

## GO LUCY GO Day in Covington

This is not about us – it's about children and their families who are going through the toughest of experiences. They are afraid and heartbroken and away from home. They need us - and last weekend, Covington responded by hosting the annual GLG 5K-10K race, **plus** a day of fun for everybody making it the first GO LUCY GO **DAY**.

The Go Lucy Go Foundation is dedicated to serving children and families facing the diagnosis of a brain tumor, providing comfort and support as they face the most important fight of their lives. The Foundation has made gifts that touch every level of patient experience, such as placing refrigerators in each room of the Neurosurgery floor, establishing a "take what you want" Ladybug Library for hospital patients, providing monthly meals to hospital families. The Foundation has also supported hospital operations by buying rehabilitation equipment and sending nurses to critical training seminars across the country.

In recent months the Go Lucy Go Foundation has used funds raised to fly patients in from foreign countries such as Africa and Haiti to undergo life-saving brain surgeries. While here, GLG has supported these families with housing, food and living expenses. An iPad Learning Center has been created for use by patients and families during their stay at the Neuroscience Institute.



Before the festivities began, Mayor Justin Hanson presented Lucy Krull a key to the city. Congressman David Kustoff (L) and Lucy's parents Kate and Erik Krull (R) looked on.



It was a beautiful day for the event and a large crowd gathered on the square for the race and festivities.



Covington Public Works crews were on hand to help keep things clean and safe.



Friends came together for the common goal of supporting the [Foundation](#). It was very impressive to see runners come from near and far to participate.



Runners of all ages came to Covington from all around the Mid-South and they ran/walked through our streets for the 5k /10k. [Click here to see all winners.](#) There were 820 participants in the race and 35 swimmers at the swim meet. GLG raised \$38,000 from the event. **THANK YOU!**



Volunteers with the organization worked to hand out water to runners (above), organize the children's race (below left), and distribute apparel and supplies (below right), among *many* other things.





After the races, there was food, music, and fun for everyone.



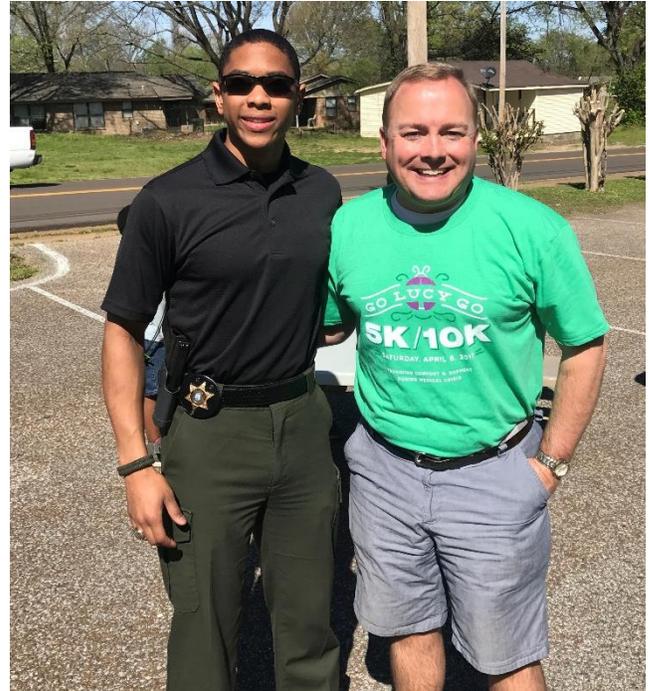
It was a great day for the Go Lucy Go Foundation *and* Covington. A good time was had by all!

# Paradise Baptist Church Held Annual Children's Carnival

Paradise Church holds this street carnival every year to bring community children together to meet our city leaders and public servants, such as police officers and fire fighters, and is open and free for all. Participants learn fire prevention and safety procedures. It has had a positive effect in the community and throughout the county. It is an endeavor of love from the members who volunteer to provide the community service event, so every contribution or gift of service is greatly appreciated.



Paradise Baptist Pastor Shelia Bryant (above) welcomed people to the event and made announcements. Mayor Hanson (R) also welcomed guests and visited with the crowd.



Families were able to visit with community leaders and public servants, such as Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis.



Elijah Thomas was the sound man and provided music for the carnival



Pastor Bryant welcomed members of the Tipton County Sheriff's and Covington Police Departments.



Dyersburg State Community College set up an informational booth for guests.



Keep Tipton County Beautiful supplied backpacks for the children and various donors gave school supplies and other "goodies" to fill them up!



## Mayor Hanson Spoke at "Pastor Love Day" at Salem Baptist



Mayor Justin Hanson was a special guest speaker at Salem Baptist Church Sunday as they celebrated "Pastor Love Day" in honor of Pastor T. Ray Greer. Pastor Greer will celebrate his 13<sup>th</sup> year at the church in July.

## Crestview Elementary Students Challenged to Read

Mrs. Caroline Nelson, Crestview Elementary Librarian, recently challenged students in grades 2-5 to read as many chapter books as possible from March 1-23 in honor of **Read Across America Week**. Students had to pass an accelerated reader test with a score of at least 80% after reading each chapter book as well as complete a reading log. The Top Chapter Book Readers from each grade level were awarded prizes. The Top Chapter Book Reader in the school, Jack Mack, read 50 chapter books and won a new Kindle Fire tablet for his outstanding achievement. The top readers read a combined total of 303 chapter books during the challenge.



## Congressman David Kustoff Held Special Meeting in Covington with Law Enforcement Officials



Flanked by Senator Mark Norris, Representative Debra Moody, and Tipton County Sheriff Pancho Chumley (L), Congressman David Kustoff addressed lawmakers, mayors, attorneys, and law enforcement officials Monday at The Chamber Center in Covington. The event was a question/answer session for the officials so he could gather information from constituents.

## New Boys & Girls Club CEO & Board Members met with Mayor



Mayor Justin Hanson invited new Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region CEO James Moore, along with Board President Joey Caldwell and Board member Morgan Davanzo, to in his office to get to know Mr. Moore and determine his plans for the local organization here in Covington. The City of Covington provides the building for the Covington club on a 40-year lease, which was brokered last year. Mr. Moore has extensive experience with the Boy Scouts of America and is excited about the opportunities to grow and expand the Boys and Girls Club in Covington.

## Jumping Rope for Heart



Crestview Elementary PE teachers Clint Arthur, Eva Dale Williams, and Jake Winberry (L) organized and sponsored "Jumping Rope for Heart" at the school. Above, first graders are fulfilling their responsibility by actually jumping the ropes. The event is a fundraiser for the American Heart Association. This is a win-win because the children benefit from the exercise and the association benefits from the donations. Donations can be given at the school at 151 Mark Walker Blvd in Covington or call 901-840-9300.

The regular meeting of the General Welfare and Public Relations Committee took place on Tuesday, April 11, at 1:00 at Covington city Hall. Present were Chairman Alderman Drew Glass, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman Jere Hadley, Airport Director Robin Anderson, Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Mack, Museum Director Barrie Foster, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, City Attorney Rachel Witherington, Mayor Justin Hanson, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, and Margaret Fleming

Chairman Drew Glass called meeting to order at 1:00 with quorum present and called on Director Robin Anderson to proceed with his report.

Airport Director Robin Anderson:

- Fuel sales – covered February and March – holding up well, but slightly down. February 1800 gallons sold - up a little from last February. March 2334 gallons sold – down a little from last March. April fuel sale on track and going well
- Airport pavement – rehabilitation project. Bids were open on April 6 – low bidder is VuCon from Memphis - bid in phases = \$606,604.75, \$36,842.50, \$137,966.00 for a total of \$781,413.25. Anderson stated he hopes to get started somewhere around the first of May. He will let committee know when paving project will begin when he gets an exact date.
- Hangar lease agreement – Anderson had a new lease that he submitted for committee approval. Once approved, Anderson stated he will get to all tenants for signatures. Anderson stated Baker Flying Service has a long-term lease (5 years) that is different from the current proposed lease under consideration today. Attorney Witherington stated the hangar lease up for consideration has been reviewed is ready for Board approval. Chairman Glass asked if a copy could be distributed to the F & A committee for approval next week so Anderson can get the leases distributed ASAP. Glass motioned to move the discussion of the hangar lease to the F & A meeting next week for a vote. Hadley seconded. Attorney Witherington stated she will email all Board members a copy of the lease. Motion passed unanimously.
- Anderson made a request for improvements to the airport which included stripping and waxing the floors and cleaning the carpet. AKC Janitorial Services submitted a bid for \$521 to strip and wax and \$122 to clean carpets for a total of \$643. Glass asked Anderson if he had money in his budget for general maintenance, and he stated he can do that. Anderson also stated he would like to get painting bids later. Glass asked if there are grants for long-term renovation of the terminal building and Anderson stated there must be a definitive need for anything grants are written for. Right now, it could use a touch-up here and there and that is what he is requesting. Glass stated if the money is in the budget, there is no motion needed.
- Airport Advisory Committee – Anderson submitted 7 names for the committee. Those names are W.T. Bailey, Tom Cheairs, Greg Ford, Mike Beasley, Mike Hopkins, Cecil Criss, and Kenneth Hamblin.

Alderman Hadley motioned to approve Anderson's report and Glass seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Mack was called on to give his report

- Flag Football started last Saturday – a great day in the city of Covington – great turnout for flag football at Frazier Park
- Soccer also began last Saturday at Baltzer Field with a good turnout.
- Homerun Derby is scheduled for this Saturday, April 15 at 2:00 – Ages are 14 and under and 12 and under. Sign up as you show up.
- Softball fields at Mueller Brass and Baseball Fields at Cobb-Parr Park – department has outsourced field maintenance for these fields for the remainder of the year.
- Parks – Mack met with CEDC and requested funds from Project Play Account for improvements and repairs at Project Play in Cobb-Parr Park. Mack also updated the committee about safety requirements on playground equipment. CEDC requested for Mack to get shipping costs reduced before their approval. Alderman Glass asked for a time frame – Mack said as soon as CEDC approves funding (about \$8000), he intends to get started immediately. Glass asked if we could get mulch in mud holes in the interim until these permanent repairs can

be made. Mack stated he expects to hear back from CEDC today and he will get mulch ordered specifically approved for playgrounds - providing CEDC approves. Attorney Witherington asked about slide supports and Mack said they are there, but are in the wrong locations, therefore requiring a move. CLS certified playground inspectors and Mr. Mack have surveyed our parks and made these requests as a result

- Frazier Park – Mack reported several safety concerns there, as well, and Mack gave specific areas for immediate attention and adjustments, such as removing the camel and turtle from the swing zone. Price for Frazier Park improvements is \$7714.03. Attorney Witherington suggested making these improvements a priority for the city, particularly because these requests come as a result of certified inspections.

Alderman Hadley made a motion for Mack to proceed with both projects (Project Play and Frazier Park playground). Alderwoman Bommer seconded. Alderwoman Bommer asked for clarification on “starting immediately” and Mack said just as soon as he gets approval and funding (CEDC), he will get started on these changes. Mack stated he thought the turtle and camel would be attractive at the entrance to the playground at Frazier Park and Alderwoman Bommer stated he could put them there. Motion passed unanimously.

- Adopt a Park – Shelton Park – Covington Rotary Club – April 20 1:30
- Patriot Park – NSA Mid-South – April 21 10:30
- Frazier Park – Frazier Alumni Association – April 20 3:30

Glass stated there are 2 areas of concern still to be addressed

Erosion at softball fields between concrete and steps– Director Mack has spoken with Director Gray and CPW is going to take care of that – most likely today.

Other issue is fence on Field 3 – Mack stated he has that inspected and will be repaired as soon as fencing repairmen returns from vacation.

Glass also asked about pumps in fountains at Shelton Park and Park on the square – Mack is investigating whether to repair or replace.

Glass also asked about spraying in parks to help prevent weeds. Mack said he is working with Director Gray on this and Gray is currently experimenting with a spraying process. Glass stated the appearance of our parks is important to him and suggested looking at budgeting for a full time grounds maintenance person. Mack said he has had those discussions with Mayor Hanson already.

Chairmen Glass moved to accept Director Mack’s report and Hadley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Bommer expressed her appreciation for Director Mack’s work as director of Parks and Recreation Department.

Museum Director Barrie Foster

- Veteran of the Month celebration at Museum last night – WWII Veteran Russell Leon Goforth of Covington was honored
- Exhibit: OVER THERE! OVER THERE! SEND THE WORD THAT THE YANKS ARE COMING! This is a WWI exhibit featuring photos, stories, and more from the Tipton County people who fought in the war. April 6 marked the 100<sup>th</sup> year the US entered WWI.
- Programs and lectures:
  - Artist Series for Kids – Frida Kahlo took place April 1
  - Artist in Residence Richard Reed – presented The Creative Spirit April 8
  - Biologist Katrina Moeller will present “Bird Watching for Beginners” April 15
- TIPTON COUNTY PULSE – Foster interviews Maleia Evans, Executive Director of the Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce, on April 13 for the next edition for Tipton County Pulse.
- On Friday, April 7, Director Foster and Artist in Residence Richard Reed judged the Millington Arts Council Student Art Exhibit at the Millington Civic Center. They judged 190 pieces of art and awarded 44 ribbons.
- Monday, April 17, Director Foster will hang artwork at the Covington campus of Dyersburg State Community College for “Inspirations – the 2017 Tipton County Art Exhibit”. The reception for that event will take place on Monday, May 15 from 6:30 – 8:00

- On April 19 at 2:00, Tracy Wright from Arts Memphis will visit the museum and explain how to apply for an ABC (Art Builds Communities) grant from Tennessee Arts Commission. Alderwoman Bommer asked if this could be used for murals and stated the Tipton County mural at Park on the Square is in bad need of repair. Foster believes we can apply for a grant for that.
- May Festival is scheduled for May 6 from 10 – 3 at the Tipton County Museum. There will be live music, children’s activities, arts and crafts vendors, face painting, food vendors and “ASK A MASTER GARDENER” and “MEET A LOCAL VETERAN”.

The committee discussed the trail at the museum and nature center and Alderman Glass asked if there are grants available for the trail. Mack said they are out there and we will just have to find some that would apply to our needs

Glass motioned to accept Director Foster’s report and Bommer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Bommer stated the Association for Preservation of African American History in Tipton County (APAACH-TC) is planning “Ethnic Appreciation” on the square on June 10 and asked for approval for that date.

## New and Improved **Tommy the Trash Train** was Unveiled at City Hall



Covington Public Works employees Terry McDonald, Dalton Patrick, and Brad Kinney (L) unveiled the new and improved Tommy the Trash Train they built just in time for FIX-UP CLEAN-UP April 22 – 29 in Covington. Mayor Hanson and other city employees thanked them for their work and admired the “new” Tommy.



**Pam Harris Retired from City Hall after Twenty Years of Service**  
Mayor Justin Hanson was joined by past and present City of Covington employees, aldermen, and friends to wish Pam Harris a happy retirement. There was a reception held in her honor to celebrate her twenty years as a dedicated employee.



Covington City Hall was packed with well-wishers for the retirement reception for Pam Harris (top). Left, Mayor Justin Hanson presented her with a money tree from fellow employees. Above, former Covington Public Works Director Robert Simpson and current Public Works Director David Gray thanked her for her work in their department.

## Dates to Remember

- Aril 14 – Covington City offices closed for GOOD FRIDAY observance.
- April 15 – Bird Watching for Beginners - Tipton County Museum – 10:00 – noon.
- April 15 – Homerun Derby – Cobb-Parr Park at Whitley Field – call 901-476-3734 for information
- April 17 – Memphis Veteran’s Outreach Event: 8am – 2 pm DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center - Covington
- 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](http://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>  
World’s Oldest BBQ Cooking Contest closed out with THE FUNK MONSTERS June 3<sup>rd</sup>.



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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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## Tommy the Trash Train visited Covington Schools



Spreading the word about taking pride in our town and helping keep things clean, Tommy the Trash Train visited several Covington schools to inform the children about the importance of keeping our city clean and beautiful. Students were invited to join in for the Clean Up-Fix Up activities taking place April 22-29. Above left, Crestview Elementary students enjoyed visiting with Tommy and the crew. Above right, students at CIAA came out to get in on the action, as well. Tommy also visited students at Head Start, Crestview Middle, and Covington High School.

## Easter Baskets, Easter Bonnets, and the Easter Bunny Spotted throughout Covington



Mrs. Lori Cook's prekindergarteners (L) took advantage of a beautiful day at CIAA to go on an Easter Egg hunt. Kindergarteners at Crestview Elementary were also having a hunt and the Easter Bunny joined in! Schools and Covington City offices will be closed Friday to observe Good Friday.





# Lloyd Downing Memorial Golf Scramble

Benefiting the Lloyd Downing Scholarship Fund of the Tennessee Propane Gas Association

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Dyersburg State Community College  
3rd Annual Women's Conference

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017 | 9 AM - 3 PM  
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**HOST:**

**Covington Parks & Recreation**

**COMPETITION DATE/TIME/LOCATION:**

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

**CONTACT:**

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



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



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



**April 18th Tasty Tuesday is Noon at...**



**Milanos Pizza**  
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Covington, TN 38019

**Dutch Treat Lunch at a randomly drawn Chamber Member Restaurant each month!**



## **DSCC College Preview Days**

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

**April 18 - DSCC Gibson County Center**

**April 20 - DSCC Dyersburg Campus**

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## **The Stitching Store**

as a New Chamber Member

Friday, April 21st, 2017  
10:00 a.m.

887 Hwy 51 S, Covington, TN 38019

# The EDGE Conference for Women

Encouraging, Developing and Gaining Excellence

## Annual *Women in Business* Luncheon

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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.



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**April 1st - 30th**

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**Tipton County Commission on Aging  
presents**

# **Talented Tipton**

**April 23, 2017**

**2:00 p. m.**

**at the**

**Historic Ruffin Theatre**

**113 W. Pleasant Ave., Covington, TN**

**Tickets \$10**

**All proceeds benefit the Tipton County Commission on Aging**

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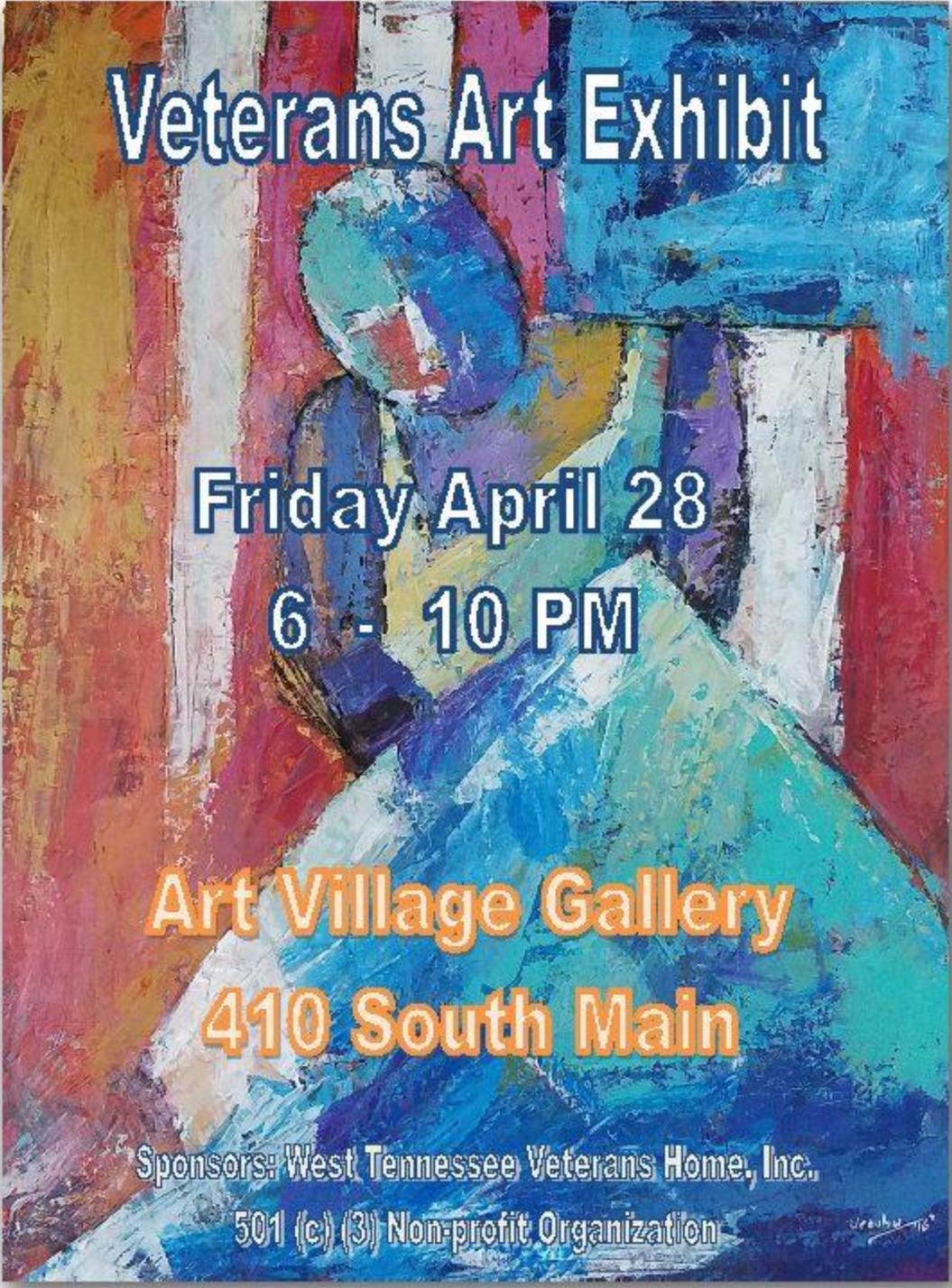
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### Relay for Life of Tipton County Sponsorship Opportunities



An abstract painting featuring a central figure, possibly a person sitting in a chair, rendered in a style with thick, expressive brushstrokes. The color palette is dominated by vibrant blues, reds, and yellows, with some white and purple accents. The overall composition is dynamic and textured.

# Veterans Art Exhibit

Friday April 28

6 - 10 PM

Art Village Gallery

410 South Main

Sponsors: West Tennessee Veterans Home, Inc.

501 (c) (3) Non-profit Organization

Ureku '16

# 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



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 **Court Appointed Special Advocates** 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](http://WWW.CASATIPTON.ORG)**



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*

KIDS ACTIVITIES

LIVE MUSIC

ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS

FOOD VENDORS

CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT

FACE PAINTING

STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

ASK A MASTER GARDENER

MEET A LOCAL VETERAN



# *Spring Fling* Golf Tournament



**Thursday, May 11th, 2017**  
at the Covington Country Club

Tee time at 12:30p.m.  
Lunch served at 11:00a.m.

Call 901 476 9727 for further details.



**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**



[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)

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, sans-serif font. A bulleted list of seven points highlights the city's features: 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 of the graphic features a faint watermark of a circular seal with the text "EST. 1825".

# The Library Corner



www.tiptoncountylibrary.com

www.facebook.com/tiptoncountylibrary



# 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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our Library and Friends group by shopping  
at Kroger & Amazon?

Use this link when shopping on Amazon and the library will  
receive a percentage of your purchase

<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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## ANCESTRY

is available @ your Library



# May Movie MadNeSS

@ the Tipton County Public Library

enjoy a free movie and refreshments on us!



for adults (ages 18+)

may 2nd  
1:00pm



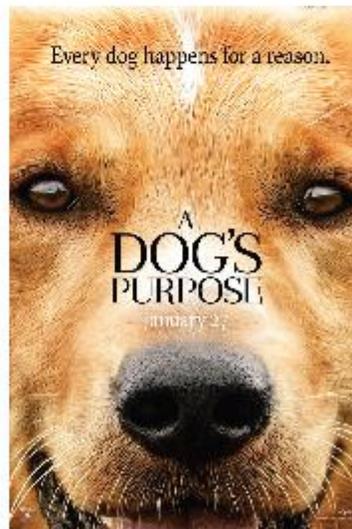
for teens (ages 13-17)

may 4th  
4:00pm



for adults (ages 18+)

may 23rd  
1:00pm



for adults (ages 18+)

may 30th  
1:00pm

FREE MOVIES AND REFRESHMENTS AT OUR LIBRARY  
CHECK THESE SELECTIONS OUT FOR MAY



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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- Get your groceries and help the FOL earn a quarterly rewards check

## What's Happening at the Museum?

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

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



Last Friday afternoon, Tipton County Museum Director Barrie Foster and Artist in Residence Richard Reed judged the 2017 Millington Arts Council's 2017 Student Art Show at the Millington Civic Center. There were 190 entries from students in grades Pre- K through 12, and 44 ribbons were awarded. Then on Saturday they attended the awards reception and were able to meet some of the talented artists.



**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!!!!*

## Veteran of the Month Celebrated at Museum



April Veteran of the Month Russell Leon Goforth (L) was surrounded by family and friends Tuesday night in a celebration at the Tipton County Museum. Tipton County Veteran’s Association President Kathy Desjarlias and Museum Director Barrie Foster presented Mr. Goforth his commorative plaque with his wife, Lorraine, looking on (above).



**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 in Residence Lectured About Creative Spirit



Last Saturday morning, Artist in Residence Richard Reed lectured about the Creative Spirit at the Tipton County Museum. He shared quotes from famous artists, photos of them working in their studios, and shared their frustrations and self-doubt. Participants described it as a truly inspirational morning!

## Boy Scouts Visited Tipton County Museum



Tuesday cub scouts from troop 261 visited the Tipton County Museum. They enjoyed opening the drawers in the Nature Exhibit and seeing all the hidden treasures. They also enjoyed exploring the grounds. There is never a fee to enjoy our museum!



# 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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