

## Local Attorneys Graduated Tennessee Bar Association's 2017 Leadership Law Class

After being selected by the TBA Steering Committee to participate in the class, participants spent six months traveling the state to learn and grow in their profession. Participants from Tipton County are Rachel Witherington, William A. Wooten, and Kasey Culbreath.



[Leadership Law](#) aims to serve the legal profession by equipping participants with the vision, knowledge and skills necessary to serve as leaders in the profession and in the community as a whole. Their goals include:

- \*To nurture effective leadership with respect to ethical, professional and community service issues.
- \*To build relationships among legal leaders from across the state and from across disciplines within the profession.
- \*To raise the level of awareness among lawyers regarding the broad range of issues facing the legal profession.
- \*To enhance the diversity of leaders within the legal profession and the community as a whole.



Making connections is another perk of the class. Local attorneys had the opportunity to work with State legal leaders, such as (L-R) Judge Brandon Gibson of the Tennessee Court of Appeals Western Division and Leadership Law Co-chair, Kate Prince, Tennessee Bar Association and Leadership Law Coordinator, Witherington, Loretta Cravens, Attorney with Eldridge & Blakney in Knoxville, TN and Leadership Law Co-chair, and Culbreath.

36 lawyers from across Tennessee were in the class of 2017. [Click here for complete listing.](#)



# Celebrate America's Independence

[We celebrate American Independence Day](#) on the Fourth of July every year. Americans think of July 4, 1776, as a day that represents the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America as a free and independent nation.

[Safety Tips for Celebrating with Kids](#)  
[Fireworks Safety](#)  
[Constitution Facts](#)  
[History.com](#)



**City of Covington Offices will be closed to observe Independence Day - July 4<sup>th</sup>.**



**Click on the picture above to read about American Independence**

## **Delta Leadership Discuss Partnerships and Renewed Investment In Local Communities with National Officials**

*Tennessee community leaders participate in four-day session in U.S. Capital*

WASHINGTON, DC – Leadership fellows in the Delta Leadership Institute's Executive Academy met this month with their congressional delegation and federal officials in Washington, D.C., to learn about partnerships and resources to improve local infrastructure, help create good-paying jobs, boost entrepreneurship, and continue developing a skilled workforce.

DLI fellows met with White House officials, representatives of federal agencies, national associations of local and state governments, and policy experts to discuss current opportunities for funding and executing projects that address the needs of the Mississippi River Delta Region and the Black Belt of Alabama.

“In an ever-tightening budgetary climate for state and local governments, businesses, and nonprofits, mutually beneficial partnerships are a vital part of planning, funding, and implementing necessary economic and community development projects in our region,” said Chris Masingill, Federal Co-Chairman of the Delta Regional Authority, which oversees the Delta Leadership Institute.

In recognition of the President's infrastructure week, the American Society of Civil Engineers presented the 2017 American Infrastructure Report Card followed by a panel that discussed upcoming opportunities for infrastructure development in water and sewer systems, transportation, and broadband.

The forty-nine DLI fellows participating make up the twelfth class of the Executive Academy, including six members from Tennessee:

- William (Jake) Bynum, Weakley County Government, Dresden
- Rachel Crickmar, Tennessee Valley Authority, Nashville
- James Crone, Trane U.S. Inc., Memphis
- Maleia Evans, Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce, Covington
- Gwendolyn Gavin, Eagles Nest, Brownsville
- Jai Templeton, Tennessee Department of Agriculture, McNairy County

“This session in Washington gives us, as community leaders, the opportunity to both learn from successful strategies elsewhere in the country and also connect with congressional leaders, administration officials, policy makers, funders, and support organizations so that we can bring ideas back to our communities and reach our local economic goals,” said Maleia Evans, Executive Director of Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce, representing Tennessee and Tipton County in the 2017 Delta Leadership Institute.

### **About the Delta Leadership Institute**

The Delta Leadership Institute is a program of the Delta Regional Authority in partnership with the University of Alabama, Arkansas State University, and the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Through its Executive Academy, DLI has provided leadership development to 500 community leaders over twelve years and strengthened skills development, information sharing, and regional collaboration. DLI maintains an environment for continued education and engagement for its alumni through the Delta Leadership Network. Learn more at [dra.gov/leadership](http://dra.gov/leadership).



Tennessee representatives to the Delta Leadership Institute who visited Washington DC recently are (L-R) Jim Crone, Shelby County, Gwen Gavin, Haywood County, Maleia Evans, Tipton County, Rachel Crickmar, Davidson County, Jake Bynum, Weakley County. Not pictured is Jai Templeton (McNairy Co).

# Public Safety Committee held Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Public Safety Committee took place at Covington City Hall on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 with the following present: Chairman Alderman Mac McGowan, CPD Chief Buddy Lewis, CFD Chief Mike Naifeh, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman Jere Hadley, Alderman C.H. Sullivan, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Alderman John Edwards, Mayor Justin Hanson, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, Margaret Fleming.

Chairman McGowan called the meeting to order at 1:00 and called on Fire Chief Mike Naifeh to give his report.

Naifeh – MTAS conducted assessment/interviews with the 5 candidates for Lieutenant last week. Naifeh thanked city personnel office, and specifically Charlita Foulks, for their participation in this process. Naifeh reports that MTAS was pleased with the level of the candidates and Naifeh expects to announce the lieutenant and driver selections by the end of next week.

Engine 2 is back in service and is operating well after recent service and repairs. Covington Fire Department is at full strength with the trucks and apparatus equipment.

The water leak and subsequent damage at South Station has been repaired. Yard work and landscaping will continue at this location –all as a result of the leak.

Preplanning of all commercial structures in the city is in full swing and Naifeh's goal is for 718 commercial structures to be completed by July 1<sup>st</sup>. In doing this, the department studies the floor plans, gas and water connections, takes pictures inside and out, and gathers contact information to update their records for better service. After this is finished, the focus will shift to the ISO rating schedule with the goal to lower our ISO rating. If this can be accomplished, it will save all residents and business owners on their insurance premiums.

Naifeh reported there were 177 volunteer hours worked in the month of May at the CFD. This is down some over past months because the CFD is down 2 volunteer firefighters.

The Run-Report provided to committee members reported activity from May 23<sup>rd</sup> through June 26<sup>th</sup>. This included the CFD answering 46 calls for sick people, 23 calls for falls (non-traumatic), 21 fire alarms, 12 structure fires, 12 vehicle fires, and 8 medical alarms. The total runs for this time period are 276, which is an increase over last month.

CARE Report was submitted by CARE Officer Mark Heaston, and included in Chief Naifeh's report. This included presenting at St. Luke's Career Day, installing 15 fire alarms, assisting on 2 EMS medical calls, and completing recertification for AHA Heartsaver, AED, and First Aid CPR.

Naifeh reported he has completed the UTM WestStar Leadership Program and thanked the Board and Committee members for their continued support.

Tennessee Fire Chiefs' Association has selected Covington's Fire Department as a recipient of a grant that will help us recruit and retain volunteer firefighters. They will provide no monetary assistance, but will provide marketing and training assistance. Naifeh hopes to have a volunteer firefighter class this fall. He is also working toward having at least one paramedic on each shift throughout the CFD. There are two paramedics currently.

Alderwoman Bommer motioned to approve Naifeh's report and Sullivan seconded. Motion passed.

CPD Chief Buddy Lewis was called on to report.

Lewis showed the committee a GPS map of property being considered for a new police facility currently owned by Delfield and pointed to where a gas line crosses this property, which prevents a structure from being built there. Lewis went on to say he has visited the old Covington Elementary School property on corner of Church and College Streets and stated this area will work if the Board decides this is the best location.

One police officer has been terminated and the suspension of another officer is currently in process. Neither of these had anything to do with the work of these officers nor their behavior *on the job*.

Our academy attendees are doing well and Lewis reported he has received very good reports from the Police Academy on their progress. He is excited about getting these new hires certified and on the streets and in our communities ASAP.

CPD has three openings and are accepting applications. Jobs are posted and Lewis stated he will be happy to discuss these openings with anyone who is interested.

Officer Jonathan Lightsey was involved in an accident while in his patrol car. No one was injured. Lewis reported there is a committee of people in the CPD who examine the events of any "on-the-job" accident and resulting damages. They made a recommendation to the Chief regarding disciplinary actions. Lewis reported Lightsey has expressed his apologies. The damage was done to a Taurus car and the airbag did not deploy. Lewis stated he doesn't have a damage estimate at this time. Lewis reported he is down so many vehicles, he is considering driving his personal car for his regular workday. He is investigating this with insurance. Alderwoman Bommer asked Chief Lewis how many police cars he would lease tomorrow if he had his wishes, and Chief Lewis responded he would lease 2.

Officer Greg Templeton has been promoted to Sergeant and Officer Michael Gann promoted to Corporal effective July 1, 2017. Corporal Dowell was promoted earlier from the School Resource Officer (SRO) position at CHS, and Officer Ronald Brody has been named as the new SRO at Covington High School. He will attend a SRO training later this summer.

Two CPD officers will attend SWAT training through a 2-week school in Olive Branch, MS. They will come back and share information with the Covington force.

New court schedule in Chancery Court Room at Justice Center will begin on July 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.

Lewis reported that Rose Construction has begun work on the former Tipton County Library on Church Street to get it ready for a temporary CPD location. Lewis hopes to move in by the end of August.

Alderman Sullivan motioned to accept Chief Lewis' report and Alderwoman Bommer seconded. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Bommer commended both chiefs for the work they are doing for continuous improvements in their departments and they thanked her and the Board for their support, as well. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

# Reading Camp Continues at Crestview Elementary

CES had another successful week with the Read to Be Ready Summer Camp and focused on learning about animals. Students explored lots of great books, dissected owl pellets, examined animal skulls, and got to interact with animals with Mr. Bob. Participants are learning through hands-on activities to help develop a love of reading.



# Covington High School FFA Completed State Competition - Now Headed to the National Level



Covington High School's Future Farmers of America concluded the 2016-2017 school year with a weekend of competitions at Camp Clements in Van Buren County with three different teams competing. The environmental and natural resources team finished as the 2017 Tennessee State Runners-up in a competition that consisted of wildlife identification, soil profile laboratory and a test on wildlife and ecology knowledge. Team members included John Travis Turner, Nathan Oliver, Will Turner, Nick Kellum and Steven Sartain.

The forestry team placed third in West Tennessee and sixth overall in the state, competing in categories such as tree identification, tree mensuration, azimuth reading, chainsaw identification and problems, tree disorders, forestry equipment identification and a forestry knowledge exam. Those members included Ryan Wick, Greg Mullins, Quentin Morris, Joseph Hellman, Keon Reed and Brianna Reed. In its first year on a state level, the agronomy team placed as the West Tennessee Regional Runners-up. This competition consisted of identifying weeds, plants, insects and equipment that are used in row crop production. Team members are Quentin Morris, Joseph Hellman, Brianna Reed and Keon Reed. The CHS chapter also competed in the National award process **and was selected to move on to national judging at the end of July.** It was also recognized as a **Tennessee Gold Chapter**, being one of 19 chapters in the entire state to receive this award. ***GO CHARGERS!***

# CHS HOSA Attended International Convention in Orlando



These Covington High students attended HOSA International Leadership Conference & placed in the **TOP 10!**



**8<sup>th</sup> Place – CERT – Certified Emergency Response Team**  
**Alex Mason and Mikayla Wallace**



**National Recognition - HOSA Happenings**  
**Auburn Sage**



**5<sup>th</sup> Place - Medical Reserve Team**  
**Caroline Price, Tucker Roach, and Victoria Billings**



**9th Place – Public Health Team**  
**Savanna Simpson, Chloe Price, Samantha Donde (TN HOSA President), Colin Haynes, Tucker Chumley, and Austin Mason.**



**4th Place – Community Awareness Team**  
**Montana Hood, Colby Ruffin and Aubrey Lake Webb**



***GO CHS CHARGERS!***

## **TBR Approves DSCC's Course Revitalization Proposal**

The Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) has approved the development of Dyersburg State Community College's (DSCC) first online learning community. The project pairs statistics and computer applications through a Course Revitalization Proposal awarding DSCC \$9000 plus up to 30 percent for benefits. The goal of this learning community is to help students gain proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint applications by using them to complete assignments in both courses. It is designed to give students more hands-on experience presenting data and communicating statistic-based decisions to others with the software tools they have available in the marketplace. The course will be available to students during the fall 2017 semester. For more information regarding this learning community, contact Deanne Williams at 731-286-3357 or Brenda Fincher at 731-286-3393.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

- July 01 – Deadline for Tipton County [Sports Hall of Fame Nominations](#)
- July 04 – City offices closed to observe Independence Day
- July 08 – A Day of Cezanne at the Tipton County Museum – 10:00 – 4:00 – scroll down for info....
- July 11 – Coffee with the Mayor – Sookie’s Bake Shop on the Square – 7:30 – 9:00
- July 11 - DSCC Open House and New Student Orientation – 2:00 – 4:00 – JNC – Covington
- July 17 – Lifeblood at Covington City Hall
- July 18 – New Student Orientation and Open House – DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center - 2:00 – 4:00
- July 22 - Intro to Genealogy at Tipton County Museum – 10:30 – scroll down for more info....
- July 25 - Coffee with the Mayor – Sookie’s Bake Shop on the Square – 7:30 – 9:00
- August 10 - DSCC Open House and New Student Orientation – 2:00 – 4:00 – JNC – Covington
- August 18 - Navy Day on Museum grounds



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

[City of Covington](#)

[Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Tipton County](#)

[Covington Sportsplex](#)

[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](#)

\*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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# Summer Camps Going Strong at Sportsplex

Basketball and Dance Camps were this week. See schedule below for upcoming events.



Crestview Middle School Coach Gary Murdock led basketball camp at the Sportsplex. Two basketball camps are being offered for kids of varying ages. Check the camp schedule below for upcoming events.



Debra Walker, dance and drama teacher at CIAA, instructed about 25 children in various forms of dance.



# SUMMER CAMPS AT THE COVINGTON SPORTSPLEX

 Covington Parks & Recreation 790 Bert Johnston Avenue Covington TN 38015 901-476-3734	<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> 	Ages 10+					Ages 10+	
	 <b>BASEBALL</b>		Ages 5-12					
	<b>SOCCER</b> 						Ages 5-14	
	 <b>LACROSSE</b>	Ages 7-17						
	<b>DANCE</b> 			*Ages 5-17				
	 <b>TENNIS</b>				Ages 8-14			
<b>BASKETBALL</b> 			Ages 10-14	Ages 5-9				
* Dance Camp will be from 9:30AM-1:30PM.								
<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 BOYS &amp; GIRLS HO OR CHARLES MITCHELL - CHS BOYS HO</b>				<b>COVINGTON SPORTSPLEX</b>				

Camp Fees ONLY \$40

Signup online at <http://www.covingtontn.com/summer-camp-series.html>

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Breakfast & Lunch Included!

T-shirt included!



The Closest Market



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](#)

# 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.



# HALL of FAME



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**10 GAME SEASON (2 NIGHTS A WEEK)**

**\$400 PER TEAM**

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**SEASON STARTS AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup> & ENDS**

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**<http://www.covingtontn.com/adult-sports.html>**



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Covington TN 38019  
901-476-3734  
cweston@covingtontn.com



Ribbon Cutting  
was held for new  
Covington-  
Tipton County  
Chamber  
member  
Woodmen Life  
Insurance, and  
agent Neil  
Bringle.



Chamber members & staff, city officials, family, and friends gathered at the Covington-Tipton County Chamber Office as new member Neil Bringle (with scissors) cut the ribbon celebrating the opening of Woodmen Life Insurance of Atoka, TN.



**The Psychology Club of Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC)** raised \$1500 to benefit the [Down Syndrome Association of West Tennessee](#). The Association's fifth annual **Country Music Lends Down a Hand** concert and camp was held June 21 at Casey Jones Village in Jackson, Tennessee. Enjoying the event were Alayna Scallion (center), daughter of Dr. Brigham Scallion, DSCC assistant professor of biology, Cindy Williams (left), DSCC associate professor of English, Jeannine McMahon (back), DSCC associate professor of psychology, and Dr. Teri Maddox (right), DSCC vice president.

**Woodmen Life LOVES first responders**, and Agent Neil Bringle enjoyed providing lunch for these brave heroes at Covington Fire Department to express his appreciation for everything they do for the community. Bringle told the employees, "God bless you all and I look forward to continuing to build a relationship going forward." He also provided this American flag to the Covington Fire Department, where it is proudly on display!



## Covington Lions Club Installed New Officers



Covington Lions Club installed (above L-R) Gail Johnson - Secretary, W.T. Bailey - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Houston Moss - President, Buddy Lewis – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and Ralph Cousar – Treasurer. Outgoing President Walter Black (right) welcomes new President Houston Moss.



## Covington Police Department Promotes Two Officers



The Covington Police Department is pleased to announce the promotion of two officers. Chief Buddy Lewis congratulates Corporal Greg Templeton (L) who is being promoted to Patrol Sergeant where he will assume the duties of shift supervisor. K-9 Handler Michael Gann is being promoted to the rank of Patrol Corporal and he will be a shift co-supervisor. K-9 Bella will still be actively involved in locating illegal narcotics as soon as a new handler is hired.

## **Michael Phelps Foundation Grant program underway with Boys and Girls Club at Covington Aquatic Center**



**Aquatic Center Director Liz Stambaugh (R) and lifeguard Caroline Price (L) worked with small groups of students at a time as they got them acclimated to the pool. There are about 50 Boys and Girls Club participants who will go through the program this summer. Click below to learn more about this comprehensive program.**

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FOUNDATION

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

# SWIMMING LESSONS

## SCHEDULE • OF CLASSES



## Rates

Daily Rate: \$7.00 per person

Classes: \$50.00 per child  
\$75.00 two children  
\$100.00 3 or more

Contact Info  
Liz Stambaugh,  
Coordinator  
(901) 476-9178

<b><u>Level 1</u></b>		<b><u>Level 2</u></b>	
June 5-9	9:00 - 10:00 am	June 5-9	11:00 - 12:00 pm
June 5-9	12:00 - 1:00 pm	June 12-16	9:00 - 10:00 am
June 12-16	11:00 - 12:00 pm	June 19-23	11:00 - 12:00 pm
June 19-23	9:00 - 10:00 am	June 26-30	9:00 - 10:00 am
<b><u>Level 3</u></b>		<b><u>Level 4</u></b>	
June 12-16	12:00 - 1:00 pm	June 26-30	11:00 - 12:00 pm
June 1-23	12:00 - 1:00 pm		
June 26-30	12:00 - 1:00 pm		

**Adult Swimming Lessons:** June 12-16 5:30 - 6:30 pm  
**Parent/Child Aquatics:** June 19-23 5:30 - 6:30 pm  
**Pre-School Aquatics Level 1:** July 17-21 5:30 - 6:30 pm  
**Pre-School Aquatics Level 2:** July 24-28 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Registration available online: visit  
[www.covingtontn.com/parks--recreation](http://www.covingtontn.com/parks--recreation)





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AQUATIC CENTER



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# YOGA

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### BENEFITS OF YOGA

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Improve your  
strength,  
flexibility, and  
heart health  
—

Heal aches and  
pains, and keep  
sickness at bay  
—

Improve your  
posture, bone  
health and  
increase blood  
flow, lower your  
blood pressure

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Tuesdays 5-6PM





## JUNE Rural Development Homeownership Month

### HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM

- Fixed Interest Rate
- No Down Payment
- Rates as low as 1%
- Minimal Closing Cost



### HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

- Fixed Interest Rate
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- Rates as low as 1%
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### QUALIFICATIONS

- Property must be in rural area
- Acceptable credit history
- Income requirement

Subject to meeting program eligibility



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Jackson TN 38305  
731-668-2091 x 100

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# "Fresh"

## **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Tipton County Children's Summer Art Contest & Exhibit**

Presented by the Covington – Tipton County Chamber of Commerce and Tipton County Museum



- AUGUST 4                      Deadline for delivery of artwork & entry form to:  
Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce,  
106 West Liberty, Covington, Tennessee 38019.
- AUGUST 12                     9:00 a.m., Awards Ceremony at Covington Court Square Farmers  
Market, 117 North Main Street, Covington, Tennessee.
- AUGUST 15 – SEP. 15      Exhibition Dates of all submitted artwork, location is to be  
determined.
- SEPTEMBER 18-20         Pickup artwork at Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce

**AWARDS:** 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup> Place & Honorable Mentions for each age category.

### **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

This contest is open to children ages 5 – 17 who are current residents of Tipton County. One entry per child. Please deliver entry form and artwork to Covington/Tipton County Chamber of Commerce no later than 4:00 p.m. Friday, August 4, 2017.

### **ELIGIBILITY & MEDIA**

Original work only, completed without instructional or parental involvement. The artwork should depict something that would be sold at our local Covington Court Square Farmers Market, i.e., corn, tomatoes, sunflowers, blackberries, etc. **MEDIA:** acrylic, watercolor, collage, mixed media, oil, oil pastel, chalk pastel, colored pencil, and watercolor pencil. Artwork may be on canvases sized 8 x 10 inches or 9 x 12 inches, or on art/watercolor paper sized 9 x 12 inches or 8 ½ x 11 inches. Artwork created on paper must be framed. All artwork must have a hanging wire across the entire back side of the artwork, approximately 1 ½ inches from the top.

**For questions on eligible media, art surfaces, framing, or hanging wire, please call Barrie Foster, Director of the Tipton County Museum at (901) 476-0242.**



TIPTON COUNTY  
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VETERANS MEMORIAL  
NATURE CENTER

The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center  
Presents

# “A Day of Cezanne”

## 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 Paul Cezanne in the morning, then he and Museum Director Barrie Foster will lead the class in painting his “Maison Maria on the Way to the Chateau Noir” 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, July 8, 2017. LECTURE: 10-11:30 a.m., ART CLASS: 1—4 p.m.

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

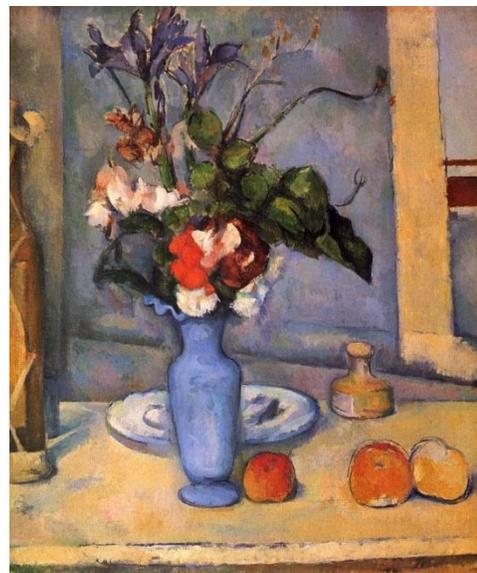
Fee: LECTURE: Free to Members, \$5 General Public.

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



# Coffee with the Mayor

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

Tuesday, July 11

Sookies Bake Shop on the Square

Tuesday, July 25

Sookies Bake Shop on the Square

Tuesday, August 8

Sookies Bake Shop on the Square

Tuesday, August 22

Sookies Bake Shop on the Square

Tuesday, September 05

Sookies Bake Shop on the Square

Tuesday, September 19

Sookies Bake Shop on the Square



**Join the Chamber Staff  
each month for**



Our July 18th Tasty Tuesday is 12:30pm - 1:30pm at...



**Sonic Drive-In**  
710 Highway 51 N  
Covington, TN 38019

**Dutch Treat Dessert at a Chamber Member Restaurant !**

**DYERSBURG STATE**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



*Open House:*  
*New Student Orientation*

**2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Dyersburg Campus:** June 6, July 18, Aug. 8

**Jimmy Naifeh Center:** June 15, July 11, Aug. 10

**Gibson County Center:** Aug. 15

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**WEST TENNESSEE BUSINESS SHOWCASE  
 AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
 CONFERENCE**

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 8am-4pm  
**DOUBLETREE HOTEL  
 JACKSON, TN**



LaTanya Channel and Area Business Leaders to speak at JMCAACC's West Tennessee Business Showcase and Economic Development Conference  
*Pre-Register by June 15<sup>th</sup> and Save*

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**LaTanya Channel**, Tennessee District Director for the U.S. Small Business Administration, is keynote speaker for the upcoming small business conference hosted by the Jackson Madison County African American Chamber of Commerce (JMCAACC). The **West Tennessee Business Showcase and Economic Development Conference** takes place on **Saturday, July 15, 2017**, 8am to 4pm at the **DoubleTree by Hilton**, 1770 Highway 45 Bypass in Jackson. More information and conference registration are available online at [www.jmcaacc.org/conference.html](http://www.jmcaacc.org/conference.html) or by emailing [fhoward@jmcaacc.org](mailto:fhoward@jmcaacc.org).

In addition to workshops on starting your own business, business plans and grant writing, the conference offers two candid panel discussions on "Moving Your Business to the Next Level" featuring experienced business owners **Andre Gist** of MIG Steel Fabrication LLC, **Sandra K. Walls** of AVPOL International dba AIL Logistics Solutions, and **David Hunt** of H & H Services, immediately after breakfast, and a lunch session featuring **Andrea Bond Johnson** of Golden Circle Insurance Agency, **Roy Jelks** of Roy M. Jelks Electric and **Juan Self** of Self + Tucker Architects, Inc. Guest speaker for lunch is **Dr. Clarence Davis**, director of the Memphis Health Center who will address the importance of health and wellness for business owners.

Those who pre-register now, pay only \$45. After June 15, admission is \$65. In addition, there will be exhibitors, giveaways and opportunities for small group discussions. Breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee.

Event sponsors include BancorpSouth, MIG Steel Fabrication LLC, AVPOL International dba AIL Logistics Solutions, Loving Arms LLC, SSCOMM Inc. (dba Secret Shop Communicators), West Tennessee Examiner, and Jammin' Jackson 97.7 FM. For more conference details and to register, visit [www.jmcaacc.org/conference.html](http://www.jmcaacc.org/conference.html) or call 731-424-2030.

Co-chaired by board member **Charles Adams** and member **Sandra K. Walls**, the July 15<sup>th</sup> conference focuses heavily on learning, growing and networking opportunities in addition to the first-hand testimonials. Other speakers include **Eric S. Terrell** of SBA Memphis, **Ron Acree** of Tennessee Small Business Development Center, Jackson; **Gerrie Currie** (formerly of Hope Credit Union), **Hank Helton** of Pathway Lending, **Keith Dillihunt** of Gordon James Financial; Human Resource expert **Margaret Starks Adams** of Walgreens; grant writers **Gwendolyn Gavin** of Eagles Nest Prevention Family Center, **Sabrina Anderson** of Boys and Girls Club of Jackson, and **Mary T. Jones** of Children and Family Services, Inc. in Covington; **Greg Milam** of State Farm, **Ronald Meredith** of the Financial Services Center, **Leroy Jones** of LegalShield and others.

# Finding Your Kin: An Introduction to Genealogy

## GENEALOGY LECTURE at the Tipton County Museum

presented by  
**Archivist/Genealogist Sherri Onorati**

**Tuesday, 20 June**  
**6:30 - 8pm**

**Saturday, July 22**  
**10:30 - 11am**

Lecture cost: **FREE** for Museum Members  
**\$5** for non-Friends members

**Come learn why Genealogy  
is the fastest growing hobby!**

**We'll talk about what genealogy is, why it  
is important and how to start.**



**Museum memberships are \$25 and can be purchased on day of event. Benefits include all lectures for free, discounts on classes and 10% off giftshop purchases.**

Board Approved 5/12/2016

2017-2018  
TIPTON COUNTY SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL CALENDAR

Teacher Administrative Day.....August 1  
First day for teachers

Student's First Day.....August 2  
Abbreviated Day  
Students & Teachers Dismissed At 11:30 am

Teacher In-Service Day.....August 3

Teacher In-Service Day.....August 4

Student's First Full Day.....August 7

Afternoon Teacher In-Service.....August 17  
Teachers work 3:15-6:15 pm

School Out/Labor Day.....September 4

Afternoon Teacher In-Service.....September 14  
Teachers work 3:15-6:15 pm

Fall Break.....October 9-13

Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:15-6:15 pm  
Full Day for Students  
Elementary Schools..... Oct 23 & 30  
Middle Schools..... Oct 24 & 30  
High Schools..... Oct 26 & 30

Thanksgiving Holidays.....November 20-24

Last Day of First Semester.....December 19  
Abbreviated Day  
Students & Teachers Dismissed At 11:30 am

Christmas Break.....Dec 20 - Jan 1

87 Days 1<sup>st</sup> Semester  
93 Days 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester  
TCAP -  
End of Course Tests -  
New Student Registration Day is 7/25/2017

Kindergarten registration will be held on  
3/8/2018 4/5/2018 5/15/2018

Teacher In-Service Day.....January 2

Teacher In-Service Day.....January 3

First Day Students.....January 4

Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:15-6:15 pm  
Full Day for Students  
High Schools.....Jan 11 & 18

School Out/M. L. King Day.....January 15

Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:15-6:15 pm  
Full Day for Students  
Elem Schools.....Feb 1 & 6  
Middle Schools.....Feb 1 & 8

School Out/Presidents' Day..... February 19

Spring Break..... March 26-30

Last Day for Students..... May 23  
Abbreviated Day  
Students & Teachers Dismissed At 11:30 am

Teacher Administrative Day.....May 24

Teacher Administrative Day.....May 25

Grading Periods	Days	Progress Reports will be sent by	Report Cards
08/02-10/06	45 days	9/7	10/23
10/16-12/19	42 days	11/16	01/11
01/04-03/14	48 days	2/01	03/22
03/15-05/23	45 days	4/12	05/23

Graduation Dates	Graduation	Lunch Will NOT Be Served On Any Day School Is Dismissed At 11:30
BHS	5/17	
MHS	5/18	
CHS	5/21	

click anywhere above to link to Tipton County Schools calendar

# COVINGTON COURT SQUARE FARMERS MARKET



Find us under the Water Tower at 117 North Main Street, Covington!

We are open May - November on the following days:



Tuesdays 8:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.  
Thursdays 12:00p.m. - 6:00p.m.  
Saturdays 8:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.



## Eat Fresh. Buy Local.



Call 901 476 9727 for further details.

Stop by and find out what's in season at the  
Covington Court Square Farmers Market!

The Covington Court Square Farmers Market is open

- Tuesdays 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Thursdays 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- Saturdays 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Those interested in becoming a Farmers Market Vendor can call  
901 476 9727 or email [lauren@covington-tiptoncochamber.com](mailto:lauren@covington-tiptoncochamber.com)

## Covington Youth Baseball Hosted Regional Tournament

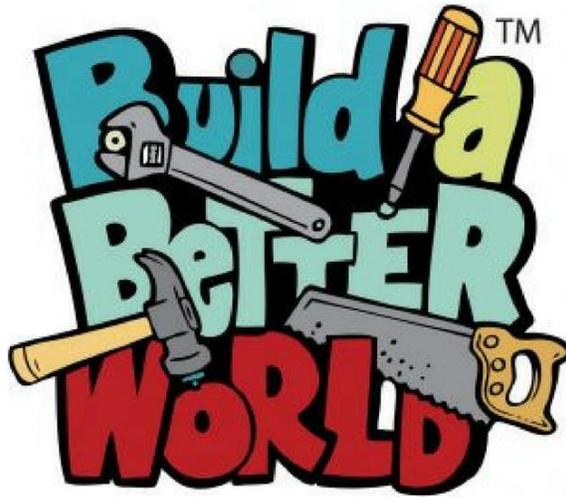


Covington recently hosted youth baseball tournaments bringing in families from all over West Tennessee. Covington league President Billy Shires reported the tournament went well and people seemed pleased with the experience. The final game was between Crockett and Medina American with Crockett winning 9-2.

## City Officials Visited with Unilever Executives from Switzerland



Covington Public Works employees Calvin Johnson and David Gray, along with Mayor Justin Hanson and Pat Harcourt and David Smith of A2H Engineering, met with Covington Unilever Factory Director Galen Sienicki and two Unilever executives from Switzerland to discuss business in Covington.



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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)

A promotional graphic for Covington, Tennessee. At the top, the word "COVINGTON" is written in large, bold, serif letters. Below it, the tagline "THE CENTER OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY IN THE HEART OF TIPTON COUNTY" is written in a smaller, sans-serif font. A bulleted list of features follows: "• 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" and "TIPTON COUNTY". 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.

SUMMER Reading  
Movie Days  
@ the Tipton County Public Library

BUILD A  
BETTER  
WORLD™



For adults (ages 18+)

June 6th  
1:00pm



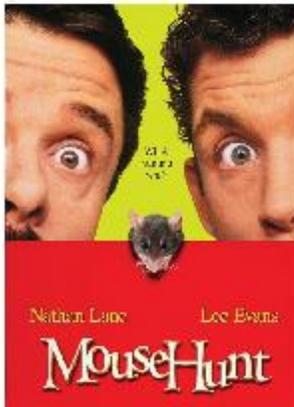
For teens (ages 13-17)

June 19th  
1:00pm



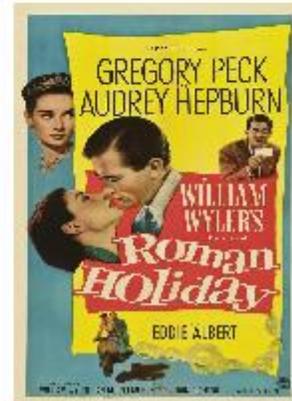
For adults (ages 18+)

June 27th  
1:00pm



For teens (ages 13-17)

June 26th  
1:00pm



For adults (ages 18+)

July 25th  
1:00pm

enjoy a free movie and refreshments on us!

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>



**A DAY OF ART  
AT THE TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM**

**Lecture & Painting**

Lectures 10—11: 30 a.m.; Free to Members, \$5 General Public

Class 1—4 p.m., \$35 Members, \$40 General Public

No previous art experience required.

751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-0242

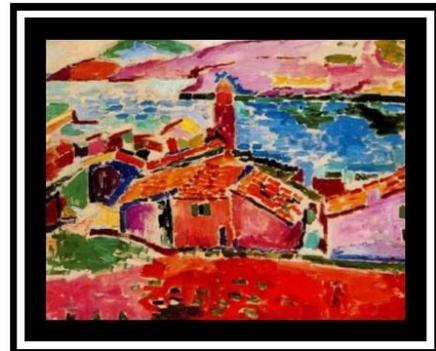
**Georgia O'Keeffe March 4, 2017**

**"Blue Morning Glories"**



**Henri Matisse May 13, 2017**

**"Les toits de Collioure"**



**Paul Cezanne July 8, 2017**

**"Maison Maria with a View of Chateau Noir"**



**Wassily Kandinsky November 18, 2017**

**"Winter Landscape"**





**The Tipton County Veterans  
Council and the Tipton  
County Museum, Veterans  
Memorial and Nature  
Center**

**Veteran of the Month for June, 2017**

**Rudolph Boykin, Jr.**



Rudolph Boykin, Jr. was born in Covington, Tennessee, on June 6, 1948. He was the third of fourteen children and the first son. Drafted into the U.S. Army on October 22, 1968, he spent eight weeks at Basic Training at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky before receiving eight weeks of Advanced Infantry Training (AIT) at Ft. Pote, Louisiana, to prepare him for Vietnam. Rudy advanced quickly in rank and was an E-3 by the end of his AIT. While in AIT, he proposed to his high school sweetheart, Virginia A. Nelson, because he wanted to be married before being sent to Vietnam. They were married on her birthday, March 22, 1969.

PFC Rudolph Boykin, Jr. arrived in Vietnam in April of 1969, and by that September he had been promoted to Sargent and was Squad Leader. For nine months he and Virginia diligently corresponded. Those letters of love, longing, and daily life both at home and in war still exist today. In December 1969 Virginia met Rudy for a 6 day R & R. On the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the following month, the unthinkable happened. PFC Boykin was wounded in his right arm, resulting in the loss of his arm above the elbow. He returned to the States and spent the next eleven months in rehab at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. During that time his first child, Tawanna, was born – a direct result of that December R & R!

After being honorably discharged, he returned home to Virginia and their baby with an 80% disability. With no job, he searched for a way to provide for his family. He decided to attend vocational school in Memphis where he learned to repair lawn mowers and received his diploma in 1973. Two years later his son Rudolphus was born. In 1976 he enrolled in Shelby State Community College to study accounting; however, after being told that he was unlikely to be hired due to his disability, he dropped out. Two decades later he resumed his education, and in 1997, he earned his Drafting/Auto Cad Diploma from Tennessee Technology in Memphis.

Rudolph and Virginia are celebrating 48 years of marriage. Sadly they lost their son Rudolphus in an auto accident in 2000, and they lost their grandson Treyon to cancer in 2002. However, they are proud grandparents of six grandchildren.

Rudolph Boykin, Jr.'s bravery and valor resulting in his being awarded the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device, Purple Heart Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device 1960, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert (M-14 Rifle) Badge, and Sharpshooter (M-16 Rifle) Badge.

Rudy has been employed with Delta Human Resources as a van driver for the past 16 years. He and Virginia are members of St. Luke Baptist Church in Covington. Rudolph Boykin, Jr. was nominated for Veteran of the Month by John McBride.

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