

## Covington Ranked #452 in LendEDU's Newest Report Recognizing The Best U.S. Cities for First Time Homebuyers.

The rankings for this report were developed using licensed data from Experian and Onboard Informatics. Over 30,000 U.S. towns were analyzed for a variety of parameters deemed important for first time homebuyers. Ranked at number 452 out of over 30,000 towns, Covington ranked as one of the best places in the entire nation! The full report and methodology can be found here: <https://lendedu.com/blog/best-cities-first-time-homebuyers/> Check it out! Everything in the report is free to use.

### Senator Mark Norris Guest Speaker at First Friday Coffee



The South Tipton County Chamber of Commerce welcomed Senator Mark Norris as the guest speaker for the May First Friday Coffee. South Tipton Chamber President Rosemary Bridges along with Covington Mayor Justin Hanson welcomed Senator Norris to Tipton County.

### Officer Dwayne Dowell Promoted to Corporal

Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis congratulated Officer Dwayne Dowell on his promotion to Corporal. Officer Dowell will continue to fulfill his duties as School Resource Officer until the end of the 2016-17 school year.



# Covington Settles 16-Year Case

## Referenced from [The Leader](#)....

Last week, after 16 years of negotiations, trials, appeals, and remediation, the Flat Iron lawsuit finally came to an end when Covington city leaders accepted a settlement.

Filed in 2001, the developers who proposed plans for Cottonwood Estates and Sunrise Luxury Apartments in 2000 claimed the City of Covington violated the Fair Housing Act by issuing a temporary moratorium on building permits for multi-family dwellings. After a jury trial in 2013, in which the city was found to have violated the FHA through disparate treatment and disparate impact, the developers were awarded a combined \$5.7 million – \$1.2 for Flat Iron and \$4.5 for Cottonwood – however, the court reduced Cottonwood’s judgment to \$2.9 million two months later.

In 2015, the Court of Appeals vacated both the trial court’s partial summary judgment to the developers and the \$4.1 million judgment and remanded the case back to trial court. Everything came to a head last week when, after over 7 hours of remediation, a settlement was negotiated. At a special called meeting that afternoon, attorneys Richard Myers and Ed McKinney, who’ve represented the city in the case since it began, advised the board to consider the proposed \$1.5 million settlement.

Alderman Drew Glass was out of state Monday and Alderwoman Minnie Bommer had to recuse herself from the discussion and vote because she was a witness for the plaintiffs. Therefore, approving the settlement required a majority decision from the entirety of the board, a unanimous vote to approve it from the board members in attendance, but alderman John Edwards would not agree to it.

Edwards told [The Leader](#) Tuesday that his preference for paying "money to our lawyers than pay money for a frivolous lawsuit" and "settling encouraging others to file frivolous lawsuits" were among his reasons for his vote.

A provision in Robert's Rules of Order allowed the board to vote again at another called meeting Friday, said city attorney Rachel Witherington. "What the rules allow are for any motion that was before the board that was disposed of – meaning it was not approved, it can't be diverted to a committee or postponed, it was just disposed of – then the board can make a renewal of that motion at any subsequent meeting of this board to consider it," she said.

On a split vote - Edwards voted no, the others voted yes – the board renewed the motion and discussed its options once more.

City judge Beth Ziarko, who has practiced law since 1977, told the alderman this was "the deal of the century" and urged them to "take the deal. What it comes down to is who do you love more, the taxpayers or these guys?" she said, pointing at Myers and McKinney. The city has paid them close to \$600,000 in legal fees over the course of the lawsuit. "I hope you say taxpayers. I'm a taxpayer."

Edwards was the only alderman willing to risk going to trial again. Citing a report from the city's most recent audit, he said, "The city was confident it would not lose the case and that we'd fight it vigorously. I believed in that."

He argued that the city had time on its side, but Myers reminded him several witnesses have died, like Edwards' father, who was on the board at the time, as well as David Seagraves. Alderman Bill Scruggs has also passed away.

Vice mayor Mac McGowan said the risk was too great to taxpayers. I don't want to spend the money like this, but I think this is wise to settle."

Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn told the board she had run some of the numbers and, depending on the judgment and the time in which the city had to pay it, there would be a "dramatic impact" on the budget if the City was to go to trial and lose the case, possibly costing the City \$300,000 or \$400,000 a year for many years.

Other alderman, in discussing the settlement, agreed with McGowan that it was too big of a risk to take. Edwards clarified, for the record, that if the city lost the case again, it could appeal the decision.

The City of Covington has already spent more than half a million dollars in legal fees for this case. Mayor Hanson is pleased with the settlement and said, “The city can now work in the taxpayers' best interest without the threat of losing millions of dollars and draining its coffers.” He is glad to see the 16-year old lawsuit settled so we can plan accordingly and move forward.

## Tipton County is Certified ACT Work-Ready Community

Tipton County is now an ACT Work Ready Community and certified 2017-2019. ACT Work Ready Communities (WRC) empowers states, regions and counties with data, process and tools that drive economic growth. Participants are leveraging the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC™) to measure and close the skills gap and building common frameworks that link, align and match their workforce development efforts.

Change starts at the grassroots level by providing a community-based framework that:

- Links workforce development to education
- Aligns with the economic development needs of communities, regions, and states
- Matches individuals to jobs based on skill levels

The foundation of a community’s certification is based at the county level—across the current, transitioning, and emerging workforce—on individuals earning and employers recognizing the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate™. The ACT NCRC® is a portable, industry-recognized credential that clearly identifies an individual’s ACT WorkKeys® skills in reading for information, applied math, and locating information—skills required for virtually any job.



The Public Works Committee met at City Hall on May 2, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. with the following members present: Chairman Alderman Mac McGowan, Alderman John Edwards, and Mayor Justin Hanson. Also present were Public Works Director David Gray, Code Enforcement/Building Official Lessie Fisher, Alderman Jere Hadley, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, David Gwinn, Utilities Manager Calvin Johnson, Street/Sanitation Manager James Dowell, Catina Starks, Margaret Fleming, Echo Day, and Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn.

Chairman Alderman Mac McGowan called meeting to order.

Public Works Director discussed the width concerns with Baxter and North Tipton Streets. Improvements are ongoing to these areas. A request was made to research deeds to determine the property owner's right of ways. An update will be brought before the next Public Works Committee in June. Street lighting is being looked at on Michael and Andrew Streets. An update will also be brought back in June along with lights on Sandpiper Street. Celebration of National Public Works Week will be May 21 through May 27, 2017. On Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be a slide show presentation at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall, There will be a luncheon held on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, to honor and recognize the Public Works Employees. The Street Name Change Policy was given for review. The Solid Waste Collection and Disposal bid request has been advertised along with the annual inventory bids for Public Works and Utility Departments. A quotation was presented for the replacement of a raw sewer pump box in the amount of \$26,335.75 from the Waterserv Company.

Motion was made by Alderman Mac McGowan and seconded by Alderman John Edwards to approve the celebration of National Public Works Week. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Mayor Justin Hanson and seconded by Alderman John Edwards to have the proposed Street Name Change Policy brought to the Finance and Administration Committee Meeting in May, 2017. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Alderman John Edwards and seconded by Mayor Justin Hanson to approve the purchase of the raw sewer pump box in the amount of \$26,335.75. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Mayor Justin Hanson and seconded by Alderman John Edwards to approve the report from Public Works Director David Gray. Motion passed.

Code Enforcement/Building Official Lessie Fisher reported on the codes division for the month of April. This report is attached. An inoperative automobile policy is being reviewed with Attorney Witherington and will be presented to the Committee. The CMC Renovation and the Police Department Temporary Renovation are scheduled to be bid on May 12<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Motion was made by Mayor Justin Hanson and seconded by Alderman John Edwards to accept the report from Code Enforcement/Building Official Lessie Fisher.

Alderman Edwards requested GPS reports are included in monthly reports.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m

## **Covington Carl Perkins Center Held 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction and Dinner With First Lip Sync Contest**

On behalf of the advisory board, staff, and volunteers of the Carl Perkins Center, I want to thank each and every person who supported this event. Our first Lip Sync Battle was a huge success! I am so pleased that we were able to raise over \$80,000 for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner and Auction. First Presbyterian Church won both the Grand Champion and People's Choice awards. The money raised from this event will forever help as we strive to improve the quality of life of the families we serve, which is truly the mission of what we do here at the Center. Our Center will continue to dream BIG for

our children because they deserve a life free from pain. This cannot happen without YOU! Everyone please join us in celebrating the fact that our children and their families will continue receiving much needed services.

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CHS gym was beautifully decorated, the food was delicious, the auction was fun, and the acts were INCREDIBLE!



Photo ops were everywhere – this one is made from balloons! People came together from all over Tipton County and West Tennessee to make this a successful event for the Covington center. Photos from [Christy Hunter Photography](#).





# Congressman David Kustoff visited Ag Classes at Covington High School

As a part of a week-long agriculture tour across his West TN District, Congressman David Kustoff stopped to visit the award winning Covington High School FFA program. The Congressman visited with teachers, students, and administration at the school to find out more about what they are teaching and how they are learning to make the program so successful.

Congressman Kustoff was also welcomed by Mayor Justin Hanson and CHS Principal Mark McClain.



CHS students Katherine Turner and Avery Cole welcomed Congressman Kustoff and led him on a tour of the Ag Department. Here he visited with West Tennessee Ag Teacher of the Year Liz Flanagan's class. Kustoff enjoyed talking with teachers and students while observing some of their activities.



Mayor Justin Hanson accompanied Congressman Kustoff to CHS and told him how proud he is of the students, teachers, and accomplishments of the school.



## **DSCC Summer Classes Include Organic Chemistry and Microbiology**

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) will offer a variety of high-demand summer classes at its Dyersburg campus and the Jimmy Naifeh Center (JNC) at Tipton County. Students attending other colleges and universities returning home for the summer are encouraged to take advantage of these courses.

Classes offered at both locations include Advanced Integrated Industrial Technology (AIIT), Anatomy and Physiology I and II, Composition I, General Biology I, Introduction to Ethics, Microbiology and World Literature I. In addition, Introduction to Early Childhood, Introduction to Theatre and Organic Chemistry I and II will be offered at the Dyersburg campus and Physical Science will be offered at the JNC.

Advising and registration for all summer sessions is taking place now. Full-term summer session will begin May 31 and end Aug. 4. First-session summer classes will begin May 31 and end July 3. Second-session summer classes will begin July 5 and end Aug. 7.

Students are encouraged to go online to make an appointment with an advisor before registering for summer classes by visiting [www.dsc.edu](http://www.dsc.edu) and clicking on "Future Student" and "Make an Appointment." An appointment can also be made by contacting a One Stop Center at the Dyersburg campus at 731-286-3350, the Gibson County Center at 731-855-1419 and the Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County at 901-475-3100.

## **DSCC to offer Fall Learning Communities to Improve Student Success**

Dyersburg, Tennessee – Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) has announced that it will offer paired learning community courses at its Dyersburg campus and the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County beginning fall 2017. Learning communities are class pairings that form connections between the content in two courses. Research shows that this method of teaching helps engage students and improves learning.

Learning communities offered at the Dyersburg campus this fall include English Composition II/Intro to Theatre, World Literature I/World Civilization I, and Music Appreciation/Intro to Sociology. An online learning community will be available pairing Probability and Statistics with Computer Applications.

DSCC also plans to offer learning communities at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County including Anatomy and Physiology I/Microbiology, English Composition I/General Psychology, and English Composition II/Speech.

These course pairings are designed to increase chances for academic success by providing students with a unique learning experience that is supportive and more personal. Some assignments will cross over between the courses in order to promote collaboration with classmates and instructors.

Students interested in signing up for a learning community should make an appointment to speak with their advisor. An appointment can be made online at [www.dsc.edu](http://www.dsc.edu) by selecting either the Future Students or Current Students tab and then clicking on "Make an Appointment." Students may also contact a One Stop Center at 731-286-3350 (Dyersburg), 731-855-1419 (Trenton) or 901-475-3100 (Covington).

## **2017 Tipton County Sports Hall of Fame**

Tipton County Sports Hall of Fame is now taking nomination for the 2017 inductees. ALL nomination packages must be received by the Covington Parks and Recreation Department by July 1, 2017. For a complete list of the rules and the nomination package, [click here](#) to download.

# BBQ FEST COMING UP IN COVINGTON



The 45th Annual World's Oldest BBQ Cooking Contest June 1-3 Cobb-Parr Park in Covington - We would like to invite you to the 45th Annual World's Oldest Barbeque Cooking Contest in Historic Covington, Tennessee. Bring the entire family and enjoy live music, truck & tractor pull, lots of barbeque cooking and much more. Events start on Thursday night June 1st and continue through Saturday night June 3rd when [Dr. Zarr's AMAZING FUNK MONSTERS](#) will be the closing act. There will be lots of things to do for everyone, so come to Covington and spend your weekend with us!



The General Welfare and Public Relations Committee met at Covington City Hall on May 9 at 1:00. Present were Chairman Alderman Drew Glass, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman Jere Hadley, Alderman John Edwards, Alderman C.H. Sullivan, Parks and Recreation Director Joe Mack, Airport Director Robin Anderson, Museum Director Barrie Foster, Mayor Justin Hanson, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, Public Works Director David Gray, Margaret Fleming, & Echo Day.

Chairman Drew Glass called the meeting to order at 1:00 with a quorum present.

Airport Director Robin Anderson:

- Fuel Sales – 1972 gallons AVGAS sales and 567 Jet-A for a total of 2539 for month of April
- Airport updates:
  - Storm damage – AWOS transformer had to be repaired – is up and running now
  - Fuel Farm had to be reprogrammed and new keypad installed
  - Metal roof began to leak and had to be repaired/re-attached
  - Gates system not working properly – technician coming out to evaluate and may need to be replaced
  - Floors stripped and refinished by AKC Janitorial Service – Anderson reported the floors cleaned up nicely and look brand new. Carpet looks good, as well.
- Lease Update – Anderson reported he has mailed out new leases and has received 21 back. He is still waiting on about 18 to come in. Anderson stated there have been a few questions, but nothing out of the ordinary.
- Pavement Rehab Project – full depth removal and replacement of AP-001 and CT-001; preventative maintenance to Ap-005 and CT-002; Surface rehabilitation of small portions of AP-002 and all of AP-003; Airfield crack repair. Anderson asked for an additional \$300 to completely fund the airfield pavement rehabilitation. This request will allow additive alternate #2 to be fully funded, and will allow the entire airfield to have a seal coat and be remarked. Anderson distributed itinerary for the project which is scheduled to begin in about two weeks. Project is expected to be completed by the end of July.  
Alderman Jere Hadley motioned to approve the request to finish out the grant (\$300 City share), and his motion was seconded by Alderwoman Minnie Bommer. Motion passed. Mayor Hanson told the committee this would be before them tonight at the regular Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting.  
Mayor Hanson motioned to approve Director Anderson's report and Alderman Hadley seconded. Motion passed. Chairman Glass invited all to go to airport and observe the improvements

Parks and Rec Director Joseph Mack:

- Michael Phelps Foundation grant- Grant was applied for and has been approved for the 2017-18 program – training begins in June, 2017
- Built Environment Funding - \$3500 County Funds – Boy Scouts building obstacles on Newman Property
- Project Play – Received CEDC funding - \$10,000 – have added swing/slide mats, repaired slide footers, repaired broken panel, repaired chain to climber bridge, replaced and repaired other equipment.
- Frazier Park – added swing and slide mats, removed and reinstalled borders, removed camel and turtle from swing zone, replaced swing and missing tire swing, replacing broken slide – has been ordered.
- Boys Ball Fields – a total of \$12,753.13 spent on ball fields this spring, including a new AC unit for concession stand; replaced, repaired, and added missing fencing; 2 loads of clay/sand, and others
- Mueller Brass Fields - \$19,039.19 – repaired missing fencing, provided automated lighting system, 3 loads of clay infield mix, replaced and repaired pavers, pallet of Sure Dry, replaced all pitching rubbers, bases, and plates.
- Naming Rights Policy – Mack emailed to Aldermen – shapes expectations for donors and city, adds credibility to program, and provides guidance and a reference when soliciting donors.
- Sports Operating Procedures Policy – Mack distributed to committee – includes term limits, adds continuity within the department, details breakdown of responsibilities, and allows for programming and budgeting for requests. Requests for appeals and disputes will go before General Welfare and Public Relations Committee. This policy also reduces the city's liability risk because it requires background checks and alleviates the opportunity for abuse. Mack wants committee to review and discuss at next meeting.

- Summer Camps – 7 camps with 9 dates, including art, baseball, soccer, lacrosse, dance, tennis, and basketball. Cost is \$40 per child and each camp is for 5 days. **Breakfast and lunch are included.** Camp participants may sign up at Sportsplex or online. To sponsor an entire camp, a donor will pay \$500 and donor's name will be on camp shirts and will provide for 10 children to attend. Other donations will be accepted. Contact Director Mack for more information at 901-476-3734.
- Capital Needs - \$10,000 or more needed
  - New pump and thermal blanket at pool - \$35,000
  - Fitness Coordinator - \$35,000
  - Head Grounds Keeper - \$35,000
  - New fitness equipment at Sportsplex - \$35,000
  - Repairs at Mueller Brass Fields - \$10,000
  - Field Groomer - \$10,000
- Litter in City Parks – Director Mack asked Chairman Glass to discuss this issue. Glass stated pictures from Frazier Park are circulating on social media showing litter on basketball courts at Frazier Park and he is concerned about this. Glass asked for a plan to come together to address litter throughout the city, particularly since so many people have worked so hard to clean up our city during the Clean-Up-Fix-Up weekend. Glass stated he is concerned about litter throughout the city and wants our litter ordinances to be enforced. Glass continued by saying he hates to see such disregard in our city parks because children who play there deserve a safe and clean environment.

Alderman Edwards stated that Ray Teamer picked up trash early in the mornings, although the trash shouldn't be there in the first place. Edwards stated it is disappointing to see trash in our parks. Director Mack stated that Ray Teamer is out for health reasons now, but there is another worker who is checking parks, cleaning, etc. Mack showed the committee the checklist his employee follows, which includes cleaning all parks. Alderman Sullivan suggested more garbage receptacles. Alderman Edwards stated he went to Frazier Park to clean up the trash that was left Sunday night, but it was already cleaned up by noon Monday. Alderwoman Bommer commended Director Mack for the repairs and replacement of park equipment at Frazier Park and stated how nice it is looking.

Chairman Glass asked Director Mack for his ideas for being more proactive in parks. Mack responded that inspections and maintenance of parks is important and when problems are discovered, he wants to be able to replace and repair immediately. He wants to focus on maintaining, upkeep, and inspecting for safety.

Alderman Edwards asked for the police department to spend more time in parks to make sure people are using facilities appropriately. Glass agreed that policing is important and asked Mayor Hanson to communicate this idea with Chief Lewis so we can be more proactive in this area.

Alderwoman Bommer suggested using water hoses/sprinklers in summer at Frazier Park to provide summer fun. Mack stated he is looking into providing a concession stand in Frazier Park in summer, as well.

Glass asked Mack his plans for adult sports. Mack stated he hasn't had good response for adult sports, but can use fees for supplying adult sports if interest is there. Mack stated he will survey the community and supply opportunities for people with specific interests. Glass suggested fall softball and other fall sports for adults. Glass asked Director Mack to explain what equipment is needed at sportsplex. Mack stated equipment such as ellipticals, treadmills, stationary bikes, stair climbers, etc.

Mayor Hanson motioned to approve Director Mack's report and Alderman Glass seconded. Clarified that policies Mack distributed today are for review and wants to discuss/approve at next meeting. Motion passed.

#### Museum Director Barrie Foster:

- Veteran of the Month tonight – first woman veteran of the month – Marine Elizabeth M. Scott.
- Nominations are still being accepted for Sports Hall of Fame – applications at Museum and due July 1
- May 6 was May Festival – approximately 300 attendees – good music and variety of arts and crafts vendors. More children attended and there were several children's activities available
- May 13 – A Day of Matisse – Artist in Residence Richard Reed will lecture on Matisse from 10 – 11:30. Then Director Foster will lead participation in painting one of Matisse's paintings from 1:00 – 4:00

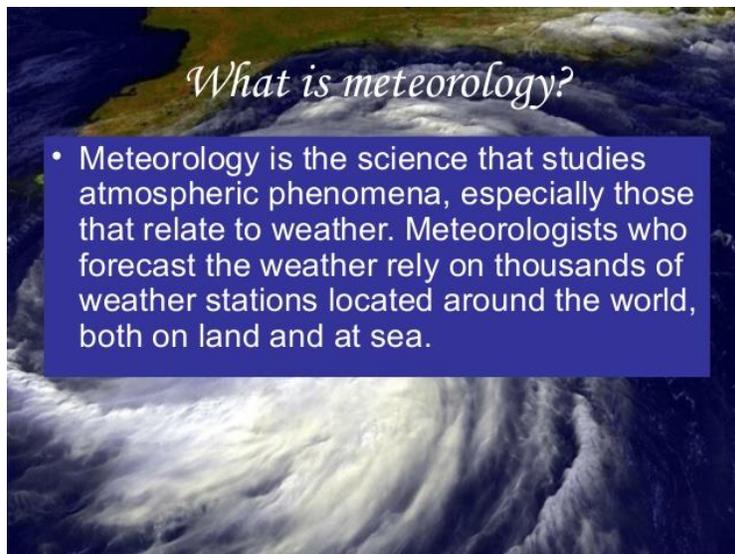
- May 17 – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Tipton Christian Academy will be at Museum for field trip. They have requested program on genealogy.
- May 20 – Story Walk with the Tipton County Library
- May 27 – The History of the Louvre by Dominique Bellott from 10 – 11:30
- Tipton County Pulse – Interview with Maleia Evans, Executive Director of the Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZGoLD5opQxY>
- May 15 – Tipton County Art Exhibit Awards Reception at DSCC – 5:30 – 7:30

Alderman Glass motioned to accept Director Foster’s report and Alderman Hadley seconded. Motion passed.

Director Anderson stated there will be a fly-over for the opening of the BBQ Festival June 1 during The National Anthem

## Meteorologist Tim Simpson of News Channel 3 Visited CMS

Tim Simpson, WREG News Channel 3's Chief Meteorologist, visited Crestview Middle May 10th. He spoke about different aspects of meteorology and gave a motivational message to the 6th grade classes encouraging them to do anything they want to do if they set their mind to it and always keep reading.



## May Festival was held at Tipton County Museum

Each May, the Tipton County Museum, Veteran's Memorial, and Nature Trail holds May Festival - a fun carnival-type atmosphere of vendors, classes, food, and information. This year's event was held May 6<sup>th</sup> and included music, crafts, activities, and fun!



# MAY FESTIVAL

## Board of Mayor and Aldermen Recognized Nurses

At the May 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting, Mayor Hanson read a proclamation for National Nurses Week and presented a plaque to Stephanie Timbs, Chief Nursing Officer, and Donna Pugh, Director of Medical Review with Baptist Hospital Tipton. National Nurses Week begins each year on May 6 and ends on May 12, Florence Nightingale's birthday. These permanent dates enhance planning and position National Nurses Week as an established recognition event. As of 1998, May 8 was designated as National Student Nurses Day, to be celebrated annually. And as of 2003, National School Nurse Day is celebrated on the Wednesday within National Nurses Week each year.



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**National Nurses week**



Female mosquitoes, which suck blood from humans, birds and wild and domesticated animals, can serve as reservoirs of many infectious diseases, spreading these when they move from one food source to another. County level efforts to reduce mosquito populations and to inform residents of the need to protect against mosquito bites are crucial elements in preventing Zika virus, West Nile virus, La Crosse Encephalitis, Chikungunya and many other mosquito-borne illnesses from being transmitted in Tennessee.

### **Fight the Bite**

Fight the Bite is the theme of many national and international efforts to prevent the spread of mosquito-borne illnesses. It involves encouragement of personal protection tactics to prevent individuals from being bitten, along with efforts to remove standing water where mosquitoes can lay their eggs.

Personal protection tactics include:

- Using FDA-approved insect repellents regularly, following the label instructions to ensure safe and effective protection from bites
- Wearing long, loose and light-colored sleeves and pants as much as possible
- Treating clothes with permethrin
- Reducing use of perfumes, colognes and other odors that attract feeding mosquitoes
- Repairing or replacing screens to form a mosquito barrier in buildings
- Using air conditioning

### **Drain and Cover**

Mosquitoes can lay eggs in water containers as small as a plastic soda bottle cap. Preventing breeding spots involves draining standing water from all containers, including planters, toys, dismounted tires, trash and similar receptacles and covering potential breeding spots to keep them dry in the future. Clogged rain gutters are commonly found to serve as mosquito breeding spots; routine cleaning can improve water drainage.

Many mosquitoes only travel a few hundred feet from where they were hatched. By eliminating incubation and hatching spots near their homes and businesses, individuals can significantly reduce their chances for being bitten.

### **Protect Pregnant Women**

Pregnant women should avoid travel to areas where there is risk of Zika virus infection throughout their pregnancy. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated its Zika travel guidance March 10, 2017; that guidance includes: *"...Pregnant women not travel to any area where there is a risk of Zika virus infection, including areas where the virus has been newly introduced or reintroduced and local mosquito-borne transmission is ongoing; areas where the virus was present before 2015 (endemic) and there is no evidence transmission has stopped; and areas where the virus is likely to be circulating but has not been documented."*

For the latest CDC listing of countries with local transmission of Zika virus click here:

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/zika-travel-information>

For a map listing of travel advisories click here:

<http://tdh.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=98adb8b0e81e4b26bb23ae5d4fd9ab02>

## SAVE THE DATE....

- May 13 – Car Show – Bayird Chevrolet – Covington – 8:00 – 3:00 – scroll down for more information
- May 13 – A Day of Matisse (Lecture and Art Class) - Tipton County Museum in Covington – 476-0242
- May 13 – MUSIC on the SQUARE – 7:00 pm - Crossroads
- May 15 – “Inspirations” Art Awards Reception – DSCC Covington – 5:30 – 7:00
- May 16 – Coffee with the Mayor – 7:30 -9:00 – Pappy & Jimmie’s
- May 16 – Tasty Tuesday – Bald Butcher – noon – Dutch treat lunch with Chamber of Commerce
- May 16 – Public Meeting to discuss Newman Property – City Hall – 5:00 – 6:00 **PUBLIC INVITED**
- May 18 – Jobs4Tipton Career Fair – DSCC Covington – 1:00 – 6:00
- May 18 – THIRD THURSDAY – Chamber Center on the Covington Square – 5:00 VFW Post 4840 hosts
- May 20 – Court Square Car Show – sponsor your own award! Scroll down for more information
- May 20 – Story Walk at [Tipton County Library](#) – 10:00 - scroll down for more information
- May 20 – Household Hazardous Waste Collection – Brighton HS – 9:00 – 1:00 – scroll down for more...
- May 20 – Free Legal Clinic – 11:00 – 1:00 - First Presbyterian Church Covington
- May 20 – MUSIC on the SQUARE – 7:00 pm – Generation Gap
- May 20 – Dr. Jesse Cannon Memorial Golf Tournament – Bent Tree Golf Course – Jackson, TN scroll down for more information.....
- May 27 – A History of the Louvre, the World’s Largest Museum – 10:00 – Tipton County Museum
- May 27 – Music on the Square – 7:00 - Boomer Nation
- May 30 – June 02 – Down on the Farm for kids at Covington High School – scroll down for more...
- June 01 – Career Day at St. Luke’s Church – 9:00 – 11:00 – 632 St. Luke Road
- 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>.
- June 10 – Artist Series for Kids – Henri Matisse – 10:00 - Tipton County Museum – scroll down...
- July 01 – Deadline for Tipton County [Sports Hall of Fame Nominations](#)

**Tipton County High School Graduations** The Tipton County High School Graduations will be **May 18 for Brighton HS**, **May 19 for Munford HS** and **May 22 for Covington HS** all beginning at 7pm.



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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)

**The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer**

## Mayor Hanson was “Flocked” by CHS HOSA

Covington High School’s Health Occupation Students of America is putting lovely pink flamingos in yards around the city in a friendly and fun way to raise funds for the organization. HOSA is an international student organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Health Science Education (HSE). HOSA's two-fold mission is to promote career opportunities in the health care industry and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people. HOSA's goal is to encourage all health science instructors and students to join and be actively involved in the HSE-HOSA Partnership.

HOSA provides a unique program of leadership development, motivation, and recognition exclusively for secondary, postsecondary, adult, and collegiate students enrolled in health science education and biomedical science programs or have interests in pursuing careers in health professions. After finding his yard full of Flamingos, Mayor Hanson invited some of the CHS HOSA members to drop by Covington City Hall this week to collect his donation.



## Mark Davidson named Deputy District Attorney

25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney General Mike Dunavant is pleased to announce the appointment of Assistant District Attorney **Mark E. Davidson** as the new **Deputy District Attorney General** in his office serving the 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Lauderdale, Tipton, Fayette, Hardeman, and McNairy counties). General Davidson has most recently served as an Assistant District Attorney primarily assigned to the Somerville Criminal Division office to prosecute cases in Fayette County since June, 2011.

As a result of the growing caseload in the 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, as well as the added statutory, administrative, investigative, policy-making, and law enforcement coordination duties and responsibilities of the District Attorney General, it has become necessary and appropriate to name and appoint an experienced prosecutor to serve as a second-in-command to the DA, and to delegate certain supervisory and decision-making authority to him in order to better provide responsive and consistent service to the public, law enforcement, courts, and victims of crime across the 5 counties of the geographically large 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. Additionally, a Deputy District Attorney will help provide assistance in the day-to-day management and oversight of the existing 52 employees of the District Attorney stationed in the 6 divisions of the office at 9 office locations.

As Deputy District Attorney, General Davidson will have the full authority and discretion to act on behalf of the District Attorney General in all 5 counties of the 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District in all matters, including making charging decisions and signing indictments; ordering autopsies in suspicious death cases; requesting independent investigations by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and other state and federal agencies; providing information to the media and the public regarding ongoing prosecutions; representing the District Attorney General in any statutory boards, committees, teams, or councils; allocating office budget resources; and supervising Assistant District Attorneys and other staff in the criminal division, child support division, DUI prosecution unit, Domestic Violence prosecution unit, Drug Task Force, and the SAUSA program.

General Davidson graduated with a Juris Doctor degree in 1994 from the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, and obtained his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Mississippi in 1990. General Davidson has previously served as an Assistant District Attorney General in the 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, from 1994 to 1999, when he was primarily assigned to prosecute cases in Lauderdale County for former District Attorney General Elizabeth T. Rice. From 1999 to 2004, General Davidson served as an Assistant State Attorney General for Tennessee Attorney General Paul G. Summers, and prosecuted criminal cases on appeal before the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals and the Tennessee Supreme Court. From 2005 to 2010, General Davidson served as Senior Counsel in the Capital Division of the Attorney General's Office, prosecuting death penalty cases before the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals, Tennessee Supreme Court, U.S. District Courts of Tennessee, and the United States Supreme Court. General Davidson has prosecuted and practiced law in all five counties of the 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, as well as serving as a special prosecutor in Memphis and Shelby County, and has extensive experience in criminal jury trials.



**“I am pleased and excited to name my friend and colleague, Mark Davidson, as my Deputy District Attorney General. With more than 20 years of state prosecutorial public service and his demonstrated leadership in my office, I am confident that he will be prepared to immediately begin handling the added duties and responsibilities of the Deputy DA position in the 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. General Davidson is an experienced prosecutor who is very familiar with and cares deeply about issues of public safety in the communities of the 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. He and I share consistent views about not only justice and the rule of law, but also about support of law enforcement and protection of victims. I trust his judgment and professionalism, and I know that Mark will be an effective Deputy District Attorney for our office in 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District”, said District Attorney Mike Dunavant.**

## Mayor Hanson Congratulates and Supports CMS Track



Several members of the Crestview Middle School track team appeared at the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to let them know they are headed to State competition. Bremarious Tipton, pictured at left with Mayor Hanson, won high jump sectionals in West Tennessee with a jump of 5'8". Mayor Hanson presented a check to the team to help them get to State competition.

***GO CHARGERS!***

## Weather and Conditions were great for the Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce Spring Fling Golf Tournament



Mayor Justin Hanson, tournament organizer and Chamber Assistant Director Lauren Fletcher, and Chamber Board President Tracy Lavelle welcomed the golfers and thanked them for their participation.



After a lunch of grilled meats, golfers headed out under beautiful blue skies for tournament play at the Covington Country Club. Winning teams are:

**1st Place Team - Bank of Tipton**

**2nd Place Team - Lamar**

**3rd Place Team - Naihfehs**

### 2nd Flight

**1st Place Team - Rose Construction**

**2nd Place Team - King Cotton**

**3rd Place Team - BancorpSouth**

**Hole # 17 Longest Drive: Tucker Taylor**

**Hole #3 Closest to the Pin: Andy Pinner**

**Hole #10 Closest to the Pin: Tyler Strong**

## Street & Sanitation Manager James Dowell Joins Rotary

Covington Rotary Club President Glen Baker and Rotarian Joseph Mack, Director of the Covington Parks and Recreation Department, welcome new member James Dowell.



Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 110 years, Rotary members have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end. Rotarians practice their motto - *Service Above Self*.

For more than 110 years, Rotary [guiding principles](#) have been the foundation of their values: service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership. Rotary members believe they have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues. Our 35,000+ clubs work together to:

- Promote peace
- Fight disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Save mothers and children
- Support education
- Grow local economies





Covington Court Square  
**FARMERS MARKET**

**Hours of Operation for the 2017 Season**

We open on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8a.m. – 2p.m.

The market will be open again Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 8a.m. – 2p.m.

Then beginning May and continuing through November, shop our vendors:

Tuesdays 8:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.

Thursdays 12:00p.m. – 6:00p.m.

Saturdays 8:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.

45th ANNUAL



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2017

**JUNE 1-3**

- ★ FOOD VENDORS ★
- ★ FAMILY FUN ZONE ★
- ★ TRUCK & TRACTOR PULL ★
- ★ LIVE MUSIC ★



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



*Children and Family Services, Inc MOBILE SENIORS  
FITNESS PROGRAM in partnership with The Community  
Foundation of Middle Tennessee would like to present.....*

## "THE CFS FIT CLUB"

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

**JOIN US FOR PLENTY OF FUN WHILE LEARNING, MEETING NEW  
PEOPLE AND EXERCISING!!!!**

**Wellness Center 412 Alston St**

**TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY  
8-10AM**

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



# 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.

# *Coffee with the Mayor*

*Please join Mayor Hanson for coffee and conversation on the following dates from 7:30 - 9:00*

Tuesday, May 16

Tuesday, May 30

Tuesday, June 13

Tuesday, June 27

Pappy And Jimmie's – 749 N. Main Street





Now in existence for more than 7 years, the **Summer Theater Camp**, created under the guidance of Tipton County Arts Council, continues to offer an enriching experience for Tipton County youth. Previous performances have included: 101 Dalmatians, Jungle Book, Aladdin, High School Musical, Seussical the Musical, Annie, and The Lion King. This year's camp showcases Mulan, and will run June 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Sponsoring a student for \$125 allows a child, whose family may not have the funds available, attend camp. Additionally, *all donations are tax deductible*.

Your generosity, no matter what size donation, allows us to make a difference in the lives of this community's children, through cultural enrichment and personal development.

To sponsor a child for the 2017 Summer Theater Camp, simply make check payable to the Tipton Arts Council for Summer Theater Camp. Donations may be mailed to 1400 Herring Drive, Covington, Tennessee, 38019 or call (901) 237-4006 for pick up. Once again, all donations are tax deductible.

We appreciate your support and invite you to attend Friday night's performance of Mulan (June 23.) Truly, the children of Tipton County are gifted, and this camp is a pleasure to help produce.



## Summer Theater Camp @ CIAA

June 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Theater camp is open to any student in 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Students will act, sing, dance, design sets and costumes.
  - Camp is everyday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Our performance takes place Friday night at 6:00 p.m.
  - Breakfast and lunch provided.
- Camp tuition is \$125.00 and includes a t-shirt and dvd.
- The camp takes place at Covington Integrated Arts Academy  
760 Bert Johnston, Covington, TN

Scholarships are available, please contact Barbara McBride

901-237-4006 or 901-476-9706

Auditions Saturdays  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>  
10:00-2:00  
@ CIAA  
Applications Due  
June 10<sup>th</sup>



In association with Tipton Arts Council

Applications for students in grades 2 – 8 are available by calling 237-4006 or can be picked up at  
Covington Integrated Arts Academy  
760 Bert Johnston Avenue – Covington

# SUMMER CAMPS AT THE COVINGTON SPORTSPLEX

		<b>JUN 5-9</b>		<b>JUN 12-16</b>		<b>JUN 19-23</b>		<b>JUN 26-30</b>		<b>JUL 10-14</b>		<b>JUL 17-21</b>		<b>JUL 24-28</b>	
<b>HALF DAY CAMPS</b>		<b>8AM -12PM</b>													
<b>ART</b> 		<b>Ages 10+</b>												<b>Ages 10+</b>	
 <b>BASEBALL</b>				<b>Ages 5-12</b>											
<b>SOCCER</b> 												<b>Ages 5-12</b>			
 <b>LACROSSE</b>		<b>Ages 7-17</b>													
<b>DANCE</b> 						<b>*Ages 5-17</b>									
 <b>TENNIS</b>								<b>Ages 8-13</b>							
<b>BASKETBALL</b> 						<b>Ages 10-14</b>		<b>Ages 5-9</b>							
<b>* Dance Camp will be from 9:30AM-1:30PM.</b>															
<b>CAMP INSTRUCTORS</b>								<b>CAMP LOCATION</b>							
<b>ART - BARRIE FOSTER</b>								<b>TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM</b>							
<b>BASEBALL - CHS(CHARGERS) COACHES &amp; PLAYERS</b>								<b>COVINGTON HS BASEBALL FIELD</b>							
<b>SOCCER - ROBERT LUTRELL - CHS BOYS &amp; GIRLS HEAD SOCCER COACH</b>								<b>BALTZER FIELD</b>							
<b>LACROSSE - CHRIS DAVANZO - TC DUCKS HEAD COACH</b>								<b>BALTZER FIELD</b>							
<b>DANCE - DEBORAH WALKER</b>								<b>COVINGTON SPORTSPLEX</b>							
<b>TENNIS-EVA WILLIAMS - CHS TENNIS COACH</b>								<b>CITY TENNIS COURTS</b>							
<b>BASKETBALL GARY MURDOCK - CHS BOY &amp; GIRLS HC OR CHARLES MITCHELL - CHS BOYS HC</b>								<b>TBD</b>							
<b>Camp Fees ONLY \$40</b>				<b>Signup Online</b> <a href="http://www.covingtontn.com/parks--recreation.html">http://www.covingtontn.com/parks--recreation.html</a>											
				<b>Breakfast &amp; Lunch Included!</b> For more information or to sign up in person visit us at : Covington Parks & Recreation 790 Bert Johnston Avenue Covington TN 38019 901-476-3734											
<i>T-Shirt Included</i>															

To sponsor kids for summer camp, please contact Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Mack at **901-476-3734** or email [jmack@covingtontn.com](mailto:jmack@covingtontn.com)

**[TO REGISTER for a summer camp, please click here](#)**

**14<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**ENCORE VOCAL WORKSHOP**

**I GOTTA FEELING**

**June 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**9:00AM-11:30AM**

**CRESTVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL-COVINGTON, TN**

Instructors / Facilitators  
Megan Allen and Carole Mathis

**WHAT:** ENCORE IS A four-day intense choir camp for young singers including workshops on performance technique, singing technique, music rehearsals, and an end-of-workshop performance for family and friends. Each camper will receive a t-shirt worn for performance is also included in this fee.

**WHO:** For student singers/performers ages 5-18 (starting 1<sup>st</sup> grade/graduated sr.)

**WHEN:** WORKSHOP: Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>- Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 9:00-11:30am  
PERFORMANCE: Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, evening performance at 7:00 p.m.  
Please arrive @ 8:30AM to complete registration on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**WHERE:** ENCORE IS HELD @ CRESTVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETORIUM.  
Located at: 206 MARK WALKER BLVD COVINGTON, TN

**COST:** \$65 PER CAMPER! A \$30.00/CAMPER non-refundable deposit is due By, WEDNESDAY, May 31<sup>st</sup>. DEPOSIT WILL GO TOWARDS BALANCE.  
Remaining balance (if not paid in full w/ deposit) is due first day of camp.

**\*DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE!!!!**

**\*SIBLING DISCOUNT:** \$35 EACH FOR EACH ADDITIONAL SIBLING

**\*EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT:** \$5 OFF /STUDENT IF DEPOSIT RECEIVED ON/BEFORE MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

Payment is DUE IN FULL on the first day of camp.

Please make checks payable to Carole Mathis/Megan Allen Haiti Missions

Please arrive @ 8:30am on registration day to make full payment.

A portion of the proceeds go to support Haiti missions.

**More information:**

<http://meganallenmusic.weebly.com/encore-summer-vocal-workshop.html>

Questions? Carole @ 486-8356 or Megan @ 409-3271

Email us @ [encorevocalworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:encorevocalworkshop@gmail.com)

Spots are limited! Apply today!

*inspired*  
TO *sing*

## 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.

## 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.

# "Down on the Farm"

May 30<sup>th</sup>– June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

Covington High School Agriculture Department

**\$75.00 per child**

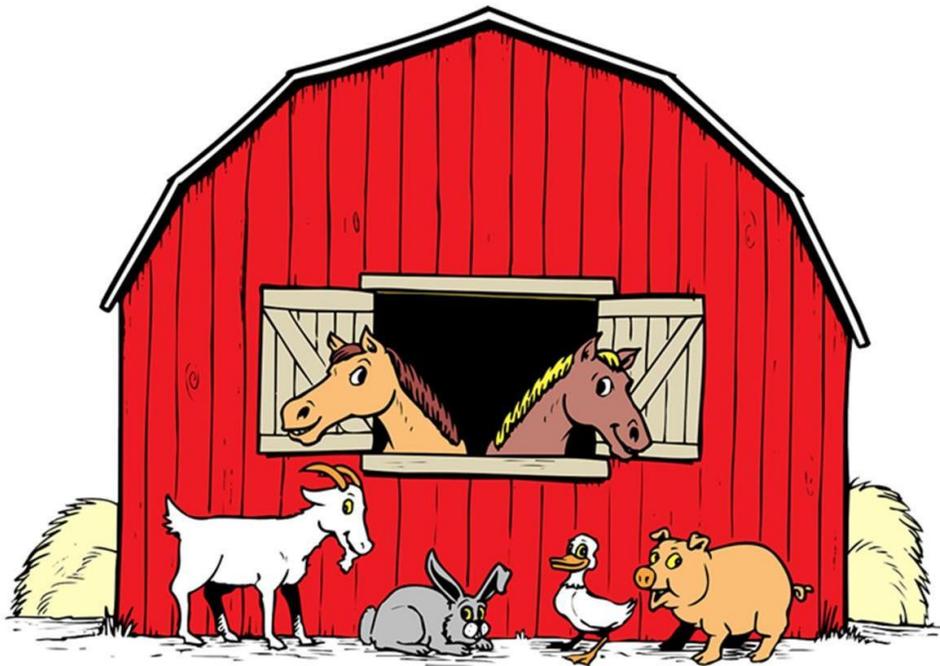
This will include breakfast, snacks, lunch, crafts, field trips, a group picture, and a t-shirt.

**Students ages 4-12**  
**8:00am-12:00pm**



During this week your camper will enjoy an interactive experience in agriculture. We will take field trips to local farms where the campers will get to see both crop production and animals. They will also learn, play games, and do crafts that will teach them about life "Down on the Farm."

Call (901)840-9227 or email [jjffa@hotmail.com](mailto:jjffa@hotmail.com) for any questions or to register.



# Summer Camps at Crestview Elementary

Crestview Elementary has planned several exciting summer programs that will keep students learning and growing. CES will have a Read to be Ready Summer Literacy Camp, Camp Invention, Project Succeed Summer Camp, and Kinder Boost.

Crestview Elementary was recently awarded the Ready to be Ready Summer Grant. This grant will fund a four week summer instructional program that provides rich reading and writing opportunities for 20 selected rising third grade students. The goal is to develop a student's love for reading over the summer months by providing them with access to a multitude of high-quality books.

CES Camp Invention will present children with fun, hands-on challenges that encourage creative problem solving, teamwork, entrepreneurship, and innovation. Camp invention is led by experienced local educators and new curriculum is introduced each year, inspired by the Inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame!

Project Succeed's Lightning Bolt Club Summer Camp derived from a plan to provide STEM activities that will positively impact our students. Through our summer program, students will be able to take advantage of STEM hands-on activities, positive interaction with peers, a field trip, breakfast, and lunch in a safe, drug-free environment. Lightning Bolt Club STEM camp is free of charge to all participants. This includes free door-to-door transportation to and from camp. Our mission is to increase the knowledge, skills, and behavior of our students by exposing them to more interactive activities.

Kinder Boost is an exciting two week program for students entering kindergarten who have not previously attended preschool. The goal of Kinder Boost is to help prepare students for the transition to kindergarten.

[Bonnie Overland](#)

Instructional Facilitator

Crestview Elementary

901-840-9300

# LIVE MUSIC LINE UP FOR MAY

MAY 5TH	CROSSROADS	DANNO'S Grill	Music On
MAY 6TH	The Amber McCain Band		The Square
MAY 12TH	Chosen Few	DANNO'S Grill	Music On
MAY 13TH	CROSSROADS		The Square
MAY 19TH	Blues Disciples	DANNO'S Grill	Music On
MAY 20TH	GENERATION GAP		The Square
MAY 26TH	Paige and Case	DANNO'S Grill	Music On
MAY 27TH	BOOMER NATION		The Square





TIPTON COUNTY  
M·U·S·E·U·M  
VETERANS MEMORIAL  
NATURE CENTER

The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center  
Presents

## “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.

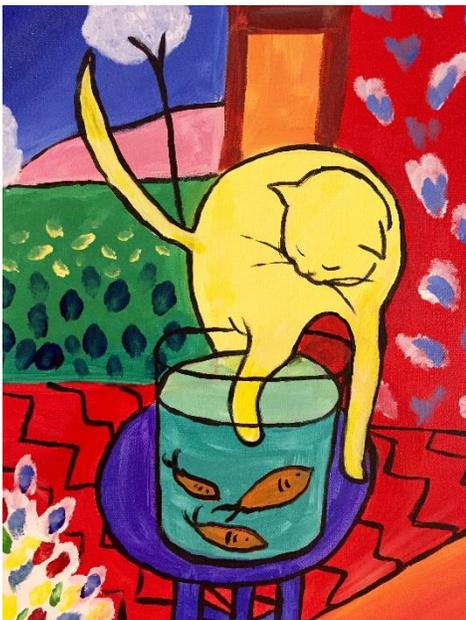
When: Saturday, May 13, 2017. LECTURE: 10-11:30 a.m., ART CLASS: 1—4 p.m.

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

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



Free Spectator Admission

# The Covington Charger 2nd Annual Car Show

Free Spectator Admission



## Saturday May 13, 2017

9:00am until 3:00pm  
Registration begins at 8:00am

Pre-registration Fee: \$25.00  
Registration Day of: \$35.00

Bayird Chevrolet 3299 Hwy 51  
Covington Tn 38019



Contact: Jessica Hernandez  
901-289-1302  
email: xjessiema05x@aol.com

There will be music, food, raffle, craft booths and much more!

### swap Meet / \$15.00 per spot

For more information see our Facebook page:  
The Covington Charger 2nd Annual Car Show  
<https://www.facebook.com/CovingtonChargerBand>



### Test your skill on the Mechanical Bull

Sponsored by the Covington High Band Boosters

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



**May 16th Tasty Tuesday is Noon at...**



**Billings Bald Butcher  
100 Star Shopping Center Street  
Covington, TN 38019**

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

let's do  
**lunch**



**MEETING  
NOTICE!**



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**May 16, 2017**

The City of Covington, Tennessee, an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer, will conduct a Public Meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017, in the Upstairs Boardroom at City Hall, 200 West Washington Street, Covington, TN 38019.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the future use of the Newman Property and obtain public feedback.

The meeting will be held from 5pm – 6pm and the public is invited to provide input. Representatives from the city will be available to answer questions.

**Date: May 16, 2017**

**Time: 5pm – 6pm**

Anyone with questions regarding this meeting may contact:

City of Covington  
200 West Washington Street  
Covington, TN 38019  
Phone: (901) 476-9613

Persons with a disability, who require aids or services to participate at the meeting, may contact Ms. Lessie Fisher at the following email or phone number no less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting.

Email: [lfisher@covingtontn.com](mailto:lfisher@covingtontn.com)

Phone: 901-476-9613 Ext. 146

**LET YOUR  
VOICE  
BE HEARD**



**When:** Thursday, May 18, 2017  
1 pm to 6 pm

**Location:** DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center  
Student Learning Center  
3149 Hwy 51S. Covington, TN



# **JOBS4Tipton** **Career Fair**

More details coming soon! To get immediate updates on this event, please like us on Facebook, and indicate that you are "Coming" or "Interested" in this event!

 @TNCareerCentersNWTN



# **CAREER** **FAIR**



 **COVINGTON  
TIPTON COUNTY  
CHAMBER of COMMERCE**

# Business *After Hours*

Where our community is our business



**5:00pm on May 18th**  
The Chamber Center  
101 Court Square West  
Covington, TN 38019



Our May Third Thursday Sponsor:

**The VFW Post 4840**



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Jackson TN Alumni Chapter



# Dr. Jesse Cannon Memorial KAPPA Charity Golf

S C R A M B L E

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017



### Place

Bent Tree Golf Course  
2993 Paul Coffman Drive  
Jackson, Tennessee 38301  
(731) 866-1840

### Time & Place

Registration 7:00 AM  
Shotgun Start 8:00 AM  
Lunch & Awards immediately following

### Player Benefits & Fees

\$125 Per Person | \$400 Foursome  
Day of Scramble \$125 per player  
Fees Include: green fees, cart practice balls  
& Lunch

For more information please contact:

Bro. Jerome Cephus (901) 780-2053  
Bro. Ken Moten, Chairman (731) 293-5479  
Bro. Evelyn Robertson (731) 609-2550

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#### DIAMOND SPONSOR - \$1,000 & ABOVE

One complimentary foursomes  
Recognition as Diamond Sponsor in all publicity and printed materials.  
Recognition at one hole or green with corporate logo sign.

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#### HOLE SPONSOR - \$250

Recognition at award lunch  
Recognition in program

#### FRIEND OF K.A.P.P.A. SPONSOR - \$100

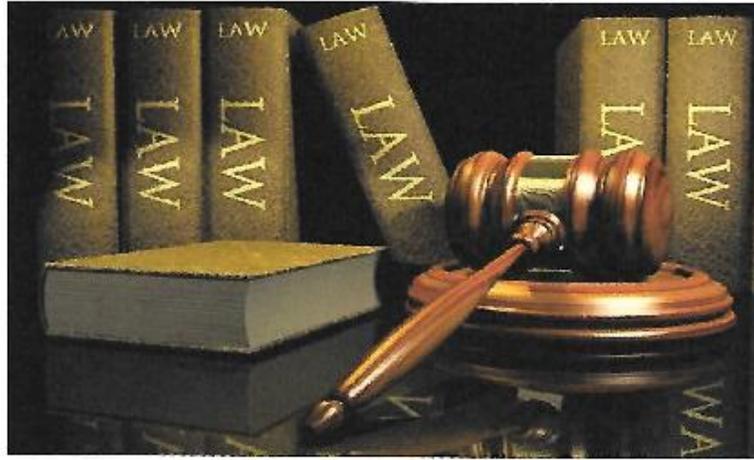
#### PATRON SPONSOR - \$50 AND BELOW

#### IN KIND DONATIONS

**DEADLINE: PROGRAM ENTRY AND SIGNS 5/10/17**

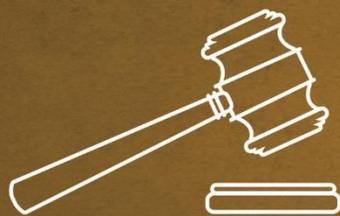
We also offer opportunities for advertisement on our app!

**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**



**BE  
INFORMED**

# *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



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)



**You can sponsor specific trophies and/or prizes! Please contact Lynn Milam for more information at 901-626-7732**

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Saturday – May 20, 2017

Sponsored by Tennessee  
Department of Environment  
and Conservation

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
**Brighton High School**  
8045 Hwy 51 South, Brighton

Household Hazardous Waste - is defined as corrosive, flammable, toxic, or reactive materials used in your home, car or truck, or garden and lawn that is unwanted/unusable.



### Now's your chance... It's FREE!

You can dispose of all those left over household chemicals, lawn and garden products and automotive materials that you've never known what to do with.

### Things to Bring:

#### Household Cleaners

Drain openers  
Oven Cleaners  
Wood Cleaners & Polishes  
Metal Cleaners & Polishes  
Toilet Bowl Cleaners  
Disinfectants

#### Home Maintenance

##### Chemicals

Paint Thinner  
Wood Preservatives  
Paint Strippers & Removers,  
Adhesives  
Oil-based Paint

#### Miscellaneous

Fingernail Polish Remover  
Pool Chemicals  
Photo Processing Chemicals  
Medicines & Drugs  
Reactive Materials  
Aerosols  
Compressed Gas  
Mercury Thermostats  
Mercury Thermometers  
Fluorescent Light Bulbs

#### Lawn & Garden

##### Chemicals

Herbicides  
Pesticides  
Fungicides  
Fertilizers

##### Automotive Products

Fuel Additives  
Grease & Rust Solvents  
Air Conditioning Refrigerants  
Starter Fluids  
Body Putty  
Coolants  
Carburetor/ Fuel Injector Cleaners

**NO Medical Waste, Infectious Waste, Radioactive Waste, Explosives, Ammunition, Electronics, Latex Paint, Motor Oil, Alkaline Batteries, or Any Empty Containers.**

**Waste from NON-household sources such as Businesses, Schools, Farms, Churches, Etc. will be accepted BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Call 615-643-3170 to request a price quote and schedule an appointment.**

**If you have questions or need additional information, please call 901-476-0254.**



**The Tipton County Public Library**

**&**

**The Tipton County Museum**

**Veterans Memorial Nature Center Present:**



# story walk

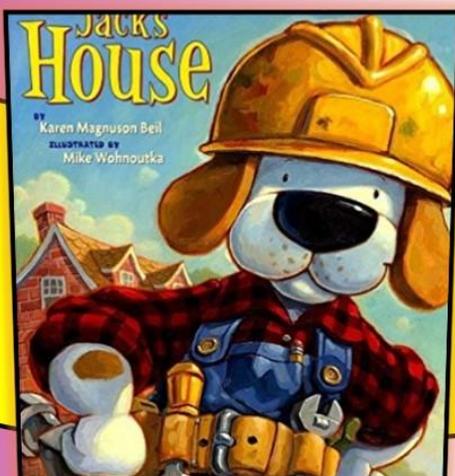
## **Read a Story While Taking a Walk**

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**Tipton County Museum Veterans Memorial and Nature Center**

**751 Bert Johnson Ave.**

**Covington, TN 38019**



### **Jack's House**

**By Chris Van Dusen**

**May 20th**

**Come anytime**

**between**

**10:00 & 11:30am**

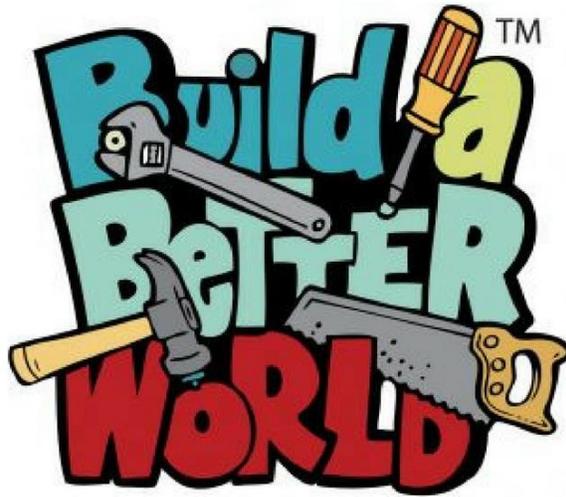


For more information please contact the

**Tipton County Public Library**

**Phone: 476-8289**

**E-mail: [tiptonpl@tiptonco.com](mailto:tiptonpl@tiptonco.com)**



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# Tipton County Public Library's Summer Reading Program June 1st - July 31st

**FREE PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS, TEENS, &  
CHILDREN**

**READ BOOKS, WIN PRIZES!!!**

A complete list of programs is available on our website, and Facebook page.

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

[www.facebook.com/tiptoncountylibrary](http://www.facebook.com/tiptoncountylibrary)

LIVE ANIMALS

ESCAPE ROOMS

MAGIC SHOW

BOOK CLUBS

STORY WALKS

FREE MOVIES

STORY TIME

ADULT COLORING



[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 word "COVINGTON" in large, bold, serif letters at the top. Below it is the tagline "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 background features a faint circular seal with "EST 1825". 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 Library Corner

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&  
The Tipton County Museum  
Veterans Memorial Nature Center Present:

## Story Walk

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Covington, TN 38019



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May 20th  
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Presented in partnership with:  
Tipton County Public Library  
Phone: 423-2426  
Email: [info@tiptonlibrary.com](mailto:info@tiptonlibrary.com)

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**  
**MAKE IT: Build It**

May 18th  
4:00-5:00pm  
Ages 11 & Under



**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME**

**It's story TIME**  
@your library

THURSDAYS @ 10:00am & 2:00pm  
Stories, Crafts, Fun!

Get ready for **SUMMER READING**



**HOMESCHOOL BOOK CLUB**

April 20th  
1:00-1:30 Grades K-3  
**The Paint Brush Kid—Robert Bulla**

**TEEN MOVIE**  
AGES 13-17  
May 4th  
Rogue One [PG-13] 133 min.  
4:00PM

**LEGO CLUB**

May 4th 1:00-2:00pm  
May 13th 11:00-12:00pm  
May 25th 4:00-5:00pm



**TIPTON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
This meeting is open to the public  
May 22nd @ 5:30pm



# May Movie MadNeSS

@ the Tipton County Public Library

enjoy a free movie and refreshments on us!



for adults (ages 18+)

may 2nd  
1:00pm



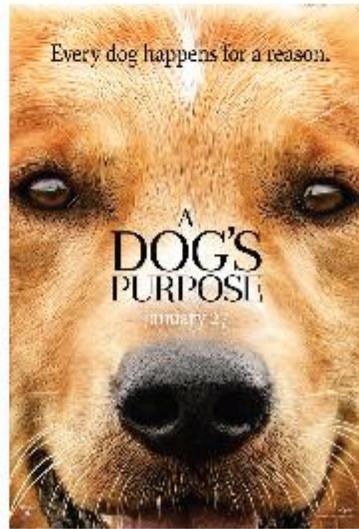
for teens (ages 13-17)

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>



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VETERANS MEMORIAL  
NATURE CENTER

The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

Presents

# **“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!

The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

751 Bert Johnston Avenue

Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-0242



# Alpha Kappa Alpha visited Museum



Ms. Hattye Yarbrough and members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority visited the Tipton County Museum after eating a delicious lunch at the Bald Butcher restaurant. They were able to see Ms. Hattye's exhibit and enjoy a question-answer session with her.

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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VETERANS MEMORIAL  
NATURE CENTER



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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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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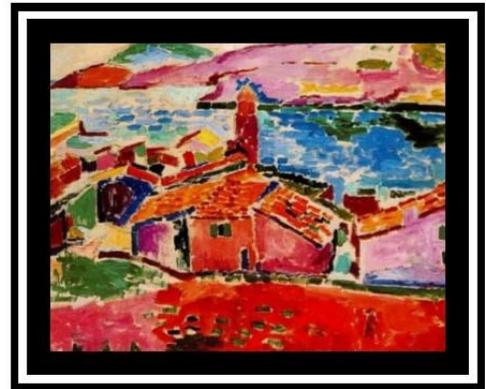


Georgia O'Keeffe March 4, 2017

“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”



# Reception Held for May Veteran of the Month

A reception was held at the Tipton County Museum for the first female Veteran of the Month, Marine Ret. Elizabeth M. (Marge) Scott. Tipton County Veteran's Association President Kathy Desjarlias and Museum Director Barrie Foster presented her a US Flag and commemorative plaque. Girls Scout Troop 13804 from Brighton provided refreshments.





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

**Elizabeth M. Scott**

The youngest of five children, Marge was born in Sharon, PA on January 7, 1932. After high school, she worked for Northeast Airlines in New York City for two years as a ticket agent. The month after her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, she decided to join the military. Why she chose the Marine Corps instead of the Navy like her brother or the Army like her father, no one knows – but by waiting until she was 21, she avoided any family argument over if her parents would give her permission. (At that time, women under 21 needed parental permission the way that 17 year old men did).

After boot camp in Paris Island, she attended ANP School in Jacksonville, FL, then Air Traffic Controller School in Olatha, KS. From Kansas, she reported to her first duty station in El Toro, CA. It didn't take Marge long to settle into a routine and she enjoyed her life at El Toro.

One night, she helped a Marine onto the bus so he could get back to base – he was having problems navigating because he had been celebrating his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. She thought no more about it until one evening at the club. She asked for an order of French fries – the formerly drunken Marine was working behind the counter! He served her fries, then promptly reached over and helped himself to some saying he had given her too many. It was not long before this nameless Marine asked her out on a date. She accepted, but there was a problem. Neither had bothered to ask the other's name! When he arrived at the women's barracks to get her, he didn't know who to ask for. Despite that, Marge and Harmon soon learned each other's names and became inseparable. On August 6, 1954, they were married at the Wedding Chapel in Anaheim, CA.

Since marriage and the military were considered incompatible for women, Corporal Marge Scott was discharged a few days after her marriage. She followed Harmon to Spokane, WA, and other various duty stations. Although she worked various banking jobs at their numerous stations, her primary focus was her family, which soon expanded. In 1956 Brian was born at Fairchild AFB, and in 1958 Cyndy was born in Jacksonville, FL. She is now the proud grandmother of three. Marge, supported and assisted by her loving children, was a devoted caregiver to Harmon until his death one year ago.

Marge is a member of the Munford First United Methodist Church. She was nominated for Veteran of the Month by H. T. Ray.