS**



**TIPTON COUNTY  
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VETERANS MEMORIAL  
NATURE CENTER

**At the Tipton County Museum  
In Covington!**

Museum Dollars! We now have Museum Dollars at the Tipton County Museum in Covington. They may be purchased for any amount and may be used towards Museum Memberships, our Gift Shop, and Art Classes. They make great gifts and may be purchased at any time. Just call the Tipton County Museum at (901) 476-0242 and we will be glad to help you.

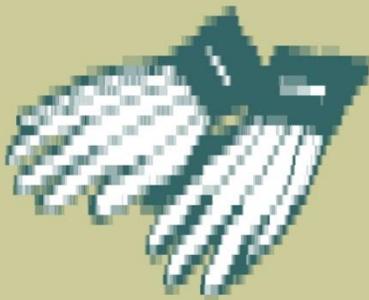
**The Tipton County Museum,  
Veterans Memorial & Nature Center  
751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019  
(901) 476-0242**

# Successful Gardening—A February Event at The Tipton County Museum!



TIPTON COUNTY  
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VETERANS MEMORIAL  
NATURE CENTER



ADMISSION PER  
PROGRAM:

\$5.00 General Public

**FREE** to Museum

Refreshments will be served.

751 Bert Johnston Avenue

PO Box 768

Covington, TN 38019

Phone: 901-476-0242

**Saturday, February 4th 10 - 11:30 A.M.**

## ***“Grandpa’s Vegetable Garden”***

- Guest Speaker – Sherl Rose: Urban Homesteader, former President and Vice President of the Tipton County Master Gardener Association, founder of the Facebook gardening groups “The Hippy Homesteader” and “3 B’s Gardener”

**Saturday, February 11th : 10- 11:30 A.M.**

## ***“Nature Symbolism and Enlightenment” - History of Japanese Gardens***

- Guest Speaker – Dominique Bellott, Master’s Degrees in Speech Pathology and Romance Languages & Literature, University of Memphis Italian instructor, Rhodes College French Language and Literature instructor.

**Saturday, February 18th: 10 - 11:30 A.M.**

## ***“Getting Your Lawn Ready for Summer”***

- Guest Speaker – Booker T. Leigh, University of Tennessee Commercial Horticulture Extension Agent

**Saturday, February 25th: 10 - 11:30 A.M.**

## ***“How Does your Garden Grow?”\*\****

- Guest Speaker – Paula Sweatt, Tipton County Master Gardener. \*\*Feel free to bring pass-a-long plants

This event is being made possible in part by the following  
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**The Tipton County Veterans Council and the Tipton County Museum, Veterans  
Memorial and Nature Center**



**Veteran of the Month for December 2016**

**Ernest Bowling**

Ernest Bowling was born in southeastern Kentucky on October 30, 1931. After graduating from high school and with his only other options for employment being in the coal mining or timber industries, he joined the U.S. Army. In October 1950 he completed basic training in Ft. Knox and was shipped directly to Korea. He was there when the Chinese attacked and earned his Purple Heart on February 11, 1951 in a battle against North Korean and Chinese enemy forces at Sang-Sok, Korea. That September Ernest transferred to Ft. Benning, Georgia, where he was honorably discharged in 1953. He returned home to Kentucky where, in November 1955, he completed vocational school to become a machinist. With no jobs available, Ernest joined the U.S. Air Force in January of 1956. His duty stations included Freising, Germany; Hamilton AFB, San Francisco; and Pease AFB, Illinois. Following his honorable discharge in 1960, he worked for the Kentucky State Highway Department for several years. In September of 1967, he joined the U.S. Navy and served two tours of duty in Vietnam. His other Navy duty stations were Bermuda, Diego Garcia, Memphis, Hawaii, and Japan. After his retirement in 1984, Ernest enjoyed a 10-year civilian career as a private contractor working for the Navy. During his military career, Ernest earned the Combat Infantryman Badge, Korean Service Medal (four awards), Air Force Longevity Service Award, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (two awards), Fleet Marine Combat Operations Insignia, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Navy Good Conduct Medal (four awards).

In 1994, Ernest and his wife, Amy Jean Couch Bowling, retired to their home in Munford. They have one son who lives in Tipton County and one daughter who lives in Florida. Sadly, Amy Jean passed away 15 months ago. Ernest attends the Chapel at NSA Mid-South in Millington and is a member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 116 in Munford. He was nominated for Veteran of the Month by his son Lonnie.

**VETERANS** – Clinics are held WEEKLY to provide you with information – click [here](http://www.tiptonco.com/veterans_services/index.php) to learn more:  
[http://www.tiptonco.com/veterans\\_services/index.php](http://www.tiptonco.com/veterans_services/index.php)



FEBRUARY is  
BLACK HISTORY MONTH  
at the TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM



Local Teacher, Historian and Artist Ms. Hattye Yarbrough recently donated her scrap book to the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History in Washington, D.C. Please join us as we honor Ms. Hattye for her contributions to our community.

When: Thursday evening, February 16, 5:30—7

Where: Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington

Refreshments will be served and everyone is invited!

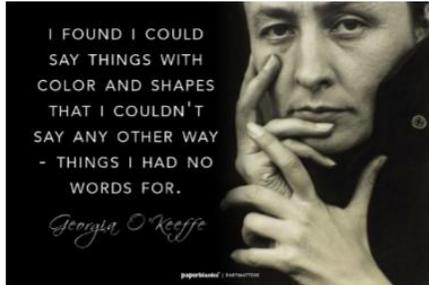
The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

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(901) 476-0242



**MARCH is WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**  
**At the**  
**TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM**



**Saturday, March 4, 10 a.m.—11:30, Artist in Residence**  
**Richard Reed lectures about the life and artwork of**  
**Georgia O'Keeffe, then leads participants in painting her**  
**"Blue Morning Glories" in acrylics from 1 to 4.**

**Saturday, March 11, 10 a.m.—11:30, Garden**  
**Historian Dominique Bellott talks about Women**  
**Landscape Architects in "Women in the Garden."**



**Saturday, March 18, 10:30 a.m.—11:00,**  
**Military Women Across the Nation presents**  
**"Women's Military Service Through the Years."**

**Lectures are FREE to Museum Members, \$5 General Public**

**O'Keeffe Art Class \$35 Members, \$40 General Public**

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