

Covington's Hydratrek is On the Move Worldwide

Hydratrek's first shipment of 2017 was shipped on Jan 10. This was a D2488B, two RAFTS, and other goods for **Irie Safari in Jamaica**. In a few short weeks, Wetland Tours will be offered as cruise ship excursions near the Black River. The second D2488B and hauling trailer will ship to Jamaica later the first week of April.

The first newly redesigned XTB66 unit was shipped to **ConocoPhillips in Alberta** on January 16. This unit has larger pontoons for improved flotation, side-mount storage boxes, improved rear seating, and looks great. We believe the XTB66 model will become very popular in 2017 with all of our global clients.

Craig Simonton participated in three days of filming and hunting with **Migration Nation** the week of January 16. This took place at **Full Contact Duck Club in Etowah, AR**, and over 85 waterfowl were harvested. Hydratrek is the title sponsor for the 2017 TV show, and it will air this fall on the Sportsman's Channel.

One of Hydratrek's customers in **Southern Illinois, Kim Bickett**, filmed a two-day excursion on his property with **National Wild Turkey Federation**. This happened in January, and it will air this summer. His XT66 Hydratrek was used as transportation, and it will be seen on the TV show.

On January 25, Hydratrek received confirmation of its first Land Tamer order since acquiring the company in the Fall of 2016. It's a total of 4 units, and they are going to an existing **Land Tamer Partner in China**. We are all very excited to book this order and looking forward to producing these units.

Lockheed Martin is an American global aerospace, defense, security and advanced technologies company with worldwide interests. They visited Hydratrek's personnel and facility on February 2. Lockheed Martin has a previous relationship with Land Tamer, and it pertains to the Squad Mission Support System program. This could be a significant development for Hydratrek Inc, and the future growth of the company. As of March 30, an RFI has been issued to Hydratrek for the first round of specifications and pricing.

The first newly redesigned D2488B unit was completed on March 1. This unit is packed with tons of new features, a new overall look, and much larger pontoons for improved water flotation. It's **Hydratrek's first sale to Alaska**, and it has shipped out the door.

Hydratrek will be featured on Tyler Farr's reality TV show, *A Little Too Far*, this spring on Go90 Internet TV. Several rounds of filming were done at Hydratrek and at Tyler's Chapel Hill farm over the winter.

As we move into spring and the annual wet season around the country, the company is receiving several new inquiries for rental equipment and sales opportunities.



Be sure to like Hydrotek, Inc. on Facebook and follow hydratekamphibious on Instagram.

The Leader in Me at CIAA was featured at Lion's Club



Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis asked representatives from Covington Integrated Arts Academy to be his guests at this week's Lions Club Meeting at the Covington Country Club. Above left, 8th grade teacher and CIAA's 2017 Teacher of the Year Shari Keough addressed the group and gave an overview of the culture and lifestyle of [The Leader in Me](#), which is based on Sean Covey's [The 7 Habits for Happy Kids](#). Above right, Student Lighthouse Team President Dasia Beard shared how TLIM has changed her and others at the school. After putting this culture to work at CIAA during the 2014 – 15 school year, [CIAA](#) was named a Tennessee Reward School by the State Department of Education.

Chief Buddy Lewis (L) and King Lion Walter Black (R) welcome Shari Keough, Dasia Beard, Chloe Sisk, and Mekiah Hayslett to the Covington Lion's Club Meeting

Crestview Middle Recognizes Students of the Month



Leanna Gray, Blake Travis, Kevin Earwood, Elizabeth Ballard, Kaylee Atkinson, and John Parks-Woods were named Students of the Month for March at CMS. They are pictured above with Principal Steve Maclin. Students are chosen for this honor because they go above and beyond minimum expectations and exhibit good character and leadership traits.



DSCC HOSTS DONOR SCHOLAR LUNCHEON – Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) hosted its annual Donor Scholar Luncheon for scholarship recipients and their respective donors March 30. The luncheon was held in the E.H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium on the Dyersburg campus. Scholarship recipient Julia Williams of Dyersburg was the student guest speaker during the event. Williams received the Dyersburg Breakfast Rotary Scholarship and the Forcum Lannom Contractors/Don Pennington Scholarship. Recipients thanked their donors with speeches at the luncheon (below).



Haley Johnston of Troy, TN



Reed Daniels of Dyersburg, TN



Malik Smith of Newbern, TN



Student Representative Julia Williams of Dyersburg, TN

TCAT Covington has office technology students that need internships. This is a FREE 5 week internship where the student needs to work Monday through Friday 8:00am til 2:30pm for 5 weeks. These students have certification in Microsoft office so they should be very proficient in all Microsoft software including Excel.

There will be students available on an ongoing basis throughout the year. This is a popular program so they have a lot of students. It is also self-paced, so there are frequently students ready for an internship.

If you could use someone in your office, please contact the instructor, Christie Hudnall. Her email is christie.hudnall@tcatcovington.edu

If you think you might have an opening soon, this might be a good way to try a candidate out first. Or if you don't have an opening, it's a way to help someone get experience while hopefully getting a few weeks of free help. If the student does not work out, you just let the school know. You don't have to keep them the full 5 weeks if there is a problem.

CFD Receives Grant



Covington Fire Department received a grant from FM Global to use for fire prevention education. Pictured above are Driver Jeremy Channel, Investigator Brad Dunavant, Captain Tommy Dunavant, Assistant Chief Richard Griggs, FM Global Consultant Engineer Jamie Beckham, Firefighter Cody Faulk, Firefighter Lee Wallace, and Firefighter Joshua Posey.

7th graders at CIAA have been working hard on Poetry Projects for the last several weeks. Students selected a poet they wanted to know more about and proceeded with research. They then created tri-fold displays – much like those used in science fairs – and placed poems on the display along with many details about the poem and two paragraphs about the poet they selected. The projects are on display at the school and the public is invited to come by and view them.



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

Dyersburg State Community College in Covington was the location for a panel discussion on race, religion, and culture in our community. Panelists included Reverend Gary Meade, Rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Dyersburg – who served as moderator for the panel, Zulfat Suara, President and Program manager for the American Muslim Advisory Council in Memphis, Lt. General John Castellaw, USMC retired, J. Houston Gordon, Covington Attorney, Reverend Mario Hayslett, Pastor at Community Fellowship Center in Covington and REDI Counselor at Covington High School, and Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis.



Dr. Karen Boyer (L) welcomed panelists and guests to the discussion at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center in Covington.



Reverend Meade moderated the panel discussion and asked for questions from the audience.



Each panelist gave a brief review of their beliefs and experiences in life that have led to their current, insightful thinking. Audience members were encouraged to ask questions and make comments to the group. The general consensus is that the program was well received and guests enjoyed listening, interacting, and learning from the experience.

Mayor Justin Hanson and Workforce Development Coordinator Robin Sealy Were special guests of VBLOC at CMS



Mayor Justin Hanson and Workforce Development Coordinator Robin Sealy spoke to students at Crestview Middle School about preparing for their future. VBLOC – Volunteers Building Lives in Our Communities - consists of a few volunteers who are working with students after regular school hours to promote good habits for success, such as planning, self control, being proactive, practicing good health habits, and perseverance. Many community leaders have worked through VBLOC to speak with and motivate the students this year.



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OF OUR CHILDREN.”
- WALTER ELIAS DISNEY

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April Proclaimed as Child Abuse Prevention Month

A large crowd gathered on the steps of the Tipton County Courthouse April 6th to witness County Executive Jeff Huffman proclaiming April as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** in Tipton County



The event is sponsored by the [Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse in Tipton County](#)



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Dante Thompson, Covington High School Junior, will soon be packing his bags and Truong Phan also of CHS is \$75 richer! Why you ask? Dante won 1st place and Truong came in 2nd place in the Southwest Tennessee Electric Creative Writing & Scholarship Competition that was presented to the junior class at Covington High School. Students are selected for Washington Youth Tour by writing a short story titled “Electric Cooperatives—Going Beyond the Wires” that explains how co-ops provide communities with much more than electric power.

Truong was very excited that he earned a \$75 cash prize for second place in the contest and Dante is ecstatic about his first-place win. Dante will be traveling with other juniors from around the state of Tennessee on the Washington Youth Tour. WYT is an all-expense paid and guided tour to Washington D.C. in June, 2017.

Washington Youth Tour/Creative Writing and Scholarship Competition is offered to public high school juniors in the Southwest Tennessee Electric Membership Corporation (STEMC) service area. Dante chose to take advantage of this remarkable opportunity and won a week-long trip to our nation’s capital. He could also have the chance to compete to become the spokesperson for the Tennessee Youth Leadership Council and a chance to win a \$10,000 scholarship. Who knew a simple short story, less than 900 words, about local electric cooperatives could open such doors of opportunity?

“We recognize how important it is to prepare the next generation of rural leaders”, said STEMC Communications & Community Outreach Specialist, Tina Morris, “We could not do this without the support we receive from area schools and teachers. We would especially like to thank Covington High School English teachers for their participation in WYT Creative Writing & Scholarship Competition and their support of this program throughout the years.”

Among activities filling the trip agenda are tours of Washington, D.C. and all its landmarks, memorials and museums. Highlights include the Smithsonian Institution, White House, U.S. Capitol, Mount Vernon and Monticello. Students will learn about government and cooperatives and develop their leadership skills. Each day of the Washington Youth Tour will bring impressive sights, opportunities for photos and lots of memories.



**Covington High School Assistant
Administrators Ellen Clark (L) and Brandi
Blackley (R) congratulate CHS students
Dante Thompson, 1st place winner, and
Turong Phan, 2nd place.**



DSCC Baseball earns #1 spot in Division 1 of the National Junior College Athletic Association

Dominating the average. It's a message that Head Baseball Coach Robert White at Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) and his staff have tried to instill in their players since they came on board last fall. With a 29-3 overall record and an 11-0 conference record so far, the message seems to be getting through with the March 28 announcement that the Eagles have earned the College's first-ever No. 1 spot in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I Poll.

The Eagles have been chipping away at the NJCAA Division I Poll, initially breaking in at No. 25 with a 12-2 overall record in late February. Over the next few weeks, the wins kept coming as well as a No. 3 ranking March 7 and a No. 2 ranking announced March 14 – all during an impressive 17-game winning streak. However, the biggest accomplishment to date was when the team earned the coveted No. 1 position.

For sophomore catcher Bentley Jones of Brighton, the recent hype around being No. 1 does not make him feel any different. "Obviously we want to win it all this year," states Jones. "We know we're No. 1 right now, but we're just playing like we always do, day in and day out, one game at a time. The amount of success we have is a byproduct of us loving the game so much. Our team's love for the game of baseball is what makes us so successful."

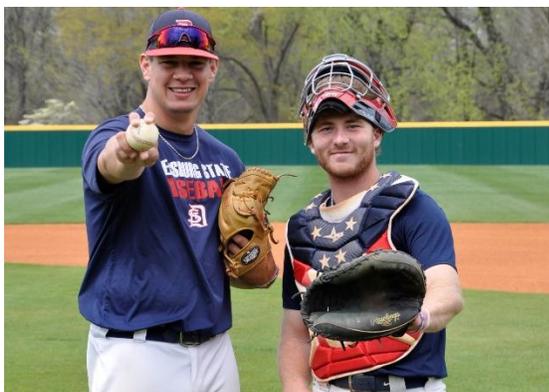
Coming off the previous season as the reigning Tennessee Community College Athletic Association (TCCAA) Region VII Champions, the Eagles started the year on another high note with a No. 25 ranking in the Perfect Game Junior College (JUCO) Poll in early March. DSCC's JUCO ranking has continued to rise to the No. 9 spot this week.

"The guys are taking it one game at a time and executing the small things correctly," states Coach White. "I can't tell you how many games we've won just because we played really good, clean and fundamental defense. Also, the level of talent has increased consistently over the years. All of this, plus a little bit of good luck, has gotten us where we are today as a team."

That sentiment is reiterated by sophomore pitcher Kolton Childress of Brighton. "We work hard on perfecting the basics as a team every single day," states Childress. "When we leave the field we hear the buzz about how good we are - and it does make us proud - but when we're on the field, it's just like we're at home and comfortable. Our team is doing a great job at staying focused and not letting the wins make us feel too confident. We know that anything could change at any given time."

Earlier in the year, Coach White celebrated a career milestone with his 500th win March 4 with a come-from-behind 7-6 win against Southwest Tennessee Community College. Deep into his 16th season at DSCC, Coach White explains that while the wins and college-firsts are exciting, he makes sure that his players know that the word "student" always comes first in student-athlete. "Every one of these guys has aspirations to either play Division I or pro ball," states Coach White. "The first thing we ask when recruiting is how they are doing academically. We talk about academics from day one and how important their grades are and earning a credential from Dyersburg State."

"Last year was memorable with DSCC winning the TCCAA/NJCAA state baseball tournament and Coach White being named as Region VII Coach of the Year," states Dr. Karen Bowyer, DSCC president. "This year is incredible with 500 wins for Coach White and being ranked No. 1 in the nation. Our players are top-notch students and athletes! We are so proud of them!"



The DSCC Eagles baseball and softball schedules can be located at www.dsc.edu/athletics/baseball and www.dsc.edu/athletics/softball

Left - Pitcher Kolton Childress and catcher Bentley Jones are sophomores from Brighton, Tennessee.

Dates to Remember

- April 08 – [GO LUCY GO DAY](#) in Covington. Race begins at 9:30, live music & food on the square begin at 11:00, & swim meet at 3:00. Don't miss this day of fun and celebration for [GLG](#). Scroll down...
- April 08 – Paradise Baptist Church Children's Carnival - Simonton Street – 10:00-12:00 - Scroll down...
- April 08 – The Creative Spirit lecture by Artist in Residence Richard Reed – Tipton County Museum in Covington. 10:00. Scroll down for more info.
- April 11 – All American Concert – DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center in Covington – 6:00 – FREE!
- April 15 – Bird Watching for Beginners with Biologist Katrina Moeller – Tipton County Museum – 10:00 – noon. Scroll down for more information
- April 15 – Homerun Derby – Cobb-Parr Park at Whitley Field – call 901-476-3734 for information
- April 18 – Tasty Tuesday – Milano's on the Square – Dutch treat at noon – y'all come!
- April 18 – Women's Conference – DSCC Lannom Conference Center – Dyersburg – 9:00 – 3:00
- 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! Scroll down.....
- 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](#)
- May 20 – Court Square Car Show – more info coming soon!
- June 1-2-3 – Covington Bar-Be-Que Festival - <http://www.covingtontn.com/bbq-festival.html>



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

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[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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Mr. Mooney's Challenge Class at Crestview Middle School recently toured the studio of WMCTV Action News 5 in Memphis, and learned about the news room, the audio/visual and master control rooms, and the studio. The students also met Mrs. Kym Clark, news anchor, and Brittany Bryant was also on hand to talk about meteorology and how weather information is displayed on television. Several students had an opportunity to read a news story using a teleprompter and sat behind the news desk.



CFD Helps in Many Ways



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The Tipton County Museum

Presents

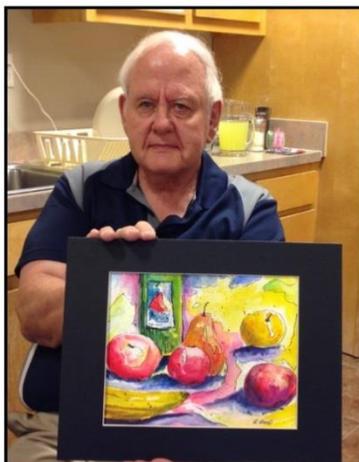
The Creative Spirit

A lecture by Artist in Residence

Richard Reed



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VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER



Saturday, April 8, 2017

10 a.m.— Noon

Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington

Free to Museum Members, \$5 General Public

Please join us as Richard explores the creative spirit, and how it is within all of us as to create beautiful works.

Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center
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DSCC to Offer College Preview Days in April

Dyersburg, Tennessee – Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) will host a **College Preview Day** event for incoming students at all DSCC locations in April. Potential students, including high school seniors, are encouraged to attend and begin the college application process for fall 2017.

Prospective students can attend this event to receive assistance with applying for college, completing financial aid documents and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students will be able to use the College's computer labs to sign up online. They will also have the opportunity to obtain information regarding DSCC programs, tutoring, student life and organizations, and to take a tour of each location.

The events will be held Thursday, April 6, from 5:30-7 p.m., inside the Student Center at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County (Covington); Tuesday, April 18, from 5:30-7 p.m. at the DSCC Gibson County Center (Trenton); and Thursday, April 20, from 5:30-7 p.m., inside the Student Center on the DSCC Dyersburg campus. To register or for more information, students are encouraged to contact Margaret Jones, assistant director of Admissions, at 731-286-3327 or mjones@dsc.edu.

**The Dyersburg State Community College Choirs
Present**

All-American Concert



**Tuesday, April 11
6:00 p.m.**

**DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County
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Auditorium**

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3rd Annual Women's Conference

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The Tipton County Museum
Presents
BIRD WATCHING FOR BEGINNERS

By
Biologist Katrina Moeller

Saturday, April 15, 2017

10 a.m.—Noon

Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington

Free to Museum Members, \$5 General Public



TIPTON COUNTY
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VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER



We have more than two dozen species of birds at the Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center here in Covington, and Katrina will teach you how to spot every one of them! She will share tips to getting started, including wearing comfortable clothing and packing binoculars and a journal. Katrina received her Master of Science degree in Biology from Eastern Kentucky University and has been a birder for five years.

There will be plenty of time for questions, and refreshments will be served.

The Tipton County Museum
751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019



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April 18th Tasty Tuesday is Noon at...



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DSCC College Preview Days

**April 6 - DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center
at Tipton County**

April 18 - DSCC Gibson County Center

April 20 - DSCC Dyersburg Campus

**Receive information on admission,
financial aid, student organizations and
programs of study and take a tour!**

For more info, contact Tracie Langley at 731-286-3324



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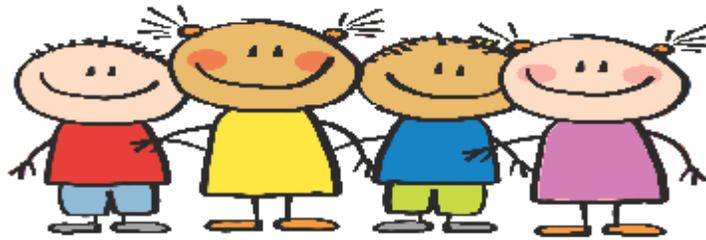


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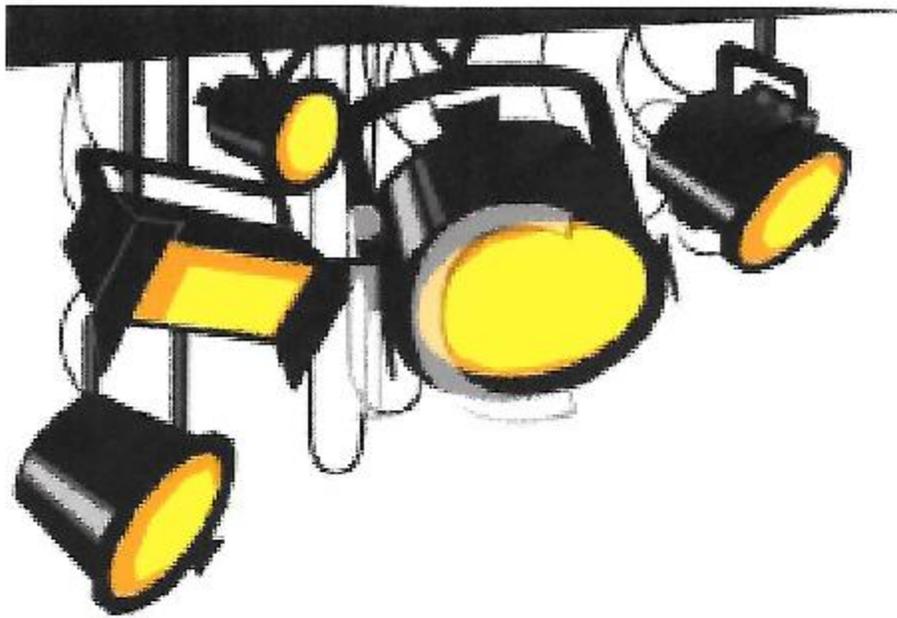
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Kindergarten Registration

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

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♥ Welcome to
Kindergarten



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



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1378 Union Avenue
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Kristi Hubbard, Event Co-Chair
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Khubbard1972@gmail.com



relayforlife.org/tiptontn
cancer.org
1.800.227.2345

Relay for Life of Tipton County Sponsorship Opportunities



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
THE MAD HATTER'S LIP SYNC BATTLE

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

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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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May 6th, 2017

Race starts at 8:00 AM

Munford Centennial Park

Pre-Registration \$25

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Tipton County Museum

May Festival

Saturday, May 6, 2017

10 a.m.—3 p.m.

751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN

(901) 476-0242

Free Event

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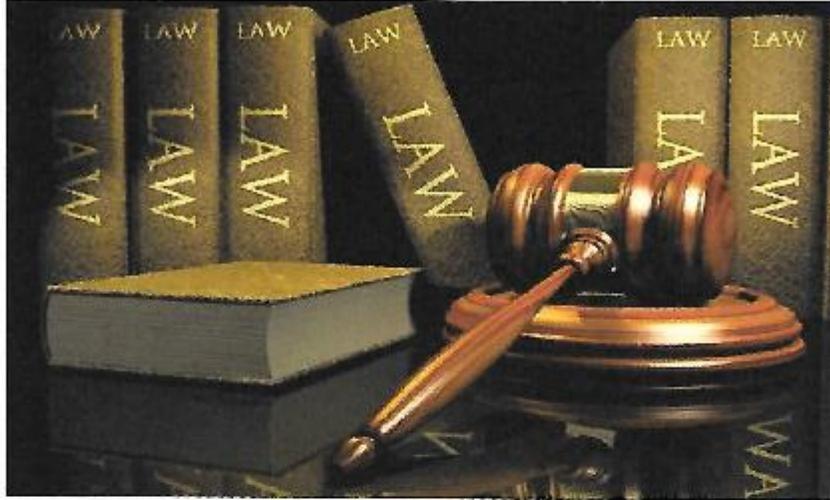
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STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

ASK A MASTER GARDENER

MEET A LOCAL VETERAN

**Need Legal Advice?
FREE LEGAL CLINIC**



**May 20, 2017
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

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



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

A promotional graphic for Covington, Tennessee. At the top, the word "COVINGTON" is written in large, bold, serif letters. Below it, the tagline "THE CENTER OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY IN THE HEART OF TIPTON COUNTY" is written in a smaller, all-caps font. A bulleted list of seven points highlights the city's strengths: Industrial and Manufacturing Center of Tipton County, Beautiful Historic Town Square, Expanding Retail Business Opportunities, High Performing Schools and Two Institutions of Higher Learning, Infrastructure and Support for Industrial and Business Development, Friendly Community full of Good People, and Mayor and City Leaders with a Vision for Positive and Productive Leadership. At the bottom, there are three inset images: a portrait of a man in a suit, a large American flag on a tall pole, and an aerial view of a modern industrial or commercial building complex. The background features a faint circular seal with the text "EST. 1825".

The Library Corner



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APRIL

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED APRIL
14th & 15th

BOOK CLUB

With Malice

By Eileen Cook

April 11th 1:00-2:00pm

April 20th 7:00-8:00pm

Copies are available @ the front



FREE TAX PREP

January 23—April 12

2:00 - 6:00pm

Provided by United Way

For appointments call 415-2790

Walk-ins welcome

Coloring
for Adults



April 18th

1:00—2:00p.m.

MOVIE DAY
(Ages 18 & up)
@ 1:00P.M.

Ben Hur—April 4th [PG-13]

124min.

Passengers - April 25th [PG-13]

116min.



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<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-5537698>



Register your Kroger Plus card at Kroger.com and select the Friends of the Tipton County Public Library #19657.



Join us for our
Monthly Meeting
April 20th @ 7:00pm



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These happy youngsters (left) participated in the Tipton County Library’s “Tweens” Program. In the latest edition, the kids decorated Easter Eggs and then had an Easter Egg hunt. This is just one of the many programs the library offers people in our community. You can support your local library through Amazon Smile and Kroger! What an easy way to keep this wonderful community asset going!

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Covington High’s Total Youth Leadership class visited with Mayor Hanson



“Why did you choose to run for Mayor?” and “What do you like best about being mayor?” were just a few of the questions these bright young leaders from Covington High School’s Total Youth Leadership class asked Mayor Hanson in an interview Friday. Mayor Hanson encouraged them to communicate well, stay focused, explore a variety of options, put first things first, and take care of themselves as they go out into the world and take the next step in preparing for the rest of their lives.

What's Happening at the Museum?

Check it out.... *Tipton County Pulse*

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



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!!!!*



**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"



Artist Series for Kids in Full Swing at the Tipton County Museum



April 1st was another series in the Artist Series for Kids at the Tipton County Museum in Covington. Barrie Foster, Museum Director and Artist, taught the class on Frida Kahlo. Barrie talked about Frida's life, and how she was in pain for most of her life. She showed everyone Frida's painting of watermelons, "Viva La Vida" and asked the students if it could be a self-portrait. The students then painted Frida's painting in acrylic paint. The next in the series is June 10th. The kids will learn about French artist Henri Matisse.



Tipton County Museum Director and Artist Barrie Foster Donated “Rainbow the Happy Goat” for Millington Auction

Artist Barrie Foster has contributed a painting for auction to the Millington Arts Council Silent Auction. Original artwork has been created and donated by local artists to support art scholarships. Please [click here](#) to see the works and make your bids!



MUSEUM DOLLARS



TIPTON COUNTY
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VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER

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

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

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



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

Russell Leon Goforth

PFC Russell L. (Leon) Goforth was born in 1925 in Covington, Tennessee, and spent his childhood in Tipton County. He was inducted into the U.S. Army on 25 January 1944, and entered into active service on 16 February 1944 from Camp Forrest, Tennessee. He was initially trained as a 90mm antiaircraft gunner at Ft. Stewart, Georgia, but was sent from there to Washington, D.C. where he guarded an unknown fenced-in building for three months! After six weeks of infantry training at Camp Gordon, Georgia, he headed to Ft. Meade, Maryland where he boarded the Queen Mary for an ocean voyage from New York City to Glasgow, Scotland. Several trains and ship voyages later, he arrived at his final destination in The Ardennes, Belgium.

The snow was more than knee deep, and his unit was not equipped with boots or clothes for that kind of sustained cold weather. His unit moved at night, loaded on 4 x 6's, (some one way and some another) and headed to a "rest area" – an area with pits dug in the ground covered with poles and tarps for 2 people to lie down in. They literally burned gas for light by putting a wick in the can and setting the wick on fire. They rotated back and forth from the front to the rest area for about three months. At the rest area they were able to have field food, but at the front they ate C-rations. Time on the front lines varied – sometimes they were there up to three weeks. While at the rest area, he had shifts patrolling at night looking to contact the enemy. While on patrol, he wore a white cape in the two feet of snow so he would be almost invisible.

Eventually a medic came by and discovered that Leon had severely frost-bitten feet and ordered him to a field hospital. By that time, his feet had already turned black. The field doctors transferred him to a hospital outside London where he received his Purple Heart Medal. As he recovered, they found open wounds on his foot which they suspected were from shrapnel. They evacuated him across the English Channel to Paris, then via troop train to Baumholder, Germany, where his duty was to guard a wine cellar for a General! From there he headed to Czechoslovakia. After camping in the field for a while, he received orders for the South Pacific Theater via the U.S., where he attended "Cook and Bakery" School in Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. While he was in San Antonio, the atom bombs were dropped on Japan, and his orders were cancelled.

He was discharged from the Army at the Discharge Center at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas on 28 January 1946 then had to hitch-hike home to Covington, Tennessee. He used the GI Bill to build his home; and, in 1947 he married his sweetheart, Lorraine Mills, who he met at church. They had three children (he lost his son last year.) They have two grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. In addition to the Purple Heart Medal, he was awarded the World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Theatre Ribbon, and European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon with Three Bronze Service Stars. Leon enjoyed his civilian life where he worked a variety of jobs, including at Dobson Flour Company in Covington, the Coca Cola Bottling Company, Turner Dairy, and Shells' Limbs and Braces. He and Lorraine are members of Holly Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Leon was nominated for Veteran of the Month by Vernon Jerry Covington.

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