

## Mayor Hanson supports The Leader in Me at CIAA



Upon learning that CIAA students are selling “Leadership Links” to support The Leader in Me at their school, Mayor Justin Hanson made arrangements to meet with the Student Lighthouse Team to present them a check for this purpose. Third grader Ty Beard accepted the check on behalf of the school.



CHS Charger Voices were honored guests at the Grizzlies game Monday night at Fed Ex Forum in Memphis. The choir sang the National Anthem in a pre-game ceremony. Charger Voices are directed by Megan Allen.



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PRESS RELEASE



25<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT DRUG TASK FORCE ANNOUNCES  
NEW NALOXONE INITIATIVE TO RESPOND TO OPIOID  
OVERDOSE CASES

In January, Tennessee House Speaker Beth Harwell created a new Legislative Opioid Task Force to address the opioid and prescription painkiller abuse epidemic in Tennessee. As we all know, the prescription drug abuse problem has now created a greater demand for opiates, including heroin, which is causing a dramatic increase in addiction related crimes, drug trafficking, and overdose deaths in our state.

In response to this emerging public safety crisis, and in support of the work and mission of the new Tennessee Legislative Task Force on opioid and prescription drug abuse, the 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Drug Task Force (DTF) has announced a new **Naloxone Initiative**, whereby seized and forfeited asset funds from drug offenders will be directed and used by the Drug Task Force to purchase, supply, and equip all assigned DTF Agents and law enforcement partners with the life-saving prescription medicine, Naloxone (Narcan®), which is a concentrated dose of nasal spray that is administered by law enforcement and first responders to effectively treat, reduce, counteract, and reverse the life-threatening effects of a suspected opioid overdose.

The announcement was made on Friday, March 3, 2017, at the quarterly Board of Directors meeting of the DTF which was hosted by Fayette County Sheriff and DTF Board Chairman Bobby Riles. Members of the Tennessee General Assembly who represent the 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, including Senator Dolores Gresham, Senator Ed Jackson, and Representative Debra Moody, as well as Fayette County Mayor Rhea Taylor and Lauderdale County Mayor Maurice Gaines, all attended the announcement at the DTF Board meeting.

Fayette County Medical Examiner Dr. William Burch was also present to provide information to assigned and participating DTF Agents, Chiefs of Police, and Sheriffs regarding this life-saving resource. At the meeting, it was also announced that assigned DTF Agents will be properly trained in the DTF policy and protocol, as well as the proper medical procedure to administer Naloxone to a suspected victim of opioid overdose, or in the case of dangerous exposure to first responders, law enforcement, or K-9 units.

“As the epidemic of prescription opioid and heroin abuse and addiction presents new and additional public health and public safety challenges, it is imperative that law enforcement have the necessary tools to be proactive in not only interdicting illegal drug activity, but also in saving lives. I want to thank all of our legislative, law enforcement, and medical professional partners for their support of this new initiative, which allows us to be proactive and holistic in our approach to this crisis that is having devastating effects on communities across Tennessee”, said District Attorney Mike Dunavant.



## Dates to Remember

- March 11 – Flapjack and Bacon breakfast at Applebee’s - Covington 7:00 – 10:00 – **CHS** baseball
- March 11 – “Women in the Garden” – a look at women landscape architects – Museum - 10:00-11:30
- March 13 – Reception at DSCC Covington for Artist Cindy Basham Scott – 6:30 – 8:30
- March 13 – 20 - DSCC Week at Sportsplex and Aquatic Center – scroll down for more information.
- March 15 – KICK BUTTS! Eat BBQ and Kick Butts because *we only smoke BBQ!* Scroll down for info.
- March 16 – **Third Thursday** – Chamber Center on Covington Square – Boys & Girls Club hosts. 5:00
- March 16 – **Tipton’s Got Talent** – 6:00 – Covington High School. Scroll down for more information.
- March 16 – Internet Safety Class – 6:00 – Tipton County Justice Center. Scroll down for more info.
- March 18 – FREE LEGAL CLINIC – 11:00 – 1:00 – First Presbyterian Church in Covington
- March 18 – Veteran’s Council Pancake Breakfast – 7:00 – 10:00 – Restoration Church, Munford.
- March 18 – Women in the Military – Service through the Years – 10 – 11:30 – Museum – scroll down
- March 21 – COFFEE with the MAYOR – Sookie’s Bake Shop on the Covington Square – 7:30-9:00
- March 21 – **TASTY TUESDAY** – Covington Krystal – everyone invited to join The Chamber staff for this “Dutch-Treat” lunch each 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. Scroll down for more information.
- March 23 – Wrestling at CHS – 8:00 – Fundraiser for Amanda’s Way. Scroll down for more info.
- March 24 – Walk with **TEAM TIPTON** at 10:00 at EITHER Atoka Greenway or Brighton Park.
- April 01 – **Warriors for Aerial** 5K Walk/Run – Cobb Parr Park in Covington – Call 476-4969 to register.
- April 08 – **GO LUCY GO DAY** in Covington. Race begins at 9:30, live music & food on the square begins at 11:00, swim meet at 3:00. Don’t miss this day of fun and celebration for **GLG**. Scroll down..
- April 22-29 – **Clean Up Fix Up Covington**. Walk through town on April 29 starting at the City Barn on Ripley Street at 8:00 am...Great event for civic groups and scouts! Scroll down for more information.
- April 29 – Relay for Life – Munford City Park – scroll down for more information
- April 29 – May 27 – **MUSIC on the SQUARE** in Covington – Saturday nights!
- May 6 – **CASA 5K** – Munford Centennial Park - Scroll down for info or go to [www.casatipton.org](http://www.casatipton.org)



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Mr. Gaetano “Guy” Critelli is the **Tipton County Veterans Service Officer**. His office hours are ***Monday thru Wednesday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm***. You are encouraged to schedule an appointment, but walk-ins will be seen.

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\* 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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## Public Works Committee Hears info on LED lights, Water Line Grant, and Naming Streets

The regular monthly meeting of the Covington public Works Committee was held at Covington City Hall on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Present were Chairman Alderman Mac McGowan, Alderman Drew Glass, Alderman John Edwards, Alderman C.H. Sullivan, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman Jere Hadley, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, CPW Director David Gray, Mayor Justin Hanson, Covington Electric System Director Tim Sallee, Will White with Covington Electric System, Codes Enforcement and Building Inspector Lessie Fisher, Street Supervisor James Dowell, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, Codes Administrative Assistant Jennifer Nolen, CPW Administrative Assistant Sandy Herring, Saliene Wilcox, Echo Day.

McGowan called meeting to order at 1:00 and a quorum was present. Chairman McGowan called on Jennifer Nolen to make a presentation.

Nolen told a story how her 18-year old son has shown pride in our city by picking up litter, and she feels we should all take pride in our city – hence #COVINGTON PRIDE. Nolen distributed Covington Pride buttons to committee members and reminded them about Clean Up- Fix Up Covington in April. Nolen showed one of the CU-FU shirts. This year's shirts will have the COVINGTON PRIDE emblem on the back. Nolen urged committee members to have Covington Pride ongoing throughout the year and not just for one week (CU-FU Covington week). Local radio will do our PSAs for free. Nolen showed excerpts of the "commercial" for Covington – she has spoken to journalism teacher at CHS for this production. Nolen presented slideshow of pictures that will be used in the "commercial". Wants to use this campaign to clean up our parks and showcase them to the public. PPT will show unity across all districts, and include all parks and neighborhoods. Nolen asked the PW Committee for their support in helping get the children and citizens of Covington to get involved and have pride in Covington every day, especially during the CU-FU week in April.

McGowan asked for questions/concerns. Director David Gray stated his department is planning on utilizing each 4<sup>th</sup> Friday morning to pick up litter throughout Covington. Gray stated he wants to be a part of ongoing focus on cleaning up, but CPW can't do it alone, and pleads with our citizens to be mindful and try to prevent litter and trash in the streets. Nolen followed up that there will be "before and after" pictures that can be submitted and they will randomly choose a "winner" to win a gift certificate from Chamber of Commerce, as well as a yard sign (or business sign) to be posted for a month. This encourages some friendly competition to inspire businesses and neighborhoods to get involved and make improvements. Alderman Glass asked when the campaign will be launched, and she stated the official kick-off will be the Clean Up-Fix Up (CU-FU) week in April. Nolen said if we don't take care of our city, we will be leaving our children garbage. Everyone is encouraged to take notice of litter & trash in our neighborhoods and get involved in cleaning it up. Submit your "before and after" pictures to [planning.building@covingtontn.com](mailto:planning.building@covingtontn.com). This is a great project for neighborhoods, scout groups, school groups, civic organizations, as well as individual businesses and residents.

Chairman McGowan called on Covington Electric System Director Tim Sallee. Mr. Sallee stated he was asked to be here to discuss replacing current street lights in Covington to LED lighting. The existing streetlight plan evolved in 1958 and consists of a wide variety of light types throughout the city. Sallee distributed a spreadsheet showing several scenarios he has developed for comparison. Sallee stated Alderman McGowan and Mayor Hanson have discussed using LED lights in Covington for a while, now, and they have attended meetings and done research on this. Using LED lighting basically cuts kilowatt costs in half. Sallee stated there are a several scenarios to consider, but basically that comes down to who is going to purchase the lights? CES has about \$300,000 investment in lights in City of Covington *now*. To make changes, City of Covington will be required to pay CES a "stranded cost" to remove current fixtures – estimated to be about \$135,000.

Sallee offered 4 options to consider:

1. Keep on going like we have for the past 58 years
  - a. City is paying about \$132,000 a year to CES – no stranded costs.
2. CES can change out all lights
  - a. If CES buys lights, city will pay from \$120,000 to \$150,000 per year. After 5 years when stranded cost is gone, this will drop.
3. City of Covington can actually purchase the lights and pay CES to install and maintain them.

- a. City will then own those fixtures, and CES would charge by the hour for maintenance and upkeep. This will cost from \$450,000 to \$750,000 up front investment of actually purchasing the fixtures. Again, this will drop after the 5 years of paying stranded cost off on old fixtures. Annual bill might drop to \$103,000 until pay off loan for purchasing the fixtures – then will drop to about \$50,000 a year. True long-term savings will be seen under this plan. Cost of ownership is initial investment, maintenance, taxes, and depreciation. However, with LED lights, maintenance is not a huge percentage of costs.
4. CES can replace existing lights with LED lights as each light fixture fails. (not bulb failure, but fixture failure). Will take about 10 years for this to be completed. Will create hodge-podge in neighborhoods and will take many years to complete.

Sallee distributed a spreadsheet showing a break-down of the above options. Sallee gave three samples of LED lights and the potential savings for Covington – depends on type of fixture is purchased. Alderman Edwards motioned for the committee members to take the spreadsheet under advisement. However, Sallee wanted to explain more and make suggestions. Handouts were distributed to all members and Mayor Hanson asked for the committee and Director Gray to take a look at the information provided by Sallee and consider the options. At that time, Mayor seconded Edwards' motion to take under advisement. Motion passed unanimously. Sallee reiterated we will see savings in the future, but not immediately if change to LED.

Discussion on Investment Prep Grant – McGowan called on Director David Gray to explain. If funded, this will give a second water feed into the industrial park. Existing pipe was installed in 1970s. Gray stated he has concerns about this "one and only" feed to our industrial park, particularly as Unilever continues to grow. Gray brought the Invest Prep Grant to committee today for consideration. This is a 50% match grant and would cost the City of Covington roughly \$173,375.00. Alderman Edwards asked if we are considering replacing other old pipes. Gray stated we aren't having problems from existing line and this grant is *not to replace*. He is concerned about having this "one and only" water line to our industrial park, particularly as Unilever is operating nearly at capacity. Gray stated this proposal would also affect about 12-15 residential homes, as well. Chairman McGowan stated he feels this is a wise use of funds and it would be proactive to seek this grant. McGowan asked committee if anyone thinks we should NOT pursue the grant? No response. Hanson stated that if committee votes to submit this grant, we will have to call a Board meeting because the grant submittal deadline is before the next scheduled Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting. Hanson motioned to allow Director Gray to proceed with grant and McGowan seconded. Gray stated this particular situation has bothered him for a long time and he feels it is necessary for us to submit a proposal for this purpose. Hanson stated this will give credence to our industrial site selection and increase probability for new industries to locate in our industrial park. Glass and McGowan asked how much old pipes are in our system. Gray stated there is a large percentage of old pipes, but they are not problematic and are replaced on a rotating basis. McGowan called for vote on motion – motion passed unanimously. Hanson stated deadline for application is March 24<sup>th</sup> and is prior to next regularly scheduled Board meeting and a special/called Board meeting is necessary to approve grant. That special called meeting was set for Friday, March 17 at 1:00 pm in the Board Room upstairs.

Speed sign update – Gray stated he has received the battery for **Traffic Logic** sign (owned by **CPW**) and is up and running. Gray has contacted the company to see if we can use a solar panel to keep it going.

**All Traffic Solutions** is the Covington Police Department sign – was awarded to CPD as a door prize from conference – an \$8000 value. There is a \$1600 annual cost to continue All Traffic Solutions sign, but first year was provided free of charge. Gray stated All Traffic Solutions is user-friendly and CPD can log in and read programs/data collected.

Gray stated his department (Covington Public Works) has experienced a lot of people retiring, and people being moved up, which creates openings. Eric McGee has been promoted to street department supervisor. There are still a few more vacant positions to fill. Glass asked about the street sweeper training that took place in Waco, Texas. Gray stated Dalton Patrick and Bobby Flowers were sent to the training and they were very pleased with it. Gray stated current issue is getting CDL licensure. Hadley asked if someone could be called in to hold training/classes in CLD. Gray stated he has provided help and two are awaiting results of current tests.

McGowan asked about sanitation contract, and Gray said he is working on that and will bring to the committee in May. Current contract is good through August 31.

Ms. Saliene Wilcox asked about a gas leak/smell on Shelton Street last week. McGowan asked Gray to address this concern. Gray stated there was a leak on Shelton Street, Covington did go check out several “smell” calls, and found an apartment where there was a pilot light out on one of the stoves, which they corrected.

Hanson motioned to approve Director Gray’s report and McGowan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Lessie Fisher – grass is starting to grow and letters have been sent out. Codes still monitoring. Street name change request – TCA has referenced this and Fisher included that information in packet. It was also recommended we go by E-911 codes on street name-change, as well. Fisher stated it was also recommended the City of Covington draft a policy on street name changes in our city. McGowan asked if we weren’t going to put up an additional sign as opposed to changing the name of the street. Fisher recommended using a separate brown sign on the existing street sign indicating who is being commemorated. Hanson referenced the example shown by Alderwoman Bommer, which is an additional sign placed above the green street name showing who is being remembered, but DOES NOT change the official name of the street. Hanson asked if it is the will of this committee to establish a policy for commemorative street signs before making this decision. Hanson also asked the will of the Planning Commission on this issue. Fisher stated The Planning Commission urged City of Covington to create a policy before moving forward on this request. This will create a fair means by which to consider all such requests. McGowan asked for Fisher to come up with some sample policies, and to include recommendations from Planning Commission, and bring back to committee for consideration. Alderman Glass motioned to approve Fisher’s report and Mayor Hanson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned.

## **Northwest Tennessee Head Start-Early Head Start Held Community Stakeholders Meeting in Covington**

**Northwest Tennessee Director Dr. Lowell Winston and Covington Center Coordinator Candace Gooch welcomed stakeholders from Covington to their Community Stakeholders Meeting at the Covington facility. For more information about HEAD START, please call 901-476-7488 or [CLICK HERE](#)**



**Members from Covington & Tipton County law enforcement attended the community stakeholders meeting, as did Mayor Hanson. Dr. Winston and Ms. Gooch welcomed the guests and informed them about the facility.**



**Early Head Start serves children ages 0-3 years old and Head Start serves 3 and 4 year old children.**

**Early Head Start also serves pregnant women and teens.**

**Eligibility requirements for both programs begin with age and family income.**

**Austin Peay Elementary's Patriot Press toured City Hall and Interviewed the Mayor**



**“Patriot Press” newspaper staff from Austin Peay Elementary School toured City Hall and interviewed the Mayor on a field trip to Covington. They also toured the Ruffin theater, and interviewed Police Chief Buddy Lewis (below). Mayor Hanson encouraged them to set goals, always do their best, do the right things for the right reasons, and take care of themselves. The Patriot Press advisor is Leah Isome.**



# Tipton County bids farewell to Chief Donna Turner



Chief Donna Turner worked with the Tipton County Sheriff's Department for 11 years. She has accepted a position with the Tennessee Department of Corrections in Nashville. People gathered at the Chamber Center in Covington Friday to bid her farewell.

## Enjoy Breakfast and Support **CHS** Baseball

*\$10*      *Flap Jack & Bacon Fundraiser*      *\$10*



SEE YOU TOMORROW  
**Covington High School Baseball**  
**Covington Applebee's**  
**1617 Hwy 51 South Covington, TN 38019**  
**Saturday March 11, 2017 7:00am-10:00am**

You can purchase your \$10 ticket for the Flapjack and Bacon breakfast from any CHS baseball player or call Coach David Sage at 901-497-2000. Tickets are also available at the door!



**COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**

*“Home of the Chargers”*



## ARTIST RECEPTION FOR CINDY SCOTT



Monday, March 13, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC)  
Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County  
3149 Hwy. 51 S., Covington, TN

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) has announced an art exhibit featuring paintings by artist Cindy Scott is currently on display at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County. The paintings will be on display through April 17 throughout the Ripley Power and Light Lobby inside the Learning Resource Center, Student Center and Tipton County Public Library. A reception will be held at this location Monday, March 13 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Scott began her art career at Smith and Nephew as a freelance medical illustrator. For the past 26 years, she has been illustrating surgical techniques for various medical companies. In her free time, she enjoys painting and drawing with acrylics, pastels, colored pencils and watercolor pencils. Being from southern Louisiana, Scott enjoys painting swamps, magnolias, pelicans, crabs and beaches. She won first and second place in the 2016 Eagle Fest Art Competition at Reelfoot Lake with her paintings of 'Low Water Perch' and 'Knees of Cypress.' Inspired by her love for her country, one of her most recent creations, 'American Farmer,' won an award for best creativity in the 2016 Tipton County Art Exhibit 'Local Color.' Scott has also created many commissioned pieces over the years, including pet portraits, scenes from family vacations and hunting trips, old homesteads, and most recently a firefighter answering the call of duty. These pieces and many more can be viewed on her Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/cindybashamscott/](http://www.facebook.com/cindybashamscott/)

The public is invited to view Cindy's work now through April 17 and attend the reception on March 13. For more information, contact Barbara Flowers McBride at 901-237-4006.

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Photo caption:

Artist Cindy Scott is shown here hanging one of her paintings at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County. Her works can be viewed now through April 17 with a reception planned for March 13.

*Join us for a*

# **Irish Happy Hour**



**Tuesday, March 14, 2017**

**5:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

**DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County  
Learning Resource Center, Commons Area  
3149 Hwy. 51 S., Covington, TN 38019**

**\$30.00 per person**

*Proceeds to benefit the DSCC Tipton County Annual Fund*

***Tickets must be purchased in advance! To purchase,  
contact 731-286-3345 or email feith@dsc.edu.***

**DIRECT FROM IRELAND**



# **BROCK MCGUIRE BAND**

*“Scintillating” - Shetland Times*

*“Virtuosity in full flight” - The Irish Times*

*“Absolutely Fabulous” - Songlines Magazine*

**Irish Instrumental Band  
of the Decade Award** - *Irish American News*

**Tuesday, March 14 • 7:00 p.m.**  
DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County  
Baptist Memorial Health Care Academic Building Auditorium

**FREE ADMISSION!**

*Sponsored by the DSCC International Studies Program  
For more information, contact 731-286-3210*



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DRUG FREE TIPTON  
**KICK BUTTS DAY!**

LUNCH \$7!

(MEAL INCLUDES: BBQ SANDWICH,  
CHIPS, & COOKIE)

Please see Kennisha or Robin by March 6 to purchase  
lunch or T-shirt

**MARCH 15, 2017**

**11:00-2:00 PM**

COVINGTON NORTH FIRE STATION

101 TENNESSEE AVE COVINGTON, TN 38019

Kick Butts Day is a national day of activism that empowers youth to stand out, speak up and seize control against tobacco. Drug Free Tipton is observing Kick Butts Day by selling T-shirts and BBQ lunches. Pick up your lunch from 11:00-2:00 pm at the NORTH Fire Station in Covington or get **FREE delivery with 10 or more orders to your workplace**. Also purchase our KICK BUTTS shirt to wear on March 15 to show your support!



Short Sleeve T shirt \$12



Baseball T-shirt \$15

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: KENNISHA STOWE @ 901-378-0545 OR

AC TIPTONCOORDINATOR@DMAT.COM



Where our community is our business



*Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day!*

**5:00pm on March 16th**

**The Chamber Center  
101 Court Square West  
Covington, TN 38019**



Our March Third Thursday Sponsor:  
**The Boys & Girls Club  
of the Hatchie River Region**

**GREAT FUTURES START [HERE.](#)**



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF THE HATCHIE RIVER  
REGION**

Juvenile Court of Tipton County  
in conjunction with the  
25<sup>th</sup> District Attorney General's Office  
invites you to attend an  
**Internet Safety Class**

**BEWARE**

WHAT YOU SHARE

When : March 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Tipton County Justice Complex

Presenter: Assistant United States Attorney Deb Ireland



Covington High School Choral Department

Presents

The 4th Annual

TIPTON'S

GOT

TALENT

*Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

*@ 6:30pm*

COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL GYM

*With Special Guest Emcee*

**Cliff Marion**

*Special Guest Performance by the 2016 Tipton's Got Talent Winner*

**Austin Mason**

ALL TICKETS ARE \$5 AT THE DOOR

NO ADVANCED SEATING

PROCEEDS GO TO CHS CHOIR DEPARTMENT

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TIPTON COUNTY  
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VETERANS MEMORIAL  
NATURE CENTER



COVINGTON  
AQUATIC CENTER

**Covington Parks & Recreation  
PRESENTS Dyersburg State WEEK**

**MARCH 13-20 2017**

**Free Admission**

**(Student/Faculty ID required)**



**DSCC**  
DYERSBURG STATE  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



**Covington Sportsplex  
Aquatics Center &**

**Tipton County Museum**



**Need Legal Advice?  
FREE LEGAL CLINIC**



**March 18, 2017  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**First Presbyterian Church  
403 South Main Street  
Covington**



**Danno's Grill** (formerly known as Coffee in the Attic) is located at 112 Court Square East in Covington TN and has been called the 'best kept secret in West Tennessee'. They offer a breakfast and lunch menu including "World Famous" Home-made Chicken Salad. Specialty coffee drinks are similar to (but they have been told *better than*) Starbucks. Danno's Grill has been hosting live music shows on Saturday Nights for almost four years featuring some of the best musicians in West Tennessee. Danno's is a smoke free, family friendly environment and there is no cover charge, but please contribute to the TIP JAR to support their the music-making friends.

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, Ronnie and Randy Parsons are organizing a '**Music is Life**' **Jam Session** that will start before noon and last all afternoon and into the evening. Musicians from all over the place will show up to play. It is sure to be an amazing day of great music. Feel free to join in and play or just sit and listen for a while. The regular Saturday night show with the group **Chosen Few**, will be there at 6:00 PM

Check out Danno's Grill on Facebook or our new website [www.dannosgrill.com](http://www.dannosgrill.com)



*Please join  
us for  
Coffee with  
the Mayor  
March 21  
7:30-9:00  
Sookie's  
Bake Shop  
On the Square in  
Covington*

*Join Mayor Hanson for Coffee with the Mayor every other  
Tuesday morning from 7:30 - 9:00. You bring the  
conversations, he will provide the coffee!*



*Be Engaged and Informed*



**#covingtonpride**

**Join the Chamber Staff on the  
3rd Tuesday of each month for**



**March 21st Tasty Tuesday is Noon at...**



712 Highway 51 N,  
Covington, TN 38019

**Dutch treat lunch at a randomly drawn Chamber Member Restaurant each month!**

*Join us for Tasty Tuesday at noon on the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Tuesday of each month. Check with the  
Covington-Tipton County Chamber of  
Commerce for locations.*



NWA MIDSOUTH PRESENTS:  
LIVE PRO WRESTLING  
TO HELP BENEFIT AMANDA'S WAY



THE POSSE



VS



"THE GOLDEN BOY" GREG ANTHONY  
AND COVINGTON'S OWN COLE MCDANIEL



"LOVERBOY" MATT RIVIERA VS "THE ONE MAN ENTOURAGE" JOHNNY MORTON

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$8.00  
STUDENT W/ ID: \$5.00

5 BIG  
MATCHES

BELL TIME  
8:00PM



VS



JAKOB EDWINN

MATT TAYLOR

THURSDAY  
MARCH 23, 2017

COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL GYM - 803 S COLLEGE ST, COVINGTON, TN

Tipton County Extension Master Gardeners

10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Lawn & Garden Expo

*"Magic in the Garden"*

**Sat. March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**9am – 4pm**

**Brighton High School**

8045 Hwy 51 South, Brighton, TN

***FREE ADMISSION!***

- \*Educational Speakers
- \*Plants & Yard Art
- \*Children's Area
- \*Ask a Master Gardener
- \*Community Booths
- \*Free Trees & More

For More Information, go to [www.tiptoncountymastergardeners.com](http://www.tiptoncountymastergardeners.com)  
Or call Joellen at 901 476 0231

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**Lawn & Garden EXPO 2017**

**10th Anniversary**

**"Magic in the Garden"**

**Saturday, March 25, 9AM-4PM**

**Brighton High School**

**8045 Hwy 51 South - Brighton TN**

**[www.tiptoncountymastergardeners.com](http://www.tiptoncountymastergardeners.com)**

**901-476-0231**

**CHURCH FAIR ON THE SQUARE**

*presents*

# **PRAISE CELEBRATION!**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH, 2017 • 10AM-3PM**

JOIN US TO SHARE YOUR CHURCH AND LOVE OF THE LORD  
WITH OUR WEST TENNESSEE COMMUNITY

**10AM  
PRAISE PARTY!**

**11AM-2PM  
LOCAL CHURCH  
FELLOWSHIP**

**2PM  
EVERY PRAISE**

**2:30PM  
PRAYER**

LET  
EVERYTHING  
THAT BREATHES  
**PRAISE**  
**THE LORD.**  
HALLELUJAH!

PSALM 150:6  
HOLMAN CHRISTIAN  
STANDARD BIBLE

**All Churches  
Welcome!**

**RSVP TO MRS. MARY COOK • 832.651.7771**



GO LUCY GO

# 5K/10K

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017

PROVIDING COMFORT & SUPPORT  
DURING MEDICAL CRISIS

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## 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GO LUCY GO DAY

COVINGTON SQUARE

5K/10K @ 9:30AM · KIDS FUN RUN @ 11AM  
CRAWFISH FESTIVAL · FOOD TRUCKS · LIVE MUSIC @ 11AM - 2PM  
INVITATIONAL SWIM MEET @ 3PM



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# Covington Integrated Arts Academy



2017

## Kindergarten Registration

Thursday, March 9 8am-6pm  
Thursday, April 6 8am-6pm  
Tuesday, May 16 8am-6pm

*Call 901-840-9150 for more information*

♥ Welcome to  
Kindergarten

**SHOW YOUR COVINGTON PRIDE  
JOIN US FOR:  
CLEAN UP / FIX UP  
APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> – 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2017  
CLEAN UP WALK – SATURDAY  
APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> 8 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.  
BEGINS AT 500 E. RIPLEY AVE.**



Lunch will be provided after the event.



Visit the city website:  
[WWW.COVINGTONTN.COM](http://WWW.COVINGTONTN.COM) and  
Covington Public Works on Facebook

**BECAUSE YOU CARE - SHOW YOUR PRIDE -  
NOT ONLY AT YOUR HOME  
(ADDITIONAL CURBSIDE FEES AT YOUR RESIDENCE WILL BE WAIVED FOR THIS WEEK ONLY)  
- BUT ALSO IN OUR CITY  
BY JOINING US DURING CLEAN UP/FIX UP WEEK**

**#COVINGTONPRIDE**

Get YOUR group involved as soon as possible. Take a look around your neighborhood, your school, or your facility. If you find areas in need of being cleaned up – take a picture. After it is cleaned up, take another picture! Send your “before” and “after” pictures to [planning.building@covingtontn.com](mailto:planning.building@covingtontn.com)



**You could not, should not, want to miss  
a celebration such as THIS!**

## Tipton County Relay for Life



**April 29, 2017**  
2 PM to 10 PM,  
Munford City Park,  
201 College Street  
Munford, TN  
Rain date May 13th.



**Unless someone like YOU  
cares an awful lot. It's not going to get  
better, IT'S NOT!**

### Relay For Life of Tipton County

*Please select one of the following:*

Corporate       Individual  
 Foundation       Other

*Please print information legibly, exactly as it should appear in all publications.*

Company/Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsorship Levels:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$5,000 Presenting Sponsor
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$2,500 Platinum Sponsor
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000 Silver Sponsor
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 Bronze Sponsor
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 Signature Sponsor
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Friends of Relay Sponsor

American Cancer Society, Inc.  
Federal Tax ID #13-1788491  
Organized under IRC 501(c)(3)

### 2017 Relay For Life Sponsorship Form

Enclosed Check (amount)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please make check payable to the American Cancer Society and memo to Relay For Life of Tipton County. Credit cards accepted. Email company logo to [maria.l.robinson@cancer.org](mailto:maria.l.robinson@cancer.org).*

Comments or special billing instructions:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Name (please print)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature  
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Thank you for your tax-deductible contribution.

Please return to:  
American Cancer Society  
c/o RFL of Tipton County  
1378 Union Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38104

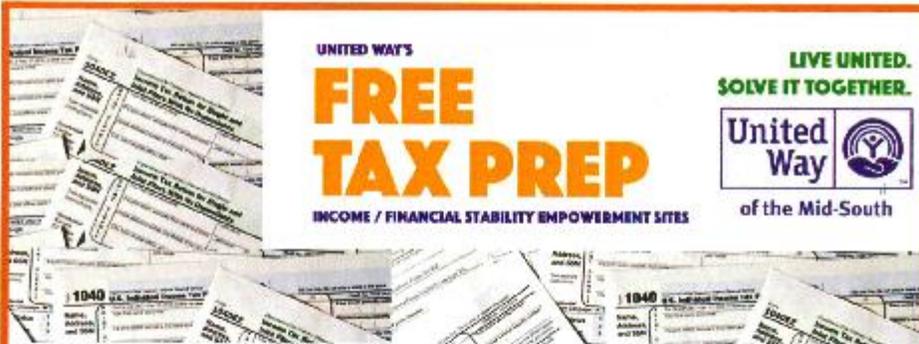
For more information, please contact:  
Kristi Hubbard, Event Co-Chair  
901-606-6737  
[Khubbard1972@gmail.com](mailto:Khubbard1972@gmail.com)



[relayforlife.org/tiptontn](http://relayforlife.org/tiptontn)  
[cancer.org](http://cancer.org)  
 1.800.227.2345

### Relay for Life of Tipton County Sponsorship Opportunities





## Tipton County Public Library

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**3148 Highway 51 N.**

**Covington, TN 38019**

for appointments call 2-1-1 or 901-415-2790

**January 23- April 12**

**Mondays, 2 pm – 6 pm**

**Wednesdays, 2 pm – 6 pm**

**WALK-INS WELCOME**

LOOKING FOR THE NEXT  
**HOME RUN DERBY**

**JR. HOME RUN  
DERBY**

2017

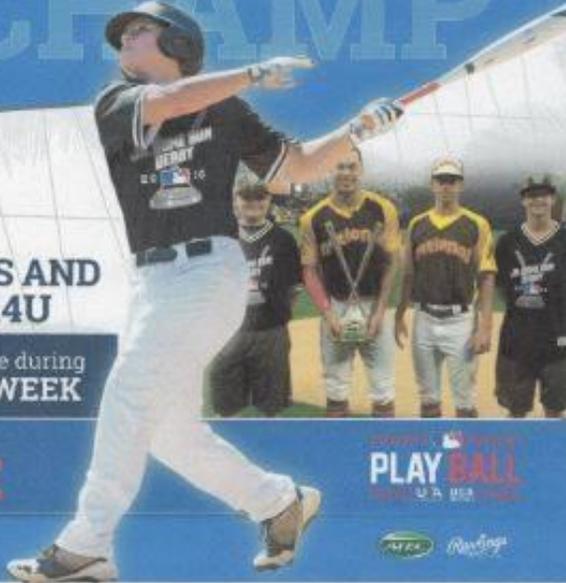


**OPEN TO BOYS AND  
GIRLS 12U & 14U**

Your chance to compete during  
**MLB ALL-STAR WEEK**

**PARTICIPATION  
IS FREE**

**PLAY BALL**  
U.S. MLB



**HOST:**

**Covington Parks & Recreation**

**COMPETITION DATE/TIME/LOCATION:**

**April 15, 2017/2PM/Whitley Field**

**CONTACT:**

**901-476-3734, cweston@covingtontn.com**



# COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

803 SOUTH COLLEGE  
COVINGTON, TENNESSEE 38019

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Brandi Blackley  
Cetrice Bounds  
Ellen S. Clark

PRINCIPAL  
Mark McClain

## TELEPHONE

901-840-9200  
FAX  
901-476-5778

*Dear Community Stakeholder,*

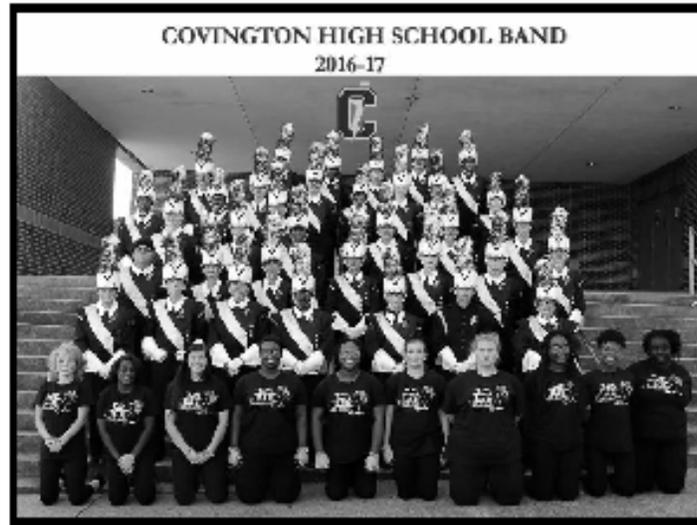
*I am pleased to announce that the Covington High School Band and Crestview Middle School Band will soon embark on the next school year of team building, leadership training, and musicianship. This mission impacts the families of our community and can offer great exposure for your business and allow you to invest in the future leadership of our society. For that reason, I wanted to give an early opportunity for your organization to get involved.*

*Since 2014, the Covington High School Band has earned superior ratings at marching band festivals in the Mid-South and has sent students to UT Martin and MTSU. We also purchased new uniforms for our band giving us a sharp new look. The financial support we have received from our community has given us the resources needed to reach this paramount success.*

*The 2017-2018 band season is approaching, and our success is dependent upon acquiring the resources needed to continue this momentum. After three years, we have tweaked our annual operating costs to \$350 per student which includes the following:*

- 1. Bus travel to games, competitions, & field trips.*
- 2. Marching drill blueprints.*
- 3. Marching, Concert, & Jazz Band Sheet Music.*
- 4. Staff specialists.*
- 5. Percussion heads and sticks.*
- 6. Instrument oils and reeds.*
- 7. Instrument repairs.*
- 8. Registration fees for competitions and festivals.*
- 9. Website hosting and domain [www.thechargerband.com](http://www.thechargerband.com).*
- 10. Office expenses: Phone and Copying.*

*Your financial gift will provide our students the opportunity to be something more than average and reward all of our hardworking students with opportunities to improve their academic future.*



*Here is a list of the many ways you can get involved:*

**1. Make a donation to the Covington High Band program:**

- a. \$1000 - Purple Sponsor
- b. \$750 - Gold Sponsor
- c. \$500 - Charger Sponsor
- d. \$250 - Student Sponsor
- e. \$100 - Community Sponsor
- f. \$50 - Friend Sponsor

**2. Invest on a monthly basis using Bill Pay.**

**3. Actively support the band through additional fundraising efforts and volunteering.**

**4. Provide opportunities for performances.**

**5. Attend, promote, and recognize the band at football games, concerts, and competitions.**

*As a thank you, for donations received by May 15th, we will include your name or business in our concert programs, on our band website ([www.thechargerband.com](http://www.thechargerband.com)), and on our season t-shirt. You will also receive a photo of our band as a keepsake for your sponsorship.*

*Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of our young people in the Covington High School and Crestview Middle School Bands by providing them with opportunities to express themselves, establish leadership skills, build confidence, work in cooperation with different personality types on a day to day basis to complete a unified task, offer students a balanced education and open doors to university scholarships.*

*Thank you in advance for considering this request to help our future community of Covington citizens.*



**Please contact the Crestview Middle and Covington High  
Director of Bands, Mr. Kreston Smith, to make a difference today.  
Office: 901-840-9226  
Cell: 901-857-3064**

**Please make donations payable to CHS Band and mail to:  
Covington High School  
c/o CHS Band  
803 S College  
Covington, TN 38019**

*“Enter to learn; learn to succeed!”*

SAVE THE DATE!

DON'T BE LATE!

24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION  
THE MAD HATTER'S LIP SYNC BATTLE

WONDERLAND - \$2,000 TABLE OF 8 IN SECTION 1- FULL PAGE AD - RECOGNITION DURING EVENT AND PROGRAM

ALICE - \$1,000 TABLE OF 8 IN SECTION 2 - HALF PAGE AD - RECOGNITION DURING EVENT AND PROGRAM

CHESHIRE CAT - \$600 TABLE OF 8 IN SECTION 3 - QUARTER PAGE AD - RECOGNITION IN PROGRAM

MAD HATTER - \$300 SEATING FOR 4 IN SECTION 4 - RECOGNITION IN PROGRAM

QUEEN OF HEARTS- \$100 RECOGNITION IN PROGRAM

TABLE ONLY - \$400 RESERVE TABLE OF 8 IN SECTION 5

SINGLE TICKET - \$50 SINGLE SEAT IN SECTION 5

Follow the white rabbit...



SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

6:00 P.M.

COYINGTON HIGH SCHOOL GYM

803 SOUTH COLLEGE STREET

COYINGTON, TN 38019

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE EXCHANGE CLUB CARL PERKINS CENTER  
FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE



# CASA SUPERHERO

## 5K Run/Walk

Come join us for a day of racing fun for a great cause !!!

**May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Race starts at 8:00 AM

**Munford Centennial Park**

Pre-Registration \$25

Race Day Registration \$30

**Register today at [racesonline.com](http://racesonline.com)**

Would you like to sponsor? Email us at [casatiptoncounty5k@gmail.com](mailto:casatiptoncounty5k@gmail.com) for more information.



Want to learn more about CASA? Visit our website at [www.casatipton.org](http://www.casatipton.org)



Each CASA program or agency professionally trains and carefully screens volunteers to become **C**ourt **A**ppointed **S**pecial **A**dvocates for abused and neglected children in juvenile court. These volunteers represent the best interests of the victimized child with the goal of securing a safe, permanent home. Tennessee state law allows for judges to appoint CASA volunteers to "speak up" for the child's best interests. CASA volunteers work for the **child**.

**WWW.CASATIPTON.ORG**



## 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.

**There is a drop-off box at Covington City Hall**



[Tipton Family Association](#) sets October date to meet in Covington.

Plan to join in for this historical conference about Tipton County from the decedents of General Jacob Tipton

### Y'all Come to Tipton County, Tennessee!

The date is set. Plans and arrangements have been made! The 2017 meeting is taking place on October 7<sup>th</sup> in the Tipton County Public Library, Building C on the campus of the Dyersburg Community College at 3149 Highway 51 South in Covington, TN. With the assistance of Susan Cheairs, Director of the Library, and a scheduled welcome from Dr. Karen Bowyer, President of the College, the meeting place is reserved.

The [Tipton Family Association of America](#) invites all TFAA members to come to Covington. Tipton County borders Shelby County, Tennessee to the north. Memphis is in Shelby County making a major US airport convenient to the meeting place. Meeting in Covington also makes it convenient for TFAA members in Arkansas, Missouri, Louisiana, and states west of the Mississippi River who might come by auto as well as those to the east. Driving from Interstate 40 in Memphis to Covington takes approximately one hour.

For information about travel accommodations or other matters when visiting Covington, Contact the Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce at Post Office Box 683, Covington, Tennessee 38019 or by phone at 901-476-9727 or online at [www.covington-tiptoncochamber.com](http://www.covington-tiptoncochamber.com)

### What's [Happening at the Museum?](#)



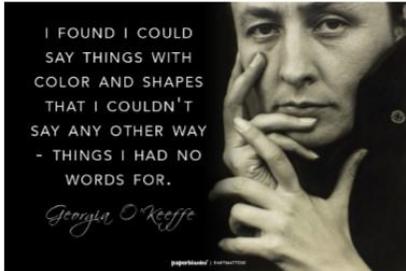
Last Saturday, artist in Residence Richard Reed lectured about American artist Georgia O'Keeffe in the morning at the Tipton County Museum. That afternoon, he and Director Barrie Foster led a class in painting O'Keeffe's "Blue Morning Glories" in acrylics. Everyone did a great job and had lots of fun. The next class will be Saturday, May 13 with "A Day of Matisse."

Please call the Museum at (901) 476-0242 to register.





**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**

**The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center**

**751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019**

**(901) 476-0242**

**Tipton County Museum is Creating *Tipton County Pulse***

Click here to view: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EeM3GTdAosc>



## **GOOD WORK, SISTER!**

March is Women's History Month at the Tipton County Museum. A new exhibit titled "Good Work, Sister" features military women in America. This display includes a photo of Atoka resident Arline Gorham in her uniform during WWII, and the Navy uniform of Museum Archivist Sherri Onorati. The Tipton County Museum is open Tuesday through Friday, 9 to 5, and Saturday 9 to 3. There is never an admission fee at the Tipton County Museum.



## **Calling All TIPTON COUNTY Artists!** **We need YOU to enter the** **2017 TIPTON COUNTY ART EXHIBIT,** **"INSPIRATIONS"**

The Tipton Arts Council, Inc. and State Representative Debra Moody are hosting "Inspirations," the 2017 Tipton County Art Exhibit at the Learning Resource Center at the Covington Campus of Dyersburg State Community College. Entry deadline is April 3, 2017. Exhibition Dates are April 18 through August 27, 2017. The judge for this year's exhibit is Julie Pierotti, Curator for the Dixon Gallery & Gardens, Memphis. The Awards Reception is May 15, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:00 at DSCC's Learning Resource Center in Covington. Awards for Best of Show, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Best Use of Color, Best Creativity, and four Honorable Mentions. Entry fee is \$25.00. Entry forms are available at [www.covingtontn.com](http://www.covingtontn.com) or [www.tiptonco.com](http://www.tiptonco.com).

Or you may call the TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM at (901) 476-0242 for a form. Don't miss this opportunity to show the world your talent!!!!



TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM  
ARTIST IN RESIDENCE  
RICHARD REED

Is on Youtube!



2017 Artist in Residence Richard has recorded three Youtube videos with Museum Director Barrie Foster on "Artin' with Barrie." In these videos he discusses principles of art and elements of design. He wants YOU to become a better artist!! Here are the links:

1. <https://www.youtu.be/hBxQ1qFkNac>
2. <https://www.youtu.be/wHilmpnvgFU>
3. <https://www.youtu.be/dEBUXC2w4w>

**Tipton County Museum**

**751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019**

**(901) 476-0242**



A large group took advantage of the first *Day of Art* class offered at the Tipton County Museum in Covington on March 4<sup>th</sup>. The next class will focus on the work of Henri Matisse and will be held March 13<sup>th</sup>. Please call 901-476-0242 to register. See below for more information.



**A DAY OF ART  
AT THE TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM**

**Lecture & Painting**

Lectures 10—11: 30 a.m.; Free to Members, \$5 General Public

Class 1—4 p.m., \$35 Members, \$40 General Public

No previous art experience required.

751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-0242



**Georgia O'Keeffe March 4, 2017**

**"Blue Morning Glories"**

**Henri Matisse May 13, 2017**

**"Les toits de Collioure"**



**Paul Cezanne July 8, 2017**

**"Maison Maria with a View of Chateau Noir"**



**Wassily Kandinsky November 18, 2017**

**"Winter Landscape"**



**MUSEUM DOLLARS**



**TIPTON COUNTY  
M·U·S·E·U·M**  
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**



**The Tipton County Veterans Council and the Tipton County Museum,  
Veterans Memorial and Nature Center  
Veteran of the Month for March, 2017**

## **Rudolph Boykin**

Rudolph Boykin was born on October 4, 1919 in Brighton, Tennessee. He was married to Annie Sue and had a daughter, Louise, when he was drafted into the U.S. Army on April 28, 1944. Leaving his young family behind, he was initially transported from Covington to Tullahoma. After spending a few days there he was sent on to Ft. Benning, Georgia where he remained for a few weeks of training before being assigned to Camp Plauche, Louisiana. More training in Slidell followed before he was assigned as a "Longshore Soldier" in Seattle, Washington. There he was a truck driver who was responsible for on-loading and off-loading ships. Although the description is simple, his job was not. He was one of thousands of soldiers who guarded our seaports and on and off loaded crucial war materials, holding the fate of the war effort in their extremely capable hands. After spending time at Ft. Lewis, he transferred overseas to the 847 Port Company in Nagasaki, Japan. His company traveled extensively, working ports on various islands in Japanese theater. After approximately 2 years there, he returned to the U.S. to Ft. Smith, Arkansas where he was honorably discharged. Rudolph felt fortunate that he never had to see combat.

After his discharge, he returned to his home in Covington, Tennessee, where he was employed by the City of Covington for 38 years. His 47 year marriage to Annie Sue produced fourteen children: 8 boys and 6 girls. Some years after the loss of the love of his life, Rudolph was blessed with marriage to Dolly in 1994. They have been happily married for 22 years. Rudolph is Chairman of Deacons at Greater St. John Baptist Church in Covington. He was nominated for Veteran of the Month by John McBride.

**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)