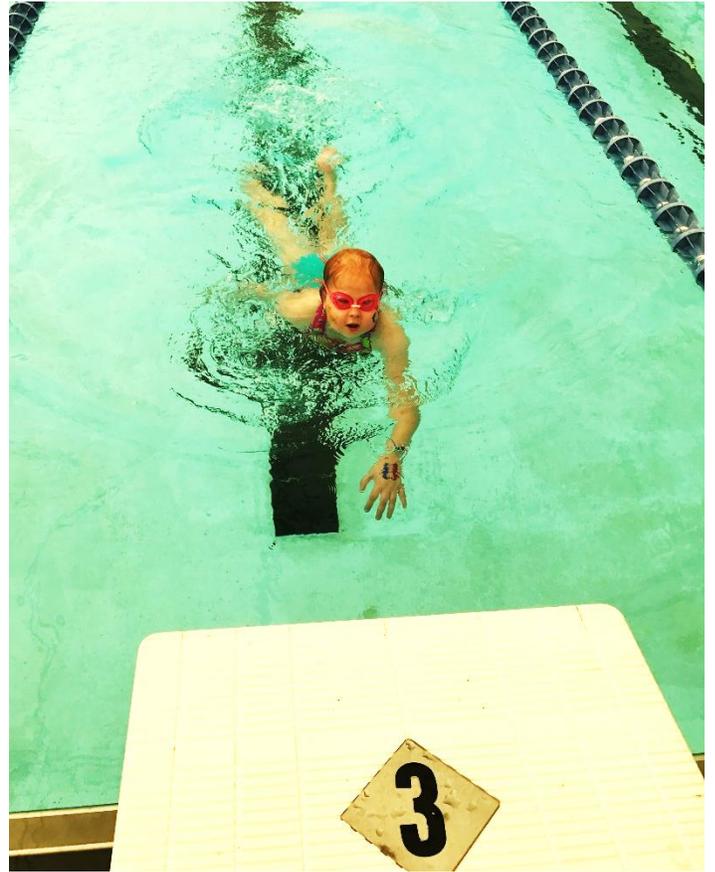


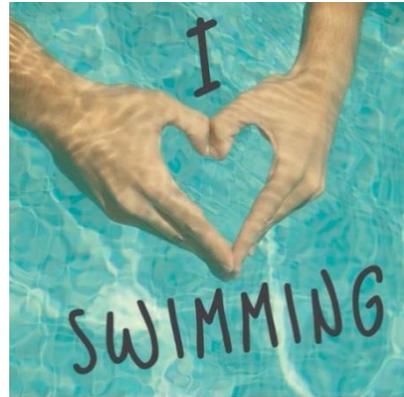
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Highlights from  
April 15 - 21 \*



After races, food, music, and fun on the square in Covington last weekend for Go Lucy Go Day, there was an invitational swim meet at the Covington Aquatic Center. Lucy is on the swim team and is pictured (R) finishing up a lap for the team.



Many of the Covington swimmers showed their support of the Go Lucy Go Foundation by wearing the words on their backs. Teams participating in the meet were Manta Ray Swimming, TCA, Olive Branch YMCA, Millington YMCA, and Rhodes College.



## DOES THE CITY OF COVINGTON OWE YOU MONEY?

If your name is listed below and you have been a customer of the City of Covington, you are due unclaimed property. If these funds are not claimed by **APRIL 27, 2017**, they must be paid to the State of Tennessee as unclaimed property (in accordance with the provisions of the Tennessee Code Annotated-Sections 66-29-101 et. seq.) Please notify us at 200 West Washington Ave or by phone at (901) 476-9613.

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## Telecommunications Week Celebrated



Last week, Mayor Justin Hanson honored staff members of the Tipton County E911 in recognition of National Telecommunications Week. Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis presented a meat tray to dispatchers last Friday to show his appreciation for all the work they do.



# City Employees, School Officials, and Mayor Justin Hanson Attended African American Leadership Conference



L-R James Dowell and Calvin Johnson of Covington Public Works Department, Mary Jones, Director of Children and Family Services, Mark Heaston, CARE officer for Covington Fire Department, Youlanda Jones, Director of the Tennessee College of Applied Technology in Covington, Mayor Justin Hanson, Shalonda Crofton, teacher and mentor at Crestview Middle School, and Dr. Charlotte Fisher, Tipton County Schools Director of Operations attended the 19<sup>th</sup> African American Leadership Conference in Jackson this week. [Rev. Keith Norman of First Baptist Church in Binghampton](#) was the keynote speaker. The conference was sponsored by [WestStar Leadership](#).



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** April 21, 2017

Contact: Amy Finch, Director of Public Information, 731-286-3347

Dyersburg State Community College

## DSCC to Host Minecraft Summer Camps for Kids

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) will host Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)-based Minecraft Camps for kids ages 10-15, **June 5-9 at the Jimmy Naifeh Center in Tipton County** and June 19-26 at the Dyersburg campus from 1-5 p.m. each day.

The camps will teach basic skills such as controls, crafting, building, digging and attacking, along with advanced skills such as building villages and using critical thinking and problem-solving skills to survive challenging obstacles.

**The cost for each camp is \$100 per child and includes instructional supplies and snacks.**

Registration is available online at <https://registration.xenegrade.com/dsc>. Those who wish to register in person may do so by visiting the Security Bank Community Learning Center on the Dyersburg campus.

**The deadline to register for the Minecraft Camp at the Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County is May 29, 2017**, while the deadline to register for the Dyersburg camp is June 12, 2017. For more information and alternative registration options, call 731-286-3265.

The regular monthly meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee was held at Covington City Hall on April 18, 2017. Present were Chairman Alderman C.H. Sullivan, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman John Edwards, Alderman Jere Hadley, Alderman Mac McGowan, Airport Director Robin Anderson, Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Covington Fire Chief Michael Naifeh, Covington Public Works Director David Gray, Codes Enforcement Officer Lessie Fisher, City Attorney Rachel Witherington, Human Resources Director Tiny Barton, Mayor Justin Hanson, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, A2H Engineer Pat Harcourt, Margaret Fleming, Echo Day, David Gwinn

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 1:00 with a quorum present. Chairman Sullivan called on Mayor Hanson to present the preliminary budget for review.

Mayor Hanson distributed the proposed 2017-18 budget and asked members to take time to review it and let him know if they have questions. Mayor stated this budget does include a 3% salary increase across the board. He asked for committee members to be prepared to discuss this proposal next month. Mayor Hanson encouraged each member to visit department heads or come to see him or Tina Dunn if they have questions or concerns in the meantime.

Chairman Sullivan called on Mayor Hanson to discuss the conversion of the Newman Property from parks and recreation use only so it might be used for a new police facility. Mayor Hanson called on Pat Harcourt to discuss renovations for a temporary facility in the meantime.

Pat Harcourt – contract distributed that outlined renovation of the old library building for temporary location of CPD. This plan is for the purpose of getting CPD in the building(s) as quickly as possible. McGowan asked when move-in might be and Harcourt stated he must advertise and do other things to prepare for construction, including necessary approvals. Harcourt stated the end of July is a more realistic date for possible move into the two temporary facilities. McGowan motioned to approve the work necessary for library and old bank building to be renovated in the contract as presented. Hadley seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

Newman Property conversion update:

- Harcourt stated there was a positive meeting with Gerald Parish, Recreation Education Services for the State of Tennessee, Mayor Hanson, Chief Lewis, Attorney Witherington, and others earlier this month. In that meeting, they determined the conversion of the Newman property (adjacent to Cobb-Parr Park) from recreational use is “doable”. Attorney Witherington followed by stating there is a dense process to go through for this purpose, beginning with a letter from the Mayor requesting a conversion packet and a check for \$10,000 for that packet. This must be followed by appraisals and public input, among other things. Alderman Edwards asked if we use this property for a police facility, must we turn around the purchase replacement property for parks and rec. Witherington stated we don’t have to necessarily **purchase** property, but we are required to replace the property with land of equal value that can/will be used for parks and recreation use. Chief Lewis stated his department will go to work at any location this body deems best. He doesn’t feel the City needs to purchase property when we have property we can use. Witherington stated the point of the [LPRF](#) is to preserve land for public recreation, but some of the value of the Newman property may be replaced by playgrounds or other public recreational facilities somewhere else in the city. Alderman Edwards expressed concerns that if we don’t use this land as the grant was intended, he is afraid this will affect the possibility of us getting another LPRF grant in the future. Mayor Hanson stated he does not want to buy more property if that can be avoided. Alderman Edwards stated he doesn’t want CPD to lose effectiveness by being spread out in two separate (temporary) locations. Lewis stated operating out of two separate locations is doable, but not desirable. Edwards stated he is not advocating for two separate precincts at this time, but this may be best practice as Covington grows. Mayor Hanson stated he and Chief Lewis have looked at the old USDA building south of town on Highway 51 and there’s an absolute auction this week. Do we want to entertain purchasing this? Harcourt stated he believes USDA building would need to be retrofitted to meet seismic codes. Mayor Hanson asked Harcourt how would be best way to get public input and Harcourt stated we can do that in a public meeting where options are shown, and people have the opportunity to express their opinions and concerns.

Witherington stated the results of citizen input from public meetings and public surveys is required for the proposed conversion. Edwards stated in that case, it seems it is not the decision of this Board, but the will of the people to determine how the Newman property should be used. McGowan stated he feels the best thing to do it go ahead and get public input. Alderwoman Bommer stated this was the first she had heard of the USDA property – building that is about 43 years old. Bommer stated that would be a beautiful site for CPD and it seems to her retrofitting that building could be done with the money we would use to renovate two other buildings (former library and old bank building). Bommer stated perhaps we should look into the USDA building, fix that up, retrofit it, and perhaps get all CPD in one building. Bommer asked to just look at this property and think about using the money we have planned to use to renovate two buildings for temporary use and see if that would be better spent to get into the one building. Edwards stated police station should be easy to find. McGowan motioned to proceed on Newman property with provisions that public input indicates approval. Bommer asked McGowan if he is motioning to spend \$10,000 now. McGowan stated he doesn't feel we should spend the \$10,000 right now, but we do need to make a decision. Witherington suggested that in the next month, we get public input to help guide the decisions of the board before we spend \$10,000. Hanson stated he is not in favor of spending money without public input. Motion is to proceed with public input. Edwards stated we shouldn't ask for public input before public knows how we might use replacement land. Hadley suggested asking public where they would like the recreational replacement property to be and how to use it. Hadley feels this will give us ideas we haven't thought of before. Motion to proceed with Newman Property public input before seeking conversion proposal. Motion passed.

- Airport Hangar Lease Agreement – Director Robin Anderson – Anderson has developed new lease agreement and asked for approval so he can get it to tenants. Alderman Hadley motioned to approve the new lease agreement, which is month-to-month. Alderman Edwards asked what hangar lease is now – some are \$200 a month and smaller ones are \$150 a month. Small open hangars without doors are \$60 a month. Alderwoman Bommer seconded Hadley's motion. Motion passed. Alderman Hadley thanked Attorney Witherington for her work on the lease agreements.
- Sullivan asked Witherington to report on ingress-regress. Debbie Gordon offered to deed to the City of Covington a parking lot her LLC company currently owns behind the west side of the square on West Liberty. Survey has been done, but in order for the city to acquire it, an ingress/regress agreement is required with Brian Huffman at Huffman Law. Witherington has drafted an agreement that Mr. Huffman has approved. Huffman asked to keep parking spaces adjacent to his building, so that has been added. Witherington asked for Board to look at this and approve if they see fit. Alderwoman Bommer motioned to approve and motion passed.
- Mayor Hanson was asked to introduce Rick Tankersley to review audit:
  - Clean audit for City of Covington – Tankersley went through several pages of audit and explained various sections of the audit, including findings. He answered specific questions from the committee. The complete audit can be viewed at Covington City Hall. Meeting adjourned.



## Covington Aquatic Center Receives Michael Phelps Foundation Grant



Covington Aquatic Center Director Liz Stambaugh partnered with the Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region for a Michael Phelps Foundation grant. She was notified recently she has received the grant, which will be used to teach water safety, swimming lessons, healthy choices and healthy lifestyles to the children of the BGCHRR. Celebrating the good news (above) are James Moore and Rebecca Ray of the Boys and Girls Club, Liz Stambaugh, and Mayor Justin Hanson.

## Adopt-A-Park Ceremonies held in Covington



Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Mack began the Adopt-A-Park program in Covington, and this week, adoptions were celebrated in three of Covington's parks. The Covington Rotary Club adopted Shelton Park and Mayor Hanson thanked the Rotarians and presented a plaque to the club showing his appreciation on behalf of the City.



Mayor Justin Hanson and Parks and Recreation Director Joe Mack (above) presented plaques and appreciation to Vanderbilt Landscaping for adopting the Frazier Memory Garden. Above right, members of the Frazier Alumni Association were on hand for the celebration. At right, Mrs. Vanderbilt accepted the plaque from Mr. Mack on her husband's behalf. Below, Participants at the Boys and Girls Club joined Frazier Alumni at their recognition for adopting Frazier Park. Park Adopters pledge to help care for the park from May through September yearly.





**Mayor Justin Hanson and Parks and Recreation Director Joe Mack welcomed volunteers from NSA Mid-South CPOA (Chief Petty Officers Association) to Patriot Park in Covington and thanked them for adopting this park.**



**Local veterans joined the group and will also participate in this project. The plane in Patriot Park is named for Captain Charles Nels Tanner, a Navy pilot and Vietnam POW, who was from Covington. There are still parks available for adoption in Covington. Please call 901-476-3734 for information.**



# Tipton Rosemark First Graders Visited Covington City Hall



After visiting with Mayor Hanson and touring City Hall, the students met Chief Buddy Lewis, Officer Charlie Coleman, and Sgt Andrew Hefner of the Covington Police Department. Perhaps the biggest thrill was sitting in the police car with lights on and sirens blaring!



Anticipation was high as they waited their turn to sit in the police car! They also visited the County Court Clerk's Office and the Fire Department.



## Covington Hires Three new Police Officers

The Covington Police Department is pleased to announce the hire of our three newest employees. Officer Jonathan Lightsey, who is a certified Officer, James Robertson and Terrance Colbert. Both Robertson and Colbert will be attending the police academy in coming months.



Officers Robertson and Colbert will begin full service upon successful completion of Tennessee Police Academy.



Officer Lightsey is a certified officer and will begin duties with CPD

## Tipton County Recognized by Healthier TN



The Governor's Foundation for Health and Wellness today announced Tipton County has been awarded a \$5,000 Healthier Tennessee Community Grant to help sustain community-wide projects that encourage and enable physical activity, healthy eating and tobacco abstinence.

Governor's Foundation CEO Richard Johnson said, "We are pleased to present this grant to Tipton County in recognition of the great work being done there and with the belief that it will boost efforts to improve the health of local citizens and the overall quality of life in the community," To see local activities, please visit the Team Tipton Healthier TN page on Facebook.



# DYERSBURG STATE

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 21, 2017

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

### Dyersburg State Announces Dates for College for Kids Summer Program

Dyersburg, Tennessee – Dyersburg State Community College's (DSCC) Division of Continuing Education will offer its annual College for Kids summer program at all three DSCC locations from 9 a.m. - noon each day. This year's theme will be 'College for Kids – Something to Tweet About!' and will consist of stimulating and educational classes for children ages four years through sixth grade.

The program will be held on the Dyersburg campus June 12-16, with the registration deadline set for June 7. College for Kids will also be held at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center (JNC) at Tipton County June 26-30. The registration deadline for the JNC location is June 21. The DSCC Gibson County Center will host the program July 10-14, with the registration deadline set for July 5.

Children in upcoming grades first through sixth will have the opportunity to preselect three classes that interest them. Depending on the location, classes may include Arts and Crafts, Computer Craze, Creative Cakes, Dance and Cheer, Learning Legos, Light it Up with Circuits, Science Skills, Sports Training, Tae Kwon Do Tricks and Trash to Treasure. Children age four through kindergarten may enroll in the pre-designed Summertime Fun classes, which include Tiny Tot Dance and Exercise, Creations in Arts and Crafts, and Story Time.



The cost is \$85 per child and includes all three classes, supplies, snacks and a T-shirt. Grade ranges will be determined by the grade the child is entering for the 2017-18 academic year.

Registration is available online at <https://registration.xenegrade.com/dsc>. Those who wish to register in person may do so by visiting the Business Office inside the Eller Administration Building on the Dyersburg campus. For more information and alternative registration options, call 731-286-3265.

## SAVE THE DATE....

- 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 – Carl Perkins LIP SYNC CONTEST – 6:00 – Covington High School – scroll down for more info
- 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 05 – 14 – THE ODD COUPLE – at The Historic Ruffin Theater in Covington – scroll down for more...
- 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 – LIFE BLOOD at Covington City Hall – 9:00 – 2:00
- May 11 – Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce Spring Fling Golf Tournament
- May 13 – A Day of Matisse (Lecture and Art Class) - Tipton County Museum in Covington – 476-0242
- 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>.



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

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[Tipton County](#)

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[Drug Free Tipton](#)

[Tipton County Schools](#)

[South Tipton Chamber of Commerce](#)

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

[Covington Aquatic Center](#)

[Tipton County Museum](#)

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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# Lloyd Downing Memorial Golf Scramble

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

☆ <b>Titanium Sponsor</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
Event Sponsor 2-Four Player Teams 36"x48" Banner at Clubhouse Recognition at Event	
☆ <b>Gold Sponsor</b>	<b>\$800</b>
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Individual Player 12"x18" Sponsor Sign	
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12"x18" Sponsor Sign	

*Please Completely fill out all information  
below and MAIL by May 5th*

Name:

Company Name:

Address:

Phone:

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Payment Amount:

*For Silver, Gold, and Titanium Sponsors,  
Please Complete Your Player List:*

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# COME JOIN THE HOTTEST FIT CLUB IN TOWN!!!!



*Children and Family Services, Inc MOBILE SENIORS  
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## "THE CFS FIT CLUB"

**AGE 60<sup>TH</sup> AND UP**

*JOIN US FOR PLENTY OF FUN WHILE LEARNING, MEETING NEW  
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*Wellness Center 412 Alston St*

***TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY***

***8-10AM***

***THURSDAY: 9-11A.M; 4-6P.M.***

***Educational Trainings:***

***EVERY WEDNESDAY 1:00-2:00p.m.***



# The EDGE Conference for Women

Encouraging, Developing and Gaining Excellence

## Annual *Women in Business* Luncheon

**Tickets On Sale Now!**

**Sponsorships being Accepted Now!**

Choose between

Tuesday, April 25th or Wednesday, April 26th

11:30am-1:00pm

The Chamber Center, Covington, TN

Log on now for more details & to purchase your tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-edge-conference-annual-women-in-business-luncheon-tickets-33017433031>

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Purchase Tickets at The Covington-Tipton Co Chamber of Commerce

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Featuring Inspirational Keynote Speaker, Executive and Entrepreneur LANDY FUQUA



- Laugh your cares away in a hilariously-inspiring Girls Day Out
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Hosted by  **COVINGTON  
TIPTON COUNTY  
CHAMBER of COMMERCE**

# OPENING DAY

COVINGTON COURT SQUARE FARMERS MARKET

Saturday, April 22nd from 8am - 2pm

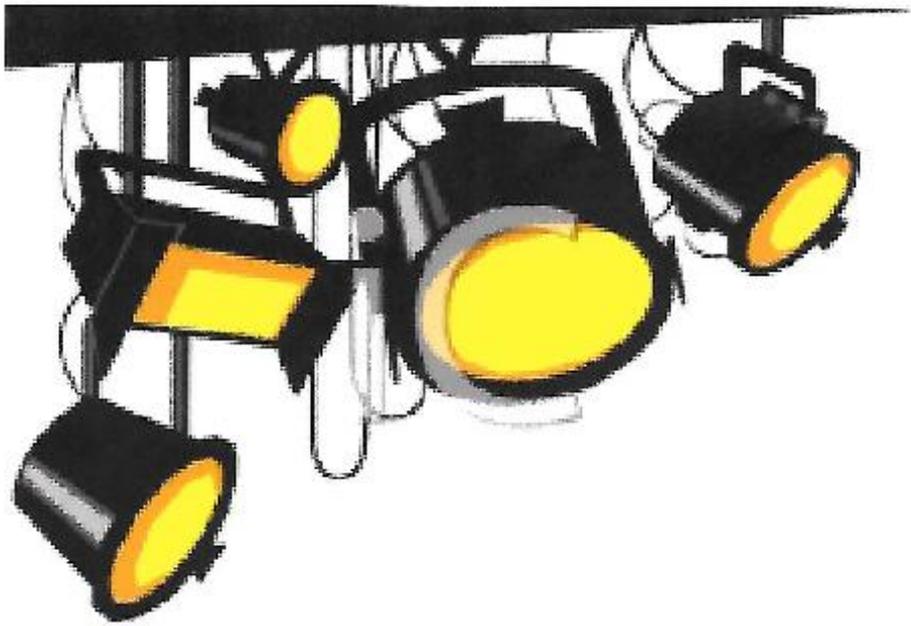


**Find us under the water tower at 117 North Main Street!**

Local FFA students will be selling plants.

Call 901 476 9727 for further details.





**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**

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



Lunch will be provided after the event.



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

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

**#COVINGTONPRIDE**

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



# SPRING Book Sale

## Renew Your Shelf

*Friends of the Tipton  
County Public Library*



## USED BOOK SALE

BOOKS, CDS, DVD, MAGAZINES  
& MUCH MORE

### MEMBERS PREVIEW NIGHT

THURSDAY 4-7PM

### OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

FRIDAY 10AM TO 4PM

SATURDAY 10AM TO 2PM

**APR 27-29,  
2017**

*Your purchase helps the Friends of the Tipton County  
Public Library fund valuable programs at the Library!*



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for more information

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

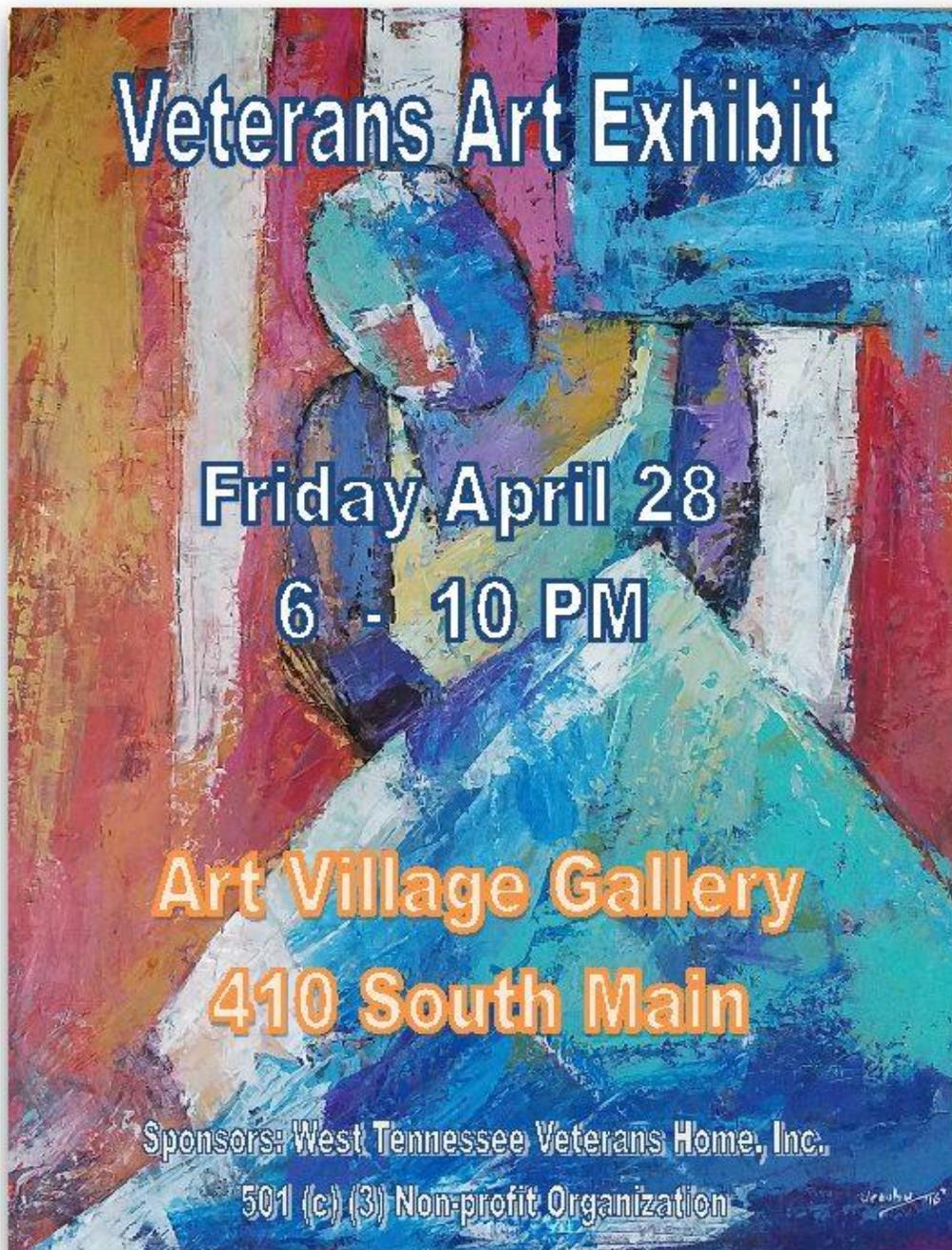
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PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE EXCHANGE CLUB CARL PERKINS CENTER  
FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE

# Relay For Life of Tipton County

## April 29, 2017-Munford City Park-Schedule of Events

- Noon** *Survivor Registration*
- 12:30 pm** *Survivor Luncheon in the Old Band Room*
- 1 pm** *All Teams & Vendors must be set up*
- 2 pm** *Opening Ceremony* - Master of Ceremonies – Curtis Pettis - Welcome - Mayor Dewayne Cole  
Prayer – Rev. Jason Rodgers, Gateway Baptist - National Anthem - Emma Fletcher  
Color guard – Tipton County Military ColorGuard  
Introductions – Kristi & Amanda - Special Guest - Cat in the Hat
- 2:30 pm** *Why do we Relay?*  
Cancer Survivor – Mike Boswell  
Caregiver- Alyson Hubbard  
ACS Resources – Mollie Lacey  
ACS CAN - Christie Jarvis
- 3 pm** *Survivor Recognition*  
Survivors must check in at Survivor Tent by 2:45 pm
- 3:30 pm** *One Lap, Two Lap, I Lap, You Lap for a Cure*  
Survivor Lap  
Caregivers Lap  
Hope Club Lap (Raised \$100 for Relay)  
Team Lap  
"Let the Lapping Begin"  
*Theme Lap – **The Cat in the Hat**- wear a red and white hat*
- 4 pm** *Fundraising Begins* - Be sure to visit our Team Tents & Vendors  
*Silent Auction Begins*  
*Story Time & Pictures with Cat in the Hat*  
*Theme Lap – **Fox in Socks**- wear a crazy pair of socks*
- 4:30 pm** *Name the Dr. Seuss Book (\$)*  
*Live Music – Amber Bailey*  
*Theme Lap – **Green Eggs & Ham**- wear something green*
- 5 pm** *Mr. Relay (\$)*  
*Story Time & Pictures with Cat in the Hat*  
*Theme Lap – **Oh, the Places You'll Go**- wear a shirt that has a location on it*
- 5:30 pm** *Dr. Seuss Quotes (\$)*  
*Live Music – The Dream Coach Studio Singers*  
*Theme Lap – **One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish**- wear something from the beach*
- 6 pm** *Story Time & Pictures with Cat in the Hat*  
*Live Music – The Dream Coach Studio Singers*  
*Theme Lap – **The Lorax**- wear an orange mustache*
- 6:30 pm** *Dr. Seuss Trivia (\$)*  
*Yoga - Covington Park & Recreation*  
*Theme Lap – **Horton Hears a Who**- be creative*
- 7 pm** *Story Time & Pictures with Cat in the Hat - Yoga Continues*  
*Theme Lap – **How the Grinch Stole Christmas**- wear an ugly Christmas Sweater*
- 7:30 pm** *Zumba - Liz Stambaugh, Covington Parks & Recreation*  
*Theme Lap – **Sleep Book**- wear pajamas*
- 8 pm** *Zumba Continues – Silent Auction Ends – Theme Lap...wear cancer awareness shirt*
- 8:30 pm** *Luminaria Ceremony*  
All other events will cease during this time & all team money must be turned in to Brighton Bank
- 9:30 pm** *Closing Ceremony* - Team Awards - Closing Prayer – Rev. Dr. Buffy Cook, Crossway Baptist



Local veterans and relatives affected by ravages of military service in war have created works of art expressing their innermost thoughts and feelings. Included are several works of an 81 year widow of a 28 year Marine who served in 3 wars. Proceeds will go to the building fund for the first State Veterans Home to be built in our area. Sponsored by the West Tennessee Veterans Home, Inc., a 501 (c) (3) organization of all volunteers dedicated to seeing this facility built.

# 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.*

The Historic  
**RUTIN**  
Theater  
2011

Neil Simon's  
**The**  
**COUPLE**  
**odd**

**MAY 5, 6, 12 & 13 AT 7PM**

**MAY 7 & 14 AT 2PM**

THE ODD COUPLE IS PRESENTED BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.



# 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

FACE PAINTING

MEET A LOCAL VETERAN

STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

ASK A MASTER GARDENER

*LOTS OF FAMILY FUN!*

*Cody* HAS TO  
WORRY ABOUT  
HIS SICKLE CELL  
DISEASE. BUT HE  
DOESN'T HAVE TO  
WORRY ABOUT  
TREATMENTS  
*thanks to you.*

Find the  
**hero**  
in you.™



## **City of Covington Blood Drive**



Thursday, May 11, 2017  
9:00am - 2:00pm  
In the bloodmobile  
at City Hall

**Contact Justin Hanson to set up an appointment or visit  
[clublifeblood.org](http://clublifeblood.org) and enter sponsor code: L198**

**Lifeblood**

[www.lifeblood.org](http://www.lifeblood.org)



Please bring your photo ID, eat a healthy  
meal and drink plenty of water.

Free cholesterol testing with every donation!



# *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.





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The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center  
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## “A Day of Matisse”

### Lecture & Art Class

Please join us for a fun day of learning and painting! Artist in Residence Richard Reed will lecture on the famous French Artist Henri Matisse in the morning, then he and Museum Director Barrie Foster will lead the class in painting his “Les toits de Collioure” in the afternoon. All art supplies will be furnished. No previous art experience necessary. These are two separate events, so you are free to attend one without the other.

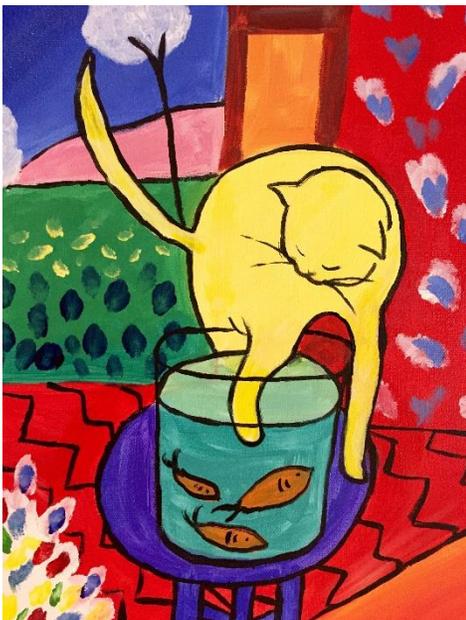
When: Saturday, May 13, 2017. LECTURE: 10-11:30 a.m., ART CLASS: 1—4 p.m.

Where: Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN

Fee: LECTURE: Free to Members, \$5 General Public.

ART CLASS: \$35 Members, \$40 General Public

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**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 Car Show on the Square*



**May 20, 2017**

**Registration \$25  
8:00am - 12:00pm**

**Trophies For  
All Classes**



**Cash Drawings!**

**Award Presentation @ 2pm**

Sponsored by

**CHUCK HUTTON  
CHEVROLET**

Pop up canopies must be secured

For Additional Information:  
Contact Burt Milam (901) 626-7731 or Billy Golden (901) 438-1995

[www.memphisclassicchevys.com](http://www.memphisclassicchevys.com)





[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)

An advertisement for Covington, Tennessee, featuring the title "COVINGTON" in large, bold, serif letters. Below the title is the subtitle "THE CENTER OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY IN THE HEART OF TIPTON COUNTY". A bulleted list of features includes: 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. The advertisement includes three 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



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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Did you know that you can help support  
our Library and Friends group by shopping  
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Use this link when shopping on Amazon and the library will  
receive a percentage of your purchase

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

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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



# May Movie MadNeSS

@ the Tipton County Public Library

enjoy a free movie and refreshments on us!



for adults (ages 18+)

may 2nd  
1:00pm



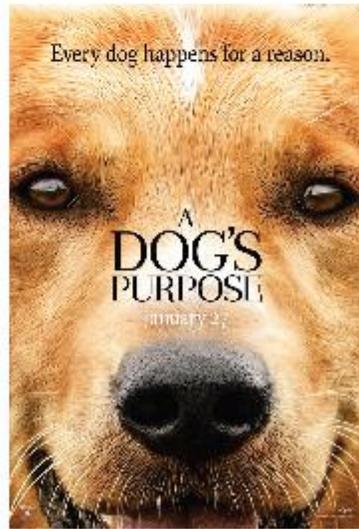
for teens (ages 13-17)

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

## What's Happening at the Museum?

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

Click here to view: <https://youtu.be/ZGoLD5opQxY>

### Girl Scouts get Art Lessons at Library



Tipton County Museum Director Barrie Foster taught a watercolor class to Covington Brownie troop 13007 and Daisy Troops 13006 and 13003 at the Tipton County Library. They learned how to make a "wash" or puddle of paint.



### Thanks to Master Gardeners for Work at Museum



The Tipton County Master Gardeners worked on the hosta bed at the Tipton County Museum last weekend. They weeded the bed and carefully spread fresh mulch around the plants. Museum Director Barrie Foster said that she is grateful for all the work they do at the Tipton County Museum to keep it looking nice.

## Art Exhibit at Dyersburg State



Museum Director Barrie Foster and Barbara McBride hung twenty paintings entered in the 2017 Tipton County Art Exhibit at the Learning Resource Center at DSCC in Covington. The awards reception will take place on May 15 from 5:30 to 7 p.m., and the paintings will be on display through August 27.



The Tipton Arts Council, Inc.  
Presents  
“*INSPIRATIONS*”  
2017 TIPTON COUNTY ART EXHIBIT

AWARDS RECEPTION

Monday, May 15, 2017, 5:30—7:00 p.m.  
Dyersburg State Community College  
Learning Resource Center Building  
3149 Hwy 51 Bypass S., Covington, TN

Exhibition Dates April 18—August 27, 2017

## Bird Watching Presentation at Tipton County Museum



Find out more about the birds in and around our museum here: <http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L5252880>



Biologist Katrina Moeller presented her lecture “Bird Watching for Beginners” at the Tipton County Museum last Saturday. She explained this is a great hobby for people of all ages, and she listed helpful gear and when and where to look. She explained how to identify the birds, and gave a handout that had color photos of thirty birds that have been observed on the grounds. After the lecture, Katrina took the group outside to look at birds at the museum’s Nature Center.



**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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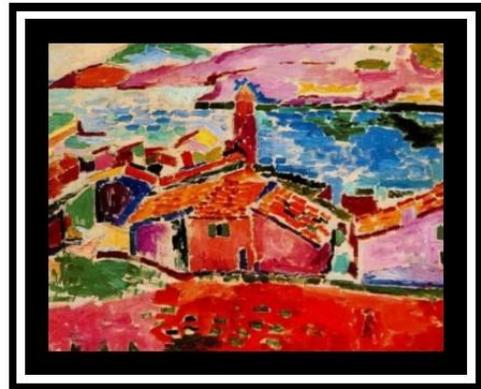


**Georgia O'Keeffe March 4, 2017**

**"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"**



## Arts Memphis Representatives Teach about ABC Grants At Tipton County Museum



Tracy Lauritzen Wright and Colleen McCartney from Arts Memphis visited the Tipton County Museum to inform our local staff how to apply for “ABC” grants from the Tennessee Arts Commission. “ABC” stands for **Art Builds Communities**. They explained that the grant amounts are from \$500 to \$2,500, and both non-profit organizations and municipalities may apply. Above are, Ms. Wright, Director of Grants and Initiatives for Arts Memphis, Museum Director Barrie Foster, Artist in Residence Richard Reed, Archivist Sherri Onorati, and Colleen McCartney, also with Arts Memphis. Richard Reed was representing the Tipton Art League. France Gasquet, who also attended, was representing the Tipton Arts Council, Inc. Sherri Onorati is on the board of the Association for the Preservation of African American History and Culture in Tipton County, and she was representing that group as well as the Tipton County Museum.



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## “The History of the Louvre”

By Dominique Bellott

As part of our “Museum Month” series, Garden Historian Dominique Bellott will parlay the fascinating history of the Louvre, the world’s largest museum. It was originally built as a palace around 1190 and was established as a museum in 1793. It has been home to the world’s most famous painting, “The Mona Lisa,” for many years, and has been host to numerous other artworks as well. Dominique was born in Paris, France, and grew up visiting this famous landmark throughout her childhood.

When: Saturday, May 27, 2017 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Where: Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington

Fee: Free to Museum Members, \$5 General Public

Memberships start at \$25 and are available at the door. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome!

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The Tipton County Museum Presents  
**Artist Series for Kids**  
**Henri Matisse**

Saturday, June 10, 2017

10 a.m.—Noon

Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington

\$20 Museum Members, \$25 General Public



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Museum Director and Professional Artist Barrie Foster will introduce Henri Matisse to your children. They will learn that he was born and raised in France, and he originally was a lawyer. They will then paint one of his 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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# 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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