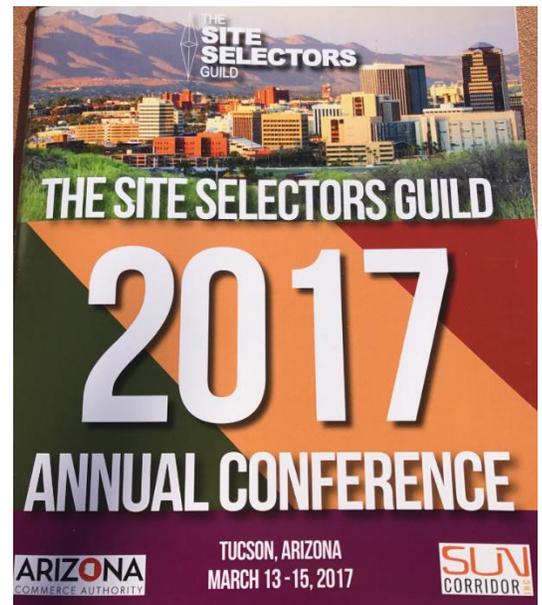


Mayor Hanson attended Site Selectors Guild Conference in Tucson

The [Site Selectors Guild](#) is the association of the world's foremost professional site selection consultants. Guild members provide location strategy to corporations across the globe and for every industry, sector, and function. Site Selectors Guild works with states, regions and communities to provide officially sanctioned advisory forums where attendees have the opportunity to learn from some of the nation's leading site selectors. HTL President and CEO Duane Lavery and Mayor Justin Hanson attended to learn more about attracting business and industry to Covington, Tipton County, and West Tennessee.



Site Selector Guild President Phil Schneider welcomed members and guests to the 2017 Annual Conference.

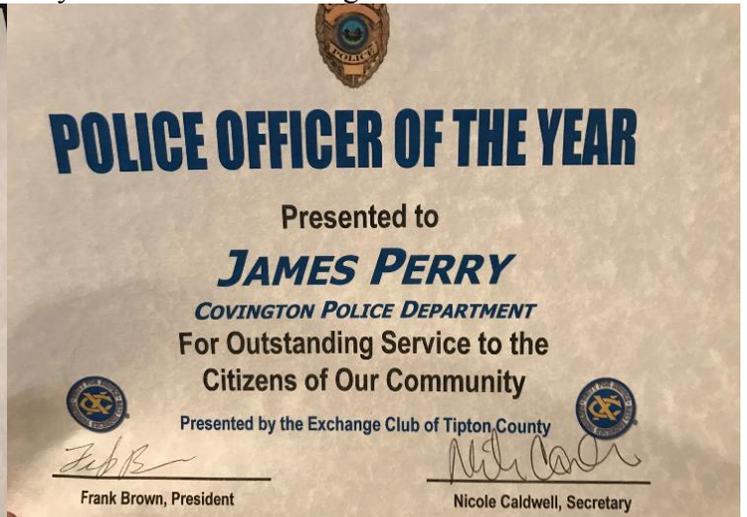


Above, Duane Lavery and Mayor Hanson shared information between sessions. This was a great place to learn and network with others. People were there from all over the world. At left, Mayor Hanson and Mr. Lavery enjoyed a Mexican Mariachi Band with Julie Carrier of Quebec International and Jerome Nadeau with Invest Quebec. It was truly an international convention.



Fireman of the Year and Policeman of the Year Honored

Olympic Restaurant in Atoka was the setting for a lunch reception for the Covington Exchange Club's recognition of our top firefighter and police officer. Covington Fire Department's Dan Ruffin received the honors for firefighter of the year and Officer James Perry was named as Covington's Officer of the Year



Mayor Justin Hanson, CPD Chief Buddy Lewis, Officer of the Year James Perry, Firefighter of the Year Dan Ruffin, and CFD Chief Michael Naifeh

CIAA Dance Troupe Won in Texas and Received Invitation for Nationals in Orlando, Florida



Each year, Deborah Walker, dance instructor and coach of the CIAA Dance Troupe, enters her dance team in training and competition at a Tremaine Dance Convention somewhere in America. This year, the group went to [The Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center in Dallas](#) – for the Tremaine Semi-Finals, and they came away with multiple trophies for multiple wins. They took first AND second place in Hip-Hop, second place in Lyrical, second place in Hip-Hop Duet and out of 59 performances, CIAA Dance Troupe was awarded Best Showmanship in the Junior and Teen Division. While at the convention in Texas, the group not only competed, but they also attended all day training sessions in Jazz, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Ballet and Tap dancing. Taking a school group such as this on an out-of-state trip is a huge undertaking and required a tremendous amount of planning and fundraising. Mayor Hanson and several members of our wonderful community donated to the dance troupe for the trip. Because of these impressive wins, CIAA has been invited to the National Competition in Orlando. Teacher and Coach Deborah Walker and the student members of the team wish to thank each and every one of their supporters for making this trip possible for them. They put Covington on the [Tremaine](#) map and made us proud! #covingtonpride



CIAA Dance Troupe Coach Deborah Walker (L) is proud of the trophies her students won at the 2017 Dallas, Texas [Tremaine Dance Convention](#). The school's team has prepared and raised the necessary funding for the trip for several months. They thank all who helped them get there and we thank them for a job well done! They will continue working to prepare for their trip to Orlando this summer.

Covington High Spanish Honor Society Wins at Spanish Fair



Covington High School takes Grand Premio prize

On March 7, Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) hosted the 32nd Annual Spanish Feria inside the E.H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium on the Dyersburg campus. The Feria has become one of the capstone events for area high school students taking Spanish language and culture courses. Students from 13 local high schools competed in areas as diverse as crafts, cooking, video production, dictation, salsa dancing and poetry.

This year, approximately 397 students from Bradford, Brighton, Cooter, Covington, Fulton, Hickman County, Milan, Munford, Obion County Central, Ripley, South Fulton, South Pemiscot and Tipton-Rosemark Academy High Schools took part in the Feria. While CHS students won in many categories, CHS took the GRAND PREMIO! Events and results include:

Pottery, Model Building

1 st Place	Deacon Christian - Covington High School
2 nd Place	Elizabeth Pugh - Covington High School
3 rd Place	Tommy Cabral - Fulton High School

Paper Crafts

Honorable mention goes to Heaven Lipscomb and Andrea Smith from Milan High School

1 st Place	Jaylen Faulk - Covington High School
2 nd Place	Anyia Jones - Fulton High School
3 rd Place	Ashton Brown - Covington High School

Fiber and Fabric Crafts, Costumes, Clothing

1 st Place	Anna Nasan - Covington High School
2 nd Place	Elizabeth Pugh - Covington High School
3 rd Place	Sadie Warmack - Covington High School

Paintings, Drawings

1 st Place	Ashlen Lee - Covington High School
2 nd Place	Aubrey Zurhellen - Covington High School
3 rd Place	Anna Rose Smith - Covington High School

Carteles (Posters)

1 st Place	Logan Christian - Covington High School
2 nd Place	Dora Kradenpoth - Fulton High School
3 rd Place	Dynia La Shed Vinson - Fulton High School

Cartas de Identidad: (Name Tags) – School Award and Teacher

1 st Place	Fulton High School, Ms. Storey
2 nd Place	South Pemiscot High School, Ms. Shubert
3 rd Place	Covington High School, Ms. Matlock

Entremeses (Appetizers)

1 st Place	Sadie Warwick - Covington High School
2 nd Place	Alec Hestand - Hickman County High
3 rd Place	Lily McConnell - Brighton High School

Entradas (Main Course)

1 st Place	Eli Bradley - Ripley High School
2 nd Place	Cole Gray - Covington High School
3 rd Place	Destiny Dunlap, Leroy Garcia and Amiya Whiteside - Milan High School

CONVERSACION (Conversation)

Nivel III (Level III) – School Award

1 st Place	Covington High School
2 nd Place	Milan High School
3 rd Place	Fulton High School

SALSA DANCE

1 st Place	Moe Hayslett & Gracie Flanagan - Covington High School
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Covington Prepares for Spring Sports

Covington Parks and Recreation is getting ready for Youth Baseball & Softball set to begin seasons in April



Mayor Hanson inspects what he expects on one of Covington's baseball fields along with Parks and Rec Director Joe Mack (R) and Youth Sports Coordinator Chase Weston (L). Alderman Drew Glass also pitched in to help (below)



Covington Public Works crews are helping by cleaning up the premises, cleaning out dugouts, and taking off litter and debris. Director Joe Mack (below R) gives specific instructions for the cleanup.



Practices have begun (L) and 2017 seasons start soon. Opening Ceremonies for Covington Youth Baseball will be April 15.

The General Welfare and Public Relations Committee met at Covington City Hall on March 20 for their regular monthly meeting. Present were Committee Chairman Alderman Drew Glass, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman Jere Hadley, Alderman John Edwards, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Mack, Museum Director Barrie Foster, Mayor Justin Hanson, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, Echo Day, Margaret Fleming, Laura Fleming

No report from Airport today as Director Robin Anderson is at conference.

Director Joseph Mack – Parks and Rec

Youth Programs

Spring Soccer – **Coaches Clinic April 1st for all coaches**

Games start April 8

Handbook for coaches, parents, and players

Flag Football starts April 8 at Frazier Park

Handbook for flag football

All handbooks can be found on P & R website

Homerun Derby April 15

Community Relations

Mack went to CHS as result of invitation from Coach Coley. He taught PE classes Spikeball. He is also helping with CHS boys' soccer team.

Mack is also working with Tipton County Project Succeed – Crestview Middle, Boys and Girls Club, and CIAA. At these events, Mack taught Spikeball, soccer, kickball, flag football, and some basketball skills/drills. CIAA has also been to pool Stoke and Turn Clinic at pool along with junior lifeguard certification class at pool, during spring break. Call 476-3734 or 476-9178 for information

Just completed DSCC week

Working at Master Gardeners Expo at Brighton High this Saturday.

Minutes were distributed from Citizen Advisory Committee meeting February 23, 2017. Those minutes reflected:

- Lacrosse program led by Chris Davanzo is gaining in popularity
- Zach Cook reported that youth baseball has about 180 children registered for ages 3-12. Cook also reported that youth baseball is still losing some boys to travel teams and surrounding organizations.
- Lack of consistent transportation to Cobb-Parr Park, Sportsplex, and Pool is still obstacle for many children to become involved in activities that are offered.

Mack says he basically gives input to this committee and he takes their ideas and requests for the department. He opened the meetings to any citizen of Covington who wants to attend. These are held every 4th Thursday at Covington City Hall at 6:00 pm

CLS Outdoor Services (Atoka) certified playground installer, inspection and repair company. Just completed installation of software for all parks and horse stables. Should be all set for inspections. This company will be a certified company who can come in and make repairs. Mack will work out agreement with the owner of this company tomorrow – March 22

Michael Phelps Grant – we have been moved up in the grant selection process. Waiting to hear results.

Parks and Fields – Mack stated he knows there are complaints and concerns – particularly about the boys fields. He really wants this group to come to the field after this meeting and see what's going on right now. People are working there now. Games start April 15th. Mack knows people are very concerned fields won't be ready – but we are making progress and the fields will be ready for games to start in April.

Softball fields:

- Dragging fields and applying clay and infield mix

- Weeding; cleaning our storage areas and restrooms
- Turned on water and electricity in concession stands and restrooms
- Rekeyed locks
- Purchased new bases and home plates
- Lights on automation – TBD

Mack stated girls' fields have taken priority because middle school games – historically played on field behind CMS - have now started at Meuller Fields, so that became necessity. Glass asked if there is any kind of agreement with the schools for these middle school games. Mack stated there is not CURRENTLY a contract or any kind of agreement, but he is working on this and will bring draft for committee next meeting.

Baseball Fields:

- Tilling fields and applying clay and infield mix
- Turned on water and electricity in concessions and restrooms
- Cleaned out concessions stands
- Replaced and repairing fencing – and will continue
- Replacing air conditioning
- Rekeyed locks
- Fencing company coming out today to look at needed repairs

Adopt-A-Park

Shelton Park – Covington Rotary Club – Thursday April 20 1:30

Patriot Park – NSA MidSouth CPOA Friday April 21 1:30

Frazier Park – Frazier Alumni – April 20 3:30

Director Mack stated options for adopting a park are still available and he encourages all groups, civic organizations, neighborhoods, and individuals to adopt a park. Please contact Director Mack at 901-476-3734 for more information.

Tipton County Sports Hall of Fame

Plaques have been moved to display in Museum

Nomination rules posted on city website

- Anyone can nominate someone
- Board of Directors (Selection Committee)
- Voting Board Members made of HOF Members

Board of Directors MAY choose to honor a **TEAM** of the year for inclusion

Nomination packages due to Parks and rec by July 1, 2017

Glass asked who makes up the Board of Directors. The committee discussed how to replace deceased members and whether or not to expand the Board. Mack asked Edwards when voting members get together to vote. Edwards stated he will have to look that up and get back with Mack. Glass asked Mack to set a consistent date so members will know process from year to year. It was also recommended for Mr. Mack to consult with Karen Glass since she worked with this committee and the HOF event last year.

Again, Director Mack asked for all alderman, Mayor and others to take the trip to ball fields today to see the progress and allow him to explain some things. He is fully aware there are questions and concerns surrounding P & R taking them over, but assured the committee he will have the fields ready when the games begin. Director Mack went on to say not only his staff is working, but has also asked for support from Public Works. Glass also encouraged committee members to go to the fields and allow Director Mack to explain the progress and show the results. This is a new process for Covington Parks and Rec department, so Glass asks for people to be patient and get involved with Director Mack if they have questions. Glass says youth sports is truly a melting pot where all children in Covington play side by side with the same opportunities for learning and competing. Glass also volunteered his time in the process as well.

Edwards asked Mack clarification on the gym at the Sportsplex and asked if it has open hours. Mack said he has negotiated the time for the gym for basketball practice and games for the Sportsplex organized basketball league. Edwards encouraged the Board to spend the \$11,000 for use of the gym for open basketball times. Mack said he has requested new equipment and materials for basketball at Frazier Park – is waiting on results. Glass stated we have a lot of positives and are expanding our footprint by taking over the baseball and softball fields – now, we can have our own tournaments if we choose to. However, we have some work to do and additional resources to be brought in for baseball and softball. Director Mack said he is planning to have open gym during the summer for basketball. Mack stated the citizen advisory committee is also committed to strengthening youth basketball for Covington.

Glass motioned to accept Director Mack's report and Alderman Hadley seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Museum Director Barrie Foster

Veteran of the Month – Rudolph Boykin – reception was last week – over 100 people there. Mr. Boykin is also a retired City of Covington employee for 38 years. Next month's honoree is also a WW2 Veteran

Women's Month at Museum

- March 4 - Richard Reed lectured about Georgia O'Keeffe and then Director Foster led participants in painting O'Keeffe's Blue Morning Glories
- March 11 – Garden Historian Domonique Bellott talked about women landscape architects in “Women in the Garden”
- March 18 – Military Women Across the Nation presented Women's Military Service Through the Years

Richard Reed is teaching “Exploring Visual Design” on Tuesday nights from 6-8 for four weeks.

Director Foster and Archivist Onorati updated the children's education programs, with 8 new programs being added. New programs have been sent out to Tipton County Schools

May Festival will take place on May 6 from 10 – 3 and will include live music, children's activities, arts and crafts, vendors, food, line dancing, corn hole tossing, Civil War encampment, face painting, “Ask a Master Gardener” and “Meet a Local Veteran” **This is a FREE event.** Alderman Glass asked how May Fest is advertised. Foster said information is sent to both Chambers of Commerce, notifications appear on website and in newsletters, and banners and signs will be posted. Foster stated she also has some event sponsors this year.

Alderman Hadley motioned to accept Foster's report and Chairman Glass seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Edwards asked about contamination at airport and asked Mayor to clarify. Mayor said someone made a complaint in the fall and the State investigated and did testing. Their results, which were released this month, indicated there was minor clean-up required, and the proper protocols have been followed to do that. State officials have come back for follow up testing. Alderman Edwards asked if those were “our” chemicals, and Mayor Hanson stated it is his understanding they were not. Glass stated he did not want to discuss airport information today because Director Anderson was not here. Alderwoman Bommer stated there was material burned on the property which contaminated the soil. Edwards said he asked the question because the city was found in violation, not the director. Mayor Hanson stated he had been prepared to discuss the findings last week, but the meeting date was changed. Glass scheduled a meeting for Tuesday March 28 at 1:00 to discuss the airport report and information from Director Anderson. Meeting adjourned.



Dates to Remember

- March 25 – “Magic in the Garden” Lawn and Garden Show – BHS – 9:00 – 4:00 – Free admission!
- March 25 – Praise Celebration on the Square in Covington – 10:00 – 3:00. Scroll down for more info.
- March 27 – Adjunct Faculty Recruitment Job Fair – DSCC Covington – 5:00. Teach at DSCC!
- March 28 – Open Mic Night – DSCC Covington – 7:00 – Y’all Come!
- April 01 – Artist Series for Kids – 10:00 – Tipton County Museum – scroll down for more info....
- April 01 – **Warriors for Aerial** 5K Walk/Run – Cobb Parr Park in Covington – Call 476-4969 to register.
- April 04 – Coffee with the Mayor – 7:30 – 9:00 – Pappy & Jimmie’s – 749 N. Main Street – behind Subway
- April 04 - **Community Panel** – Appreciating the Diversity of Race, Religion and Culture in our Community – 11:00 – 12:30 – DSCC Covington - Baptist Memorial Health Care Academic Building
- 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 18 - Coffee with the Mayor – 7:30 – 9:00 – Pappy & Jimmie’s – 749 N. Main Street – behind Subway
- 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 22 – Farmers Market Opening Day – under the water tower in Covington
- April 25 and 26 – Annual Women in Business Conference – 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 – 7:00 Saturday nights!
- May 06 – **CASA 5K** – Munford Centennial Park - Scroll down for info or go to www.casatipton.org
- May 06 – MAYFEST at Tipton County Museum in Covington. 10:00 – 3:00 – FREE!
- May 11 – Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce Spring Fling Golf Tournament



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

[City of Covington](#)

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[Tipton County Schools](#)

[South Tipton Chamber of Commerce](#)

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

[Covington Aquatic Center](#)

[Tipton County Museum](#)

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

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March's "Tasty Tuesday" was at Covington Krystal



Every 3rd Tuesday, the Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce hosts a "Dutch treat" lunch at a randomly drawn Covington restaurant. Krystal in Covington was the March destination.

Enjoying March's Tasty Tuesday (L) are, Chamber Director Maleia Evans, Krystal Manager Malcolm Crawford, Chamber Administrative Assistant Sherri Bailey, Tipton County Court Clerk Mary Gaither, Chamber Assistant Director Lauren Fletcher, Chamber Board President Tracey Lavelle, and Keep Tipton County Beautiful Director Ruth Wallace.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 23, 2017

Contact: Amy Finch, Director of Public Information, 731-286-3347
Dyersburg State Community College

[DSCC to Host Panel on Diversity of Race, Religion and Culture](#)

Dyersburg, Tennessee – Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) will host a community panel entitled "**Appreciating the Diversity of Race, Religion and Culture in our Community**" **Tuesday, April 4**, from 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., inside the Baptist Memorial Health Care Academic Building Auditorium at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County. Local business, community and religious leaders, including Lt. Gen. John Castellaw, United States Marine Corp (retired), J. Houston Gordon, Attorney at J. Houston Gordon Law Office, Rev. Mario Hayslett, Community Fellowship and Worship Center, Rev. Gary Meade, Rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, and Zulfat Suara, President of the American Muslim Advisory Council Tennessee (AMACTN), will serve as panelists. Panelists will share how their different faiths and beliefs have similarities and how the community can work together to encourage tolerance and understanding of others. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Emily Pope at 731-286-3210 or pope@dsc.edu.

Covington Mayor Justin Hanson joined Parks and Recreation Director Joe Mack and Sportsplex Receptionist Betty Elam Thursday as they bid farewell to Mr. Ron Johnsey, who is leaving his position as fitness leader at the Sportsplex. Mr. Johnsey joined the staff there after retiring from Tipton County Schools in 2008. Before coming to Tipton County, where he taught at Crestview Middle School, he had a career in education which included Principal at Ripley Middle School.



VBLOC Students at CMS toured [Covington TCAT](#)

Volunteers Building Lives in Our Communities has been mentoring students after school at Crestview Middle School for 2 years. Visiting speakers this year have included Rev. Mario Hayslett, Youth Leader Brandon Armstrong, CFD's Mark Heaston, Chief Donna Turner, Dr. Lowell Winston of Northwest Tennessee Head Start, Parks and Rec Director Joseph Mack, Rotarian Winston Howard, and Tennessee College of Applied Technology Director Youlanda Jones. Thursday, the students toured the Covington [TCAT](#).



Director Youlanda Jones welcomed the students to the Covington facility. Students visited several classrooms and learned what programs are available.



OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

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**Please fax resume, salary history and references to
901-835-3133**

NO PHONE CALLS or EMAILS

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK

Company: Dozertrax USA
Location: Drummonds, TN
Date Posted: March 17, 2017
Rate of Pay: Hourly - Paid Weekly- Discussed in telephone interview
Benefits: Vacation Pay
Holiday pay

Dozertrax USA is an equal opportunity employer company that specializes in excavation and Gypsum Underlayment flooring. At Dozertrax USA, we pledge to provide distinctive quality and unparalleled customer service as we strive to gain the respect and trust of our customers, suppliers and partner vendors.

PRESENT NEED:

Dozertrax USA is currently seeking to hire an accounting professional with strong experience in Accounts Payable.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

The Accounts Payable Clerk will be responsible for all Accounts Payable functions for the company with the day to day activities of the company including, but not limited to, the following:

- Work closely with owner & CPA regarding budgeting, Year End & forecasting
- Issue vendor payments
- Reconcile monthly bank statements
- Enter invoices into JobPower accounting software
- Responsible for P & L, amortization schedule, generate financial reports, bank
- Maintain COI & W-9 on active vendors
- Match invoices to bills of lading/tickets, review all invoices, enter in accounting software and obtain approval prior to payment
- Process check requests
- Audit, process and reconcile credit card bills
- Renewal of contractor's license, permits, 2290, IFTA, & vehicle tag renewals
- Answer incoming phone calls and check voicemail daily
- Process 1099's
- Respond to vendor inquiries in a timely manner
- Responsible for month and year end closing
- Maintain A/P reports and vendor & A/P report filing
- Assist with other projects as needed

SECONDARY DUTIES

This position is responsible to back up for the Accounts Receivable position.

COMPETENCIES:

- Ability to work with management to meet deadlines
- Ability to Multi-Task – Self Disciplined/Motivated – Problem Solving
- Dependable – Punctuality
- Technical Competence
- Communication skills
- Integrity – Confidentiality a must

QUALIFICATIONS AND SPECIAL SKILLS REQUIRED:

- High School Diploma
- Minimum of 3 years of strong experience in accounts payables
- Working knowledge of MS Word and Excel
- Prefer working knowledge of JobPower Software, other accounting software or the Ability to quickly adapt and learn JobPower Accounting Software
- High volume data entry transactions experience

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS/ADA:

There are no unusual physical requirements in this position. All work is performed in an office environment. Applicant's workload will vary depending on incoming invoices, month and year end, but there are consistent routine deadlines. Applicant will experience some interruptions, occasional exposure to demands and requirement and requests from his/her immediate supervisor or CPA. The position frequently requires sitting, handling objects with hands, standing, walking, reaching, talking, hearing and lifting up to twenty-five (25) pounds.

Vision requirements: Ability to see information in print and/or electronically.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES: NONE

BACKGROUND CHECK PERFORMED AND REFERENCES REQUIRED



ADK met at Museum

On Tuesday, March 21st, the local chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa Professional Educator Sorority (ADK) had their meeting in the conference room at the Tipton County Museum. They were able to tour the museum and the gardens, as well as learn about upcoming programs. Learn more about programs at the Tipton County Museum [here](#) or call us at 901-476-0242

SPRING BREAK

SCHEDULE • OF EVENTS



Rates

Daily Rate: \$7.00 per person

Classes: \$50.00 per child

\$75.00 two children

\$100.00 3 or more

Contact Info

Liz Stambaugh,
Coordinator

(901) 476-9178

Master Swim 5:00 – 8:00am

Stroke and Turn Clinic 8:00 – 9:00 am

- This clinic is designed to teach participants the basics of the four competitive strokes and two competitive turns. Those who are interested in competitive swimming will benefit from this course.

Swimming Lessons: Level 1 9:00 – 10:00 am

- The course is designed to orient participants to the aquatic environment and to help them gain basic aquatic skills. Participants will also start learning about how to be safe around water.

Water Aerobics M –W– F 10:00 – 11:00 am

Junior Lifeguarding 11:00 – 1:00

- The American Red Cross Junior Lifeguarding is designed to guide youth to the American Red Cross Lifeguarding course by building a foundation of knowledge, attitudes, and skills for future lifeguards. This course DOES NOT certify participants but provides a basic understanding of first aid, CPR or AED, and lifeguarding. Participants will need to bring his/her lunch.

Open Swim 1:30 – 6:00

Water Aerobics M –Tu– Th 6:00 – 7:00 pm



Registration available online: visit www.covingtontn.com/aquatic-center

Tipton County Extension Master Gardeners

10th Anniversary

Lawn & Garden Expo

"Magic in the Garden"

Sat. March 25th

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
Or call Joellen at 901 476 0231

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in program and employment. Programs in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H
development, family and consumer science and resource development.



Lawn & Garden EXPO 2017

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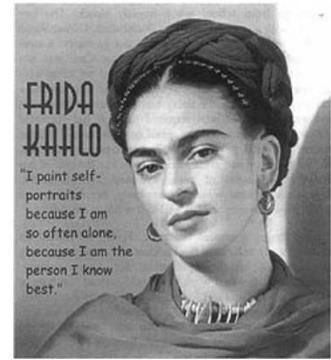
The Tipton County Museum Presents
Artist Series for Kids
Frida Kahlo

Saturday, April 1, 2017

10 a.m.—Noon

Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington

\$20 Museum Members, \$25 General Public



TIPTON COUNTY
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VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER

Museum Director and Professional Artist Barrie Foster will introduce Frida Kahlo to your children. They will learn where she was born and raised, and that she never had formal art training. They will then paint one of Frida's paintings in acrylics. All materials will be supplied. A snack will be provided and a sibling discount is available. Children 10 and up.

Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019

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Dyersburg State Community College

Community Panel

"Appreciating the Diversity of Race, Religion
and Culture in our Community"



Tuesday, April 4 • 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Baptist Memorial Health Care Academic Building Auditorium

DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County

Panelists Include:

Rev. Gary Meade, Rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church-Dyersburg (Moderator)

Lt. Gen. John Castellaw, United States Marine Corp (retired)

J. Houston Gordon, Attorney at J. Houston Gordon Law Office

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 22, 2017

Contact: Amy Finch, Director of Public Information, 731-286-3347
Dyersburg State Community College

Advising and Registration for DSCC's Summer and Fall Semesters

Dyersburg, Tennessee – Advising and registration for Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) summer and fall classes is now open for all current and prospective students.

Students who have not done so already may apply now to DSCC by visiting www.dsc.edu and clicking on the red 'Apply Now' button. Students are encouraged to meet with an advisor before registering and can do so by visiting www.dsc.edu and clicking on 'Future Students' and 'Make an Appointment.' Those who are enrolled this spring semester and are not working toward a degree do not need to meet with an advisor. Students are advised to sign up for classes early for best class selection.

The DSCC website also provides information on registration requirements, financial aid and degrees and programs available such as Agriculture, Advanced Integrated Industrial Technology (AIIT), Computer Information Technology, Criminal Justice, EMS and EMT-Paramedic, Health Information Technology, Nursing and more. Also available are popular transfer programs such as Teaching K-6, Business Administration, Chemistry, Pre-Physical Therapy and Pre-Occupational Therapy.

Students are encouraged to visit an Academic Success Center, located at each DSCC location, for assistance in their pre-college preparation. The Academic Success Center provides free tutoring, preparation for and actual testing out of learning support classes, and assistance in strengthening reading, writing and math skills. This free service is available to students year-round.

For more information, students may visit or contact a One Stop Center at the Dyersburg campus at 731-286-3350, the Gibson County Center in Trenton at 731-855-1419, or the Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County at 901-475-3100.

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Dyersburg State Community College is an open access, learning-centered institution that serves seven counties in West Tennessee. Founded in 1969, DSCC's vision is to elevate the region's educational attainment thereby enhancing the quality of life in West Tennessee. The home campus of DSCC is in Dyersburg, and centers are located in Covington and Trenton. DSCC offers Tennessee Transfer Pathways programs, career technical certificates and degrees; learning support courses, continuing education and public service programs. The college is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award the associate degree. Learning is enhanced by a variety of student organizations, international learning opportunities, state of the art technology and intercollegiate athletic programs.

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OPENING DAY

COVINGTON COURT SQUARE FARMERS MARKET

Saturday, April 22nd from 8am - 2pm



Find us under the water tower at 117 North Main Street!

Local FFA students will be selling plants.

Call 901 476 9727 for further details.

Save the Date!



2017 Spring Fling

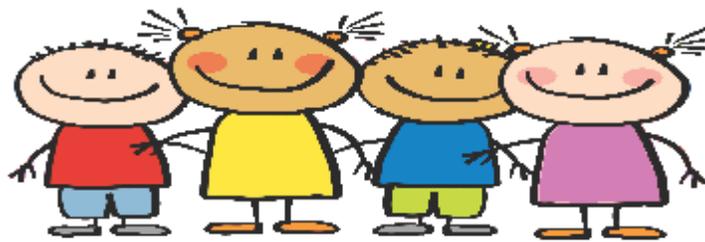
GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thursday, May 11th at the Covington Country Club





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 24TH – 29TH, 2017
CLEAN UP WALK – SATURDAY
APRIL 29TH 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 and
Covington Public Works on Facebook

**BECAUSE YOU CARE - SHOW YOUR PRIDE -
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(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**

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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



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Tipton County Relay for Life



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



**Unless someone like YOU
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Relay For Life of Tipton County

Please select one of the following:

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

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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.

Comments or special billing instructions:

Name (please print)

Authorized Signature

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

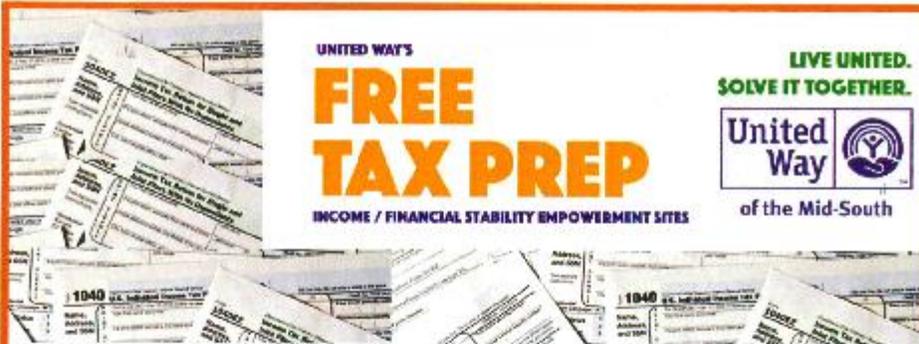
For more information, please contact:
Kristi Hubbard, Event Co-Chair
901-606-6737
Khubbard1972@gmail.com



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 1.800.227.2345

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Tipton County Public Library

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Covington, TN 38019

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Mondays, 2 pm – 6 pm

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MUSIC on the SQUARE

Please join us for the 2017 "Music on the Square" in Covington, Tennessee beginning April 29 and going through May 27. See complete schedule below.

All shows begin at 7:00.

- April 29 - *The Blues Disciples*
- May 06 - *Amber McCain*
- May 13 - *Cross Roads*
- May 20 - *Generation Gap*
- May 27 - *Boomer Nation*

Bring your lawn chairs and join the fun

NO COOLERS PLEASE
NO PETS PLEASE



Music
washes away from
the soul
the dust of
everyday life..

Berthold Auerbach

SAVE THE DATE!

DON'T BE LATE!

24TH ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION
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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

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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 7th 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

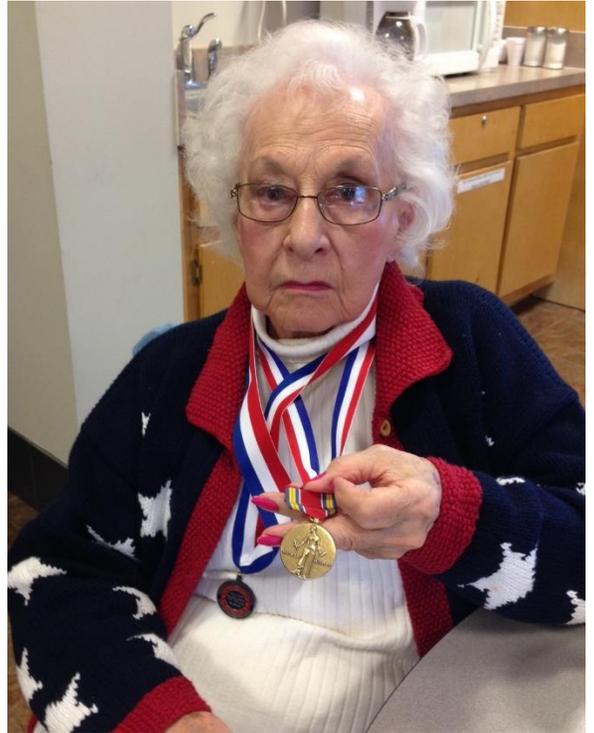
What's Happening at the Museum?

Recently, Tipton County Museum welcomed the interns of Lauderdale County Master Gardeners. Program Coordinator and Archivist Sherri Onorati (standing below) introduced Tipton County Master Gardener Sherl Rose who talked about the new pollinator bed in the herb garden behind the museum. After questions and answers, they all braved the rain to get a hands on look at the gardens in progress. Afterwards, Sherri gave everyone a tour of the exhibits inside the museum and refreshments were served.



Military Women Honored at Covington Museum

Last Saturday' morning, Military Women Across the Nation presented "Women's Military Service through the Years" at the Tipton County Museum. The program was moderated by Kathy Desjarlais, LCDR, SC, U.S. Navy, Ret. Presenters were Mrs. Charlotte Larson, WWII Navy Wave Corpsman (who wore her WWII Victory Medal and her WWII Commemoration medal), Mrs. Becky Dickinson, Vietnam Era Navy Wave Disbursing Clerk (DK), and Mrs. Priscilla Tucker, Navy Widow of a Vietnam Veteran and the Daughter of a Marine Veteran. Kathy also presented words from Marie Porter, PSC, USN, Retired, Personnel Support Chief Petty Officer, 1994 – 2016, who was unable to attend. Women performed military service in this country as far back as the Civil War, although they did not get credit for it.



Above Left: Kathy Desjarlais, LCDR, SC, U.S. Navy Ret. & Chairman of the Tipton County Veterans Council, Museum Director Barrie Foster, Mrs. Charlotte Larson, WWII Navy Wave Corpsman, Mrs. Becky Dickinson, Vietnam Era Navy Wave Disbursing Clerk, and Mrs. Pricilla Tucker, Navy widow of a Vietnam Veteran and Daughter of a Marine Veteran.

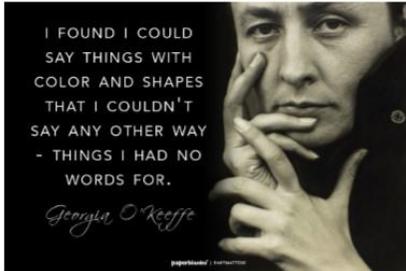
Above: Charlotte Larson shows her medals.
Left: Becky Dickinson spoke to the group.



Artist in Residence Richard Reed led the March 21st art class in creating and painting still-life paintings. He showed how three objects are more visually appealing than two, and he taught them the rule of thirds.



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

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(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!

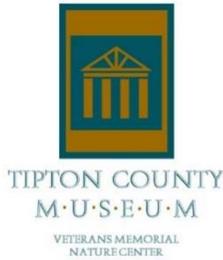
March is Women's History Month at the Tipton County Museum. A new exhibit titled "Good Work, Sister" features military women in America. This display includes a photo of Atoka resident Arline Gorham in her uniform during WWII, and the Navy uniform of Museum Archivist Sherri Onorati. The Tipton County 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 or 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>

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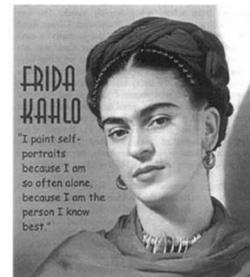
The Tipton County Museum Presents
Artist Series for Kids
Frida Kahlo

Saturday, April 1, 2017

10 a.m.—Noon

Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington

\$20 Museum Members, \$25 General Public



Museum Director and Professional Artist Barrie Foster will introduce Frida Kahlo to your children. They will learn where she was born and raised, and that she never had formal art training. They will then paint one of Frida's paintings in acrylics. All materials will be supplied. A snack will be provided and a sibling discount is available. Children 10 and up.

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**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.

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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



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**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.

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**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.