

## Finance and Administration Committee Selects Site for New Covington Police Department

The Finance and Administration Committee held its regular monthly meeting at Covington City Hall on July 18, 2017. Present were Chairman Alderman C.H. Sullivan, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman John Edwards, Alderman Jere Hadley, Alderman Mac McGowan, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Mayor Justin Hanson, City Attorney Rachel Witherington, CPD Chief Buddy Lewis, CFD Chief Michael Naifeh, CPW Director David Gray, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, Codes and Building Inspector Lessie Fisher, Personnel Director Tiny Barton, Pat Harcourt with A2H Engineers/Architects, Ed Timberlake, Margaret Fleming, & David Gwinn

Chairman Sullivan opened the meeting at 1:00 with a quorum present. First item on the agenda was a discussion of the location for a new police facility. Attorney Witherington gave a report of her investigation and research into the tennis courts on the old Covington Elementary School property on South College Street. In the event the tennis courts were funded by LPRF, we have several options for dealing with them IF this becomes necessary. Witherington said it may be possible to have the tennis courts at this location declared obsolete pursuant to the TDEC grant guidelines due to the fact they are over 25 years old. Witherington also suggested moving the tennis courts to Cobb-Parr Park, if the site on South College is determined the best location for the future police facility. Alderman Edwards stated the basketball and tennis courts are frequently used and he would like for us to relocate them if the police facility is located there. McGowan stated he also wants to relocate them rather than declare them obsolete, should that become necessary.

Chairman Sullivan stated this discussion was a good segue into the conversation of the location of the new police facility. Mayor Hanson stated this committee had a healthy discussion last month about this and he hopes the committee is prepared today to make a decision rather than continue a discussion as this is an important issue and he wants the City to start moving forward with planning. Hanson referred to renderings of possible facility locations provided by A2H. The members have had the drawings for several locations throughout the city and were asked to study those. Mayor Hanson stated Rose Construction suggested budgeting the demolition and asbestos abatement and land work at the old Covington Elementary site at about \$225,000. This should get the site ready for construction. Mayor Hanson stated we have STILL not heard from Delfield, even though Hanson and Chief Lewis have contacted them about the land twice. He stated that he wanted the committee to know these things and keep them in mind when making decisions.

Chairman Sullivan asked Mr. Harcourt about the pros and cons of the College Street site. Harcourt stated this location is already owned by the city, utilities are in place, it is close to the highway and centrally located. He stated the demolition of the old school building, including asbestos abatement, will be expensive. Harcourt also pointed out there are about 5 bodies on the site left from an old family plot from the 1800s. David Gwinn stated the court has already heard this and has ordered for those remains to be moved to Munford Cemetery, where the family has placed markers for this purpose. Lessie Fisher stated the city had started this process several years ago when one of the funeral home employees became ill. The project was stalled at that time.

Chief Lewis stated he wasn't completely opposed to the College Street site, but doesn't feel there is enough property there for a state-of-the-art facility that will serve us for 30-50 years to come. Alderman Edwards stated there is a piece of property by Krystal that is flat and cheaper to purchase than to prepare the college street site. However, Chief Lewis said that is only 2.7 acres, which is even less than the College Street location. In his opinion, that is out of consideration. Alderman McGowan stated he is leaning toward the College Street property, even though this requires tearing down the building, because we would have to do this anyway.

Lewis stated he is ready to go on any location if the committee will come to a consensus. Even though he feels the College Street will “box” them in with little option for expansion, he will be glad to build the facility there if the committee sees fit.

Mayor Hanson then suggested discussing the Delfield property. Alderman McGowan stated he doesn't like the Delfield site because of its proximity to train tracks, which could cause a delay in CPD response time. Harcourt stated the Delfield site has utilities, is close to courts and Sheriff's office, and would probably be the cheapest site to develop. Chief Lewis stated the location of the railroad tracks was a topic of discussion when the Sheriff's office was built, but he doesn't recall this ever becoming a real problem. Alderman McGowan asked Chief Naifeh what might happen if there was a train derailment with hazardous material. Naifeh responded that would depend on where the derailment happened and what was involved in the spill. Naifeh stated he has pondered this issue, as well, as both of his fire stations are on the west side of the railroad tracks. But he has determined ways to get around and mapped out possible routes.

Chairman Sullivan asked Harcourt to continue the discussion of other sites. Harcourt stated he likes the property by Krystal, but due to the size, it is very limited as to what might be built there, and it wouldn't be enough room to include the impound lot. He also stated the City doesn't own this land and would have to purchase it. Hanson stated Chief Lewis has expressed multiple times that he wants the impound lot on CPD property. Harcourt went on to discuss property on North Main Street. He said the property there is not listed for sale at this point, and the back side near a creek is low and would require some dirt work. He also stated he feels this land may need an environmental assessment and the demolition of existing structures. He said this site would probably be the most expensive site to purchase and prepare for construction.

Sullivan stated the two Highway 51 properties seem to be cost prohibitive, so it seems the two left to discuss are the College Street site and the Delfield site. Alderman Edwards asked if we had eliminated the possible site across from the North Fire Station. Sullivan suggested the interest of the committee making a decision, he wants to pare down to the two most desirable sites and discuss those.

McGowan motioned to eliminate from consideration the Delfield property and Alderman Edwards seconded. This is the property we haven't received an answer on, and do not own. Motion passed.

Sullivan stated he feels the old Covington Elementary School at College and Church Streets is the best site. It is easily accessible, adjacent to Highway 51, is large enough to accommodate the facility (including the impound lot), and the City already owns the property. Sullivan stated he lives adjacent to this location and has no problem having the facility there.

Alderman McGowan motioned to eliminate the North Main property (which the city does not own) and Sullivan seconded. Motion passed.

Alderwoman Bommer asked how many acres are on the College/Church street site. That site is about 4.7 acres. Alderman Edwards asked what the minimum acreage suggestion was from the study, and Harcourt read from the report that the minimum recommendation was 3.7.

Attorney Witherington stated the old elementary building is owned by the City of Covington and will need to be demolished whether the new police facility is constructed there or not, as it could pose a liability to leave it empty. Removing it will also coincide with the Mayor's goal of eliminating blight in the City, so putting the police facility there would kill two birds with one stone.

Alderman McGowan then motioned to make the old Covington Elementary School at College/Church Streets the location for a new police facility and Alderman Hadley seconded. Alderwoman Bommer asked the committee to move forward with moving the bodies if this site is selected, as well as determining the fate of the tennis courts. Alderman Edwards stated he is concerned with this property being on a hill, requires demolition, moving graves, and moving tennis courts. Edwards stated he is also concerned with having the impound lot on the site at the Church Street

location. Mayor Hanson expressed his intentions for the impound lot being as indiscriminate as possible by using screens and landscaping. Edwards suggested video surveillance for monitoring the impound lot where it is.

Alderwoman Bommer went on to say if impound lot is removed from being located on new facility site, she wants the highway property by Krystal reconsidered. Edwards stated he agrees with this as this is a central location on Highway 51 and is flat and doesn't require much preparation.

Chief Lewis stated he is responsible for vehicles when the department impounds them and he wants them on the police site for better safety, handling, and surveillance thus decreasing his liability. Edwards stated those issues can be eliminated with cameras and motion sensors. Harcourt pointed out the lot on Highway 51 by Krystal is much smaller and the Church Street property is almost twice as large.

Chairman Sullivan stated there is a motion on the floor and a second, and asked the committee to take a vote. Alderman Sullivan, Mayor Hanson, Alderman Hadley, and Alderman McGowan voted yes. Alderman Edwards and Alderwoman Bommer voted no. Motion passed 4-2 for police facility to be located on the old Covington Elementary School site at College and Church Streets in Covington.

Chief Lewis stated that regardless of the differences of opinion, he feels this is a significant day in the City of Covington and he is honored to be the Chief of Police at this time and is looking forward to moving on with plans for the facility. He thanked the committee for their time and effort they put into the decision making process and he expressed that he is very pleased.

Item #2 – The 2014 police cruiser involved in a wreck las month was totaled, and the City of Covington decided to keep it for parts. Chief Lewis stated that 9 of the 10 vehicles have over 100,000 miles and some of them are 13 and 14 years old. Currently we have 7 marked patrol cars on the streets and 19 officers utilizing those vehicles. With the new hires, that will give us 22 officers utilizing those vehicles and they will be in operation 24/7. Lewis stated we have the worst fleet of cars of all county agencies. Any amount of money we spend on these vehicles is not worth it, when those vehicles are likely to break down again and again. Lewis went on to state that we need dependable vehicles to help keep officers safe and employed on our force.

Alderman Edwards stated he has a safety concern for an older car with high miles being operated at a high rate of speed. He asked the Mayor if he had checked to see if Artesian funds can be used to purchase police cars, and Mayor Hanson stated he believes they can be used for this purpose. Tina Dunn spoke up to point out we have been down somewhat in sales tax collections and she projected an increase in sales taxes when budgeting. If this trend continues, that will cause us to operate at a higher deficit than originally projected.

Alderwoman Bommer stated she feels we have to get new cars. Chief Lewis went through a list of cars that have been taken out of the fleet due to age, mileage, and needed repairs. He received a text during the committee meeting stating the air conditioner had gone out in one of the vehicles.

Mayor Hanson stated the fleet is dilapidated and had not received appropriate attention for years causing us to face this situation today. Hanson went on to say that we have increased the fleet and replaced vehicles since 2011, however, so he doesn't want it to appear *he* hasn't supported the CPD. Two new cars were also included in the 2017-18 budget. Attorney Witherington stated cities have been sued for not being able to respond to emergency calls in a reasonable amount of time. She suggested that the committee listen to Chief Lewis very carefully and strongly consider his requests for new vehicles.

Chairman Sullivan asked the difference between purchasing and leasing. Leasing is \$13,000 per vehicle for 3 years and we can choose to pay \$1 after the third year and we own it. Alderman Edwards motioned to lease one police car not to exceed \$15,000 and Alderwoman Bommer seconded. Motion passed.

Alderman McGowan stated we must do strategic planning. He finds it troublesome we are having this conversation right after doing our budget. McGowan stated we need to be more purposeful in budgeting and planning – particularly in our General Fund.

Mayor Hanson stated he has already been in strategic planning discussions and will bring that to the committee next month. Hanson stated we are still making payments on the pension deficit, as well as the biomass facility, and have just started with the Flatiron settlement. He went on to say that over the years, he feels our money hasn't been put in the right places and that is what has caused us to be in the financial situation we are today – including a dilapidated police facility and fleet of vehicles.

Item #3 – Mayor has checked with MAAG (Memphis Area Association of Governments) for architecture/engineering services and Ralph Moore, Director, said they do not provide those services. Pat Harcourt of A2H presented a master contract proposal to the committee for A2H to be the contracted facility for engineering/architecture services, such as the drawings of police facilities he provided. Alderwoman Bommer motioned to approve A2H for contracted services and Alderman Edwards seconded. Motion passed

#4 Aires Energy has asked for a lease extension for 6 more months. Mayor Hanson reported we have monthly conference calls with Aires Energy, formerly PHG who sold the biomass plant to Covington in 2012, and they want to extend their lease to continue research and experimentation. Mayor Hanson wants to sell it and has asked the company to buy it back, or help him sell it. Attorney Witherington stated there is a reason the company is leasing this property from us for \$10,000 a month and she feels we should allow them to continue their research and experimentation on our site. Chairman Sullivan motioned to approve the lease and Alderwoman Bommer seconded. Motion passed.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

## Calling for Volunteer Firefighters.....

The Covington Fire Department has received a grant to recruit volunteer firefighters. In this grant, we are instructed to have interested individuals go to [www.VolunteerFireTN.org](http://www.VolunteerFireTN.org) or call 1-844-865-8366 to register. Here they will be logged and contacted when we are ready to proceed with the class.



# Covington High School FFA WINS AT STATE LEVEL



The Covington Future Farmers of America chapter was awarded the Outstanding Chapter Award on June 7. More than 200 students, advisors and guests attended what was the sixth week of the 2017 Leadership Training Camp offered to Tennessee FFA members.

Covington FFA competed in several contests including Quiz Bowl, Extemporaneous Speaking Competition, and Quiz Contest. They earned third place in Quiz Bowl, team members include Averí Cole, Madison Johnson, John Travis Turner, and Tommy Flanagan. Averí Cole, West Tennessee FFA Regional Vice-President, won Quiz Contest, earned second place in the Extemporaneous Speaking Competition, and served as the Camp Council Reporter. Members achieved 11 leadership certificates, and Coltin Clay was named Best Athlete.

To win outstanding chapter, members must be active in specialty classes, officer classes, team sports, camp activities, have majority of their members earn Gold Leadership Award level and have one member to be a Camp Council representative. **WAY TO GO CHS FFA!** [See more in The Leader.](#)

# Governor Haslam Presents Check in Person

## TCAT-Covington is the recipient of a \$3.26 million dollar Community Development Block Grant for Expansion

A large crowd gathered (below R) at the Covington TCAT campus Wednesday morning to welcome Governor Haslam and hear about the local college receiving a grant for expansion, which was applied for by Tipton County. It was smiles all around as (L-R) Representative Debra Moody, Mayor Justin Hanson, Governor Haslam, TCAT Director Youlanda Jones, Flora Tydings with the Tennessee Board of Regents, Ted Townsend with the Tennessee Economic & Community Development Department and County Executive Jeff Huffman pose with the giant check. [Read more about it on the Tennessee Board of Regents website.](#)



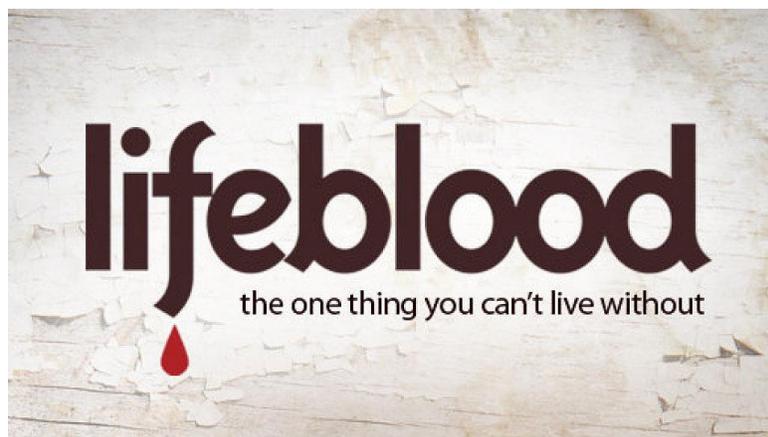
Mayor Hanson stated that it was an honor to welcome Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam to the Tennessee College of Applied Technology - Covington campus. Gov. Haslam was here to present a \$3.26 million Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development Community Development Block Grant check for the expansion of the TCAT Campus. The expansion will enhance the nursing program at the school. This grant was applied for by Tipton County Executive Jeff Huffman and Tipton County Government, who also appropriated matching funds for this expansion.

*Thank you Tipton County and  
Congratulations TCAT!*

# City of Covington hosts LifeBlood



Mayor Justin Hanson (L) and Covington Aquatic Center Director Liz Stambaugh (R) were two of 14 who donated blood at Covington City Hall July 17. The LifeBlood donation bus is scheduled to be back at City Hall on September 19 from 9:00 - 2:00 and again on December 14 from 9:00 – 2:00.



# City of Covington is Making Final Decisions for Implementing Frazier Park TDOT Grant



Mayor Hanson is joined by Public Works Director David Gray, A2H Engineer Michael Shelton, Jason Dietrich, also with A2H, Codes Enforcement Officer Lessie Fisher, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, and Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Mack for some final decisions before the TDOT Frazier Project begins. The grant of over \$800,000 will add ADA accessible sidewalks, crosswalks, and lighting through Frazier Park, as well as improve drainage in this area.



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## SAVE THE DATE!

- July 22 - Intro to Genealogy at Tipton County Museum – 10:30 – scroll down for more info....
- July 22 – Broadway Night at the Ruffin Theater in Covington – 7:00 pm
- July 24-28 – ART CAMP for ages 10+ – [click here to register](#)
- July 25 - Coffee with the Mayor – Sookie’s Bake Shop on the Square – 7:30 – 9:00
- July 29 – Celebrate 40 years of swimming in Covington! [Covington Aquatic Center](#), 750 Bert Johnston Ave. 11:00 – 1:00. FREE and OPEN to the PUBLIC. Refreshments served.
- August 02 – [Tipton County Schools](#) - Student Registration – ½ day for students
- August 04 – Submit art for *FRESH* children’s summer art contest – scroll down for more info.....
- August 05 – School Supply Drive – [Boys and girls Club](#) – 10:00 – 2:00 scroll down for info.....
- August 07 – [Tipton County Schools](#) - Students first full day
- August 10 - DSCC Open House and New Student Orientation – 2:00 – 4:00 – JNC – Covington
- August 12 – Van Gough art class for Kids – 10 am – noon – Tipton County Museum...scroll down....
- August 15 – Extended deadline for nominations to the [Tipton County Sports Hall of Fame](#).
- August 18 - Navy Day on Museum grounds
- August 19 – Isaac Hayes Day in Frazier Park. Music, family fun & games, food, and vendors. FREE and OPEN to the Public. 10:00 – 5:00
- August 21 – Solar Eclipse! Scroll down for more information.....
- August 22 – DSCC Open House and New Student Orientation – 2:00 – 4:00 – JNC – Covington
- August 25 – DSCC Golf Tournament - *Contact DSCC at 731-286-3349 for rules and regulations*
- September 19 – [LifeBlood](#) at Covington City Hall – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
- September 22 – Local author Helen Henderson will sign her books at the [Tipton County Museum](#)



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

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[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)

The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer

The [Tipton County Museum](#) is pleased to announce that local author Helen Henderson has her books for sale in the Museum Gift Shop, Gioiello. Helen is a former feature-story writer and correspondent, and has written fiction for as long as she can remember. She has six of her books for sale in the gift shop, which includes the Dragshi Chronicles and the Windmaster novels. You will be able to meet her in person on September 22 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the museum for their Gift Shop Gala. She will be on hand to answer questions and sign her book.



The Closeout Market

**IMMEDIATE  
JOB  
OPENINGS**

**We continue to grow and are opening new stores:**

**Millington – August 2017**

**Memphis – September 2017**

**We are now hiring for the following positions:**

**Full Time Cashiers (2 positions)**

Covington and Atoka Stores

Compensation

\$8 to \$9 per hour depending on experience

Benefits

1-week paid vacation

Supplemental insurance with a company paid defined contribution

**Full Time Salesperson (5 positions)**

Covington, Millington, and Memphis

Compensation

\$30-\$50,000 per year – base salary plus commission

Benefits

1-week paid vacation

Supplemental insurance with a company paid defined contribution

**Apply Online at**

**[www.thecloseoutmarket.com](http://www.thecloseoutmarket.com)**

# 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.**



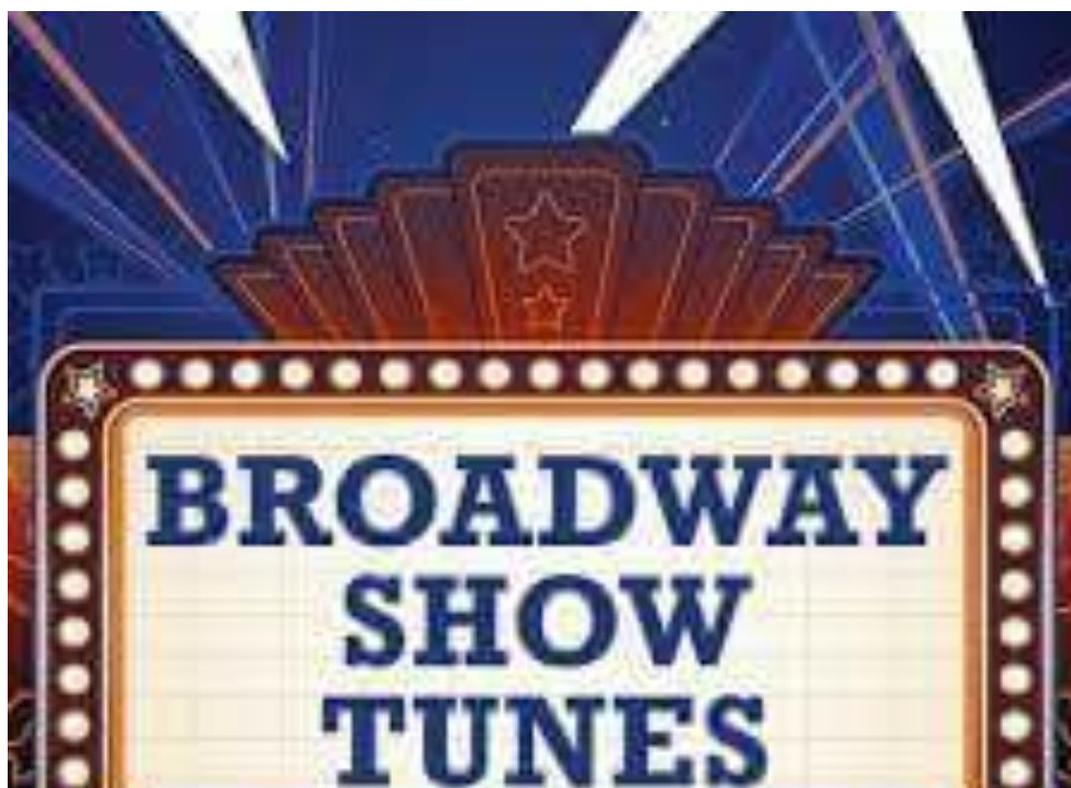
**Museum memberships are \$25 and can be purchased on day of event. Benefits include all lectures for free, discounts on classes and 10% off giftshop purchases.**



## The Official Historic Ruffin Theater

Jun 26 at 12:22pm • 🌐

Tipton Arts Council will present Broadway Night at the Ruffin on July 22'nd at 7 pm. This will be a night of your favorite Broadway show tunes. Auditions for this show will be Sunday, July 9'th at 2 pm at the Historic Ruffin Theatre. Those auditioning will be required to sing a song or perform a dance from a popular Broadway musical and must provide their own music soundtrack. Auditions are open to singers and dancers age 13 and up.. Spots are open for 25-30 performers. After performers are selected, there will be one rehearsal on July 21'st.



**The Covington Parks and Recreation**

*Cordially invites you and your family to our*

**Aquatic  
Center's 40<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary  
Celebration**

**COVINGTON  
AQUATIC CENTER**

July 29, 2017

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

750 Bert Johnston Ave. Covington, TN 38019

**Please join us for hotdogs, cotton candy,  
popcorn, games, fun and much more!!**



# “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.**



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
OF THE HATCHIE RIVER  
REGION

## *Back to School Supply Drive*

*“Great Futures Start Here”*

*Date: Saturday August 5, 2017*

*10:00-2:00*

*Location: Boys & Girls Club gymnasium*

- Donations can be dropped off at the Boys & Girls Club of the Hatchie River 412 C Alston Circle Covington TN, 38019  
Monday-Friday 8:00-4:00  
Cash Donations are accepted
- For Info or questions: call Felisha @ [901-476-0180](tel:901-476-0180) or [901-305-4077](tel:901-305-4077)  
Email: [info@bgchrr.com](mailto:info@bgchrr.com)
- **Back packs**
- **College ruled note book paper**
- **Wide ruled notebook paper**
- **Journals**
- **Pens**
- **Highlighters**
- **3 ring binders**
- **Plastic folders**
- **Crayons**
- **Pencils**
- **Markers**
- **Colored Pencils**
- **Dividers**
- **Kleenex**
- **School Supply Box**

# DSCC to Host 2017 Ed Lannom, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament

*Participants could win \$1,000,000\*, free rounds of golf and more!*

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) is set to host the 2017 Ed Lannom, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament Friday afternoon, Aug. 25, at The Farms Golf Club in Dyersburg. The DSCC athletic department sponsors this annual event with proceeds benefiting athletic scholarships and program needs. The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

“The DSCC golf tournament is one of the premier benefit tournaments in Dyer County,” stated Jason Roberts, member of last year’s winning team. “The College does a great job putting it on and making sure participants are taken care of. I encourage everyone to form a team and participate in this event. Your support will directly benefit athletic scholarships and programs at DSCC.”

In addition to the College Cup, participants have the chance to win cash prizes in various contests including a putting contest, a hole-in-one contest, a longest drive contest and a closest-to-the-pin contest. Dr. Karen Bowyer, president of DSCC, will serve as “Celebrity Putter” to give players one more chance to make that par, birdie or eagle putt. Back by popular demand will be the “Eagle Swing” in which golfers purchase a chance for a member of DSCC’s Baseball or Softball team to take the first swing from the tee box on the #14. The Farms Golf Club will again sponsor the opportunity for the top two winners of the closest-to-the-pin contest to become \$1 million richer by hitting a hole-in-one. In addition, everyone who registers and pays to play by Wednesday, Aug. 23, will be entered into a drawing to win four free rounds of golf at The Farms Golf Club. Door prizes will be awarded at the end of the tournament.

Tommy Allmon and Patrick Williams will serve as tournament co-directors this year. “DSCC is such an asset to our city, county and all of northwest Tennessee,” stated Allmon. “The annual Ed Lannom, Jr. Memorial golf tournament is a great opportunity to support the student athletes at Dyersburg State. It has always been an enjoyable tournament to play in and we are looking forward to another successful event in August.”

The cost for a team of four is \$400 and includes a catered lunch between 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place teams in two flights. Members of DSCC’s cheer, baseball, softball and basketball teams will be soliciting local businesses for door prizes and sponsorships over the next month.

Registration forms are available in the DSCC Office of Institutional Advancement located in the Eller Administration Building and at The Farms Golf Club. They are also available electronically at [www.dsc.edu](http://www.dsc.edu) or by contacting 731-286-3349 or [clay@dsc.edu](mailto:clay@dsc.edu).

*\*Awarded by National Hole-in-One Association®. Must be present to win. Contact DSCC at 731-286-3349 for rules and regulations.*

Last year’s winning team was the City of Newbern, which included team members Jason Roberts, Scotty Schultheis, Glenn Thurman and Zach Walden. They were awarded the coveted crystal College Cup that has been on display at City Hall in Newbern for the past year.



# Solar Eclipse @ Your Library

The Solar Eclipse will be visible in our area August 21, 2017  
11:50 -2:50pm

Visit the library to pick up your *free* solar eclipse glasses

Safety glasses will be available beginning **August 1st**, on a first-come, first serve basis, while supplies last!  
**Limit 4 per household.**



Tipton County Public Library  
3149 Hwy 51 S. Bldg. C  
Covington, TN 38019  
901-476-8289

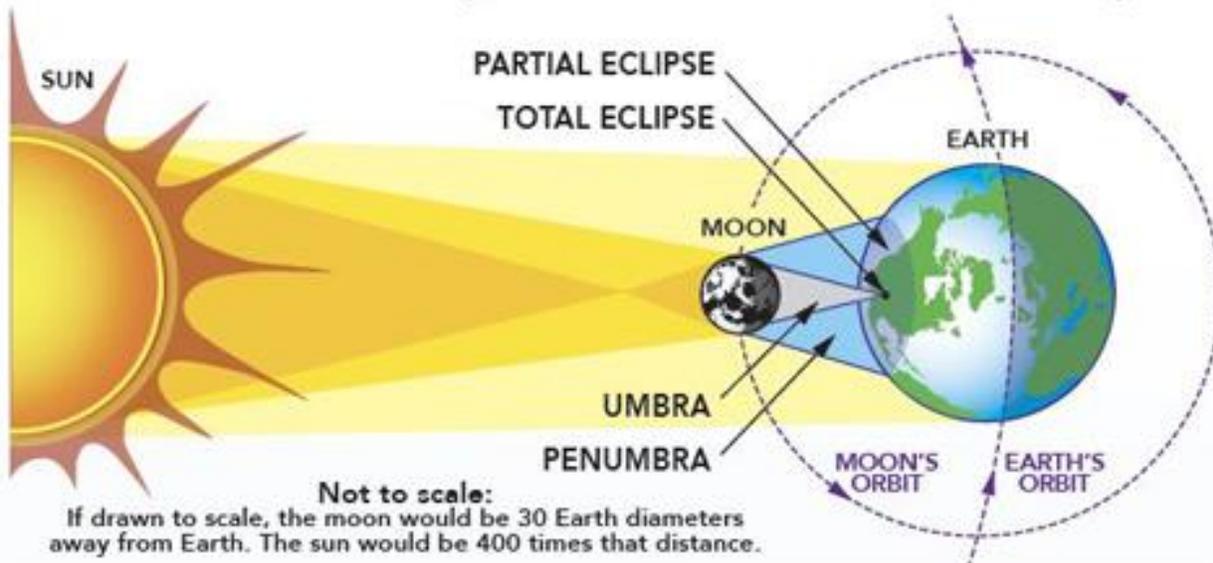


**STAR**net  
Science-Technology Activities &  
Resources For Libraries



## TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE: Monday • August 21, 2017

This will be the first total solar eclipse visible in the continental United States in 38 years.



# August is National Health Center Month

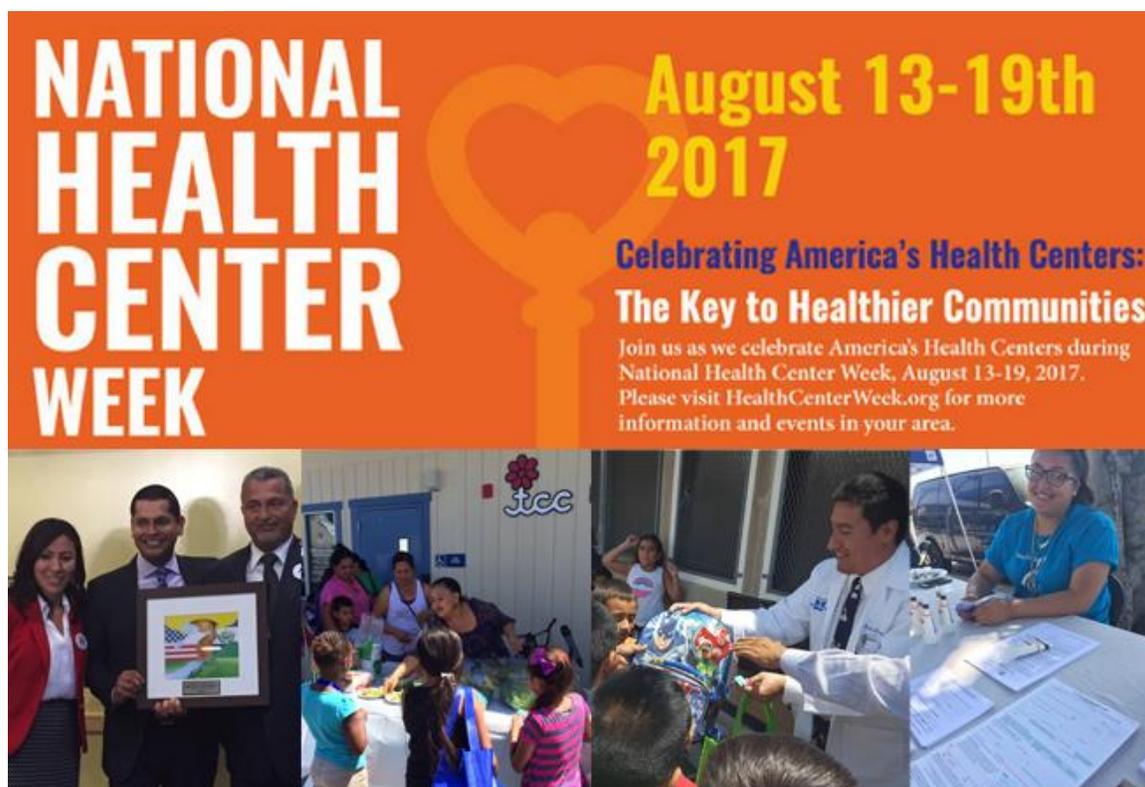
**Celebrating 50 years of increasing Access to Affordable, Cost Effective, High Quality Care**

For the last 50 years, community health centers have delivered comprehensive, high-quality preventive and primary health care to patients regardless of their ability to pay. In 1965, the Health Center Program started with just two clinics—today, there are over 1,300 health centers serving nearly 23 million medically underserved individuals.

In 50 years, community health centers have become the provider of choice for essential primary care services for millions of Americans, including some of the nation's most vulnerable populations. By overcoming geographic, linguistic, cultural and socioeconomic barriers to care, health centers provide a medical home to one in fourteen people living in the United States.

Health centers nationwide are meeting some of the highest standards of care. In 2014, 98% of all health centers met or exceeded at least one national benchmark goal for quality of care. As they have been for the past 50 years, health centers are leaders in improving the health of millions of people in thousands of communities across the nation.

Stanton Health Center will hold an event  
Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> from 11 am- 1 pm.



**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

**Fall classes begin August 28!**

DSCC Division of Continuing Education

## Critical Care Paramedic



**Begins Aug. 29, 2017**

All classes meet on  
Tuesdays 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
unless otherwise noted.

### **Location:**

DSCC Dyersburg Campus  
1510 Lake Rd., Dyersburg, TN

**Cost: \$1,250\***

*\*Additional fees may apply*

**Application Deadline:  
July 31, 2017**

DSCC is recognized as an official training institution to provide critical care paramedic training. This course is approved by the TN EMS Board. Students will be eligible for critical care endorsement by the State of TN. This course involves more than 150 classroom and clinical hours.

**For more information, contact Mandy Fisher at  
731-286-3265 or [mfisher@dsc.edu](mailto:mfisher@dsc.edu).**



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 Covington Parks & Recreation 790 Bert Johnston Avenue Covington TN 38019 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>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 - OHS BOYS &amp; GIRLS HO OR CHARLES MITCHELL - OHS 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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The Closeout 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](#)

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# YOGA

## EVERY TUESDAY 5-6PM

### Evening Yoga Class

You ask for it you got it! We now offer YOGA in the evenings. Come join our newest instructor Caroline for an evening of Yoga. Just what you need to relieve yourself of the stress from the busy work day. Classes start Tuesday June 13, 2017 and are FREE to Sportsplex Members.



### 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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<http://www.covingtontn.com/parks-recreation.html>

Tuesdays 5-6PM

# *Coffee with the Mayor*

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

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



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		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	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.



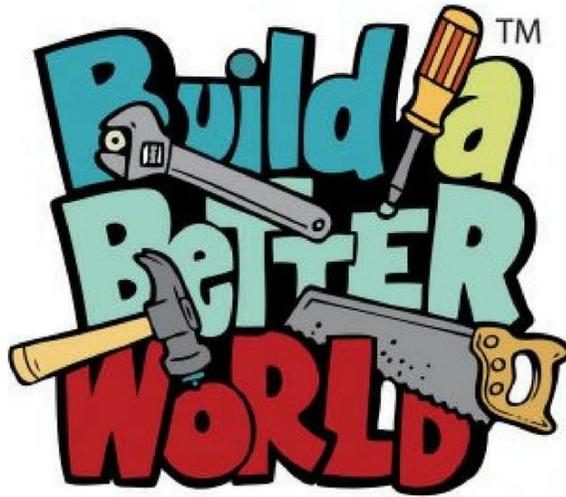
Call 901 476 9727 for further details.

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)



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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)

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LIVE ANIMALS

ESCAPE ROOMS

MAGIC SHOW

BOOK CLUBS

STORY WALKS

FREE MOVIES

STORY TIME

ADULT COLORING

# ***Solar Eclipse @ Your Library***

## ***ECLIPSE PROGRAM***

**PRESENTED BY MR. AKLILU M. MAASHO, DSCC PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS  
AUG 17TH @ 11:00AM**

## ***CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: MAKE IT@ YOUR LIBRARY***

**AGES 12 & UNDER  
AUG. 17TH @ 4:00PM**

***MOVIE: BARABBAS*  
[NR] 167 MINS.  
AUG. 18TH @ 1:00PM**

## ***TWEENS/TEENS: SOLAR PARTY***

**AGES 8-17  
AUG. 19TH @ 1:00PM**

## ***MOVIE: A CONNECTICUT YANKEE IN KING ARTUR'S COURT***

**[NR] 106MINS.  
AUG. 21ST @ 1:00PM**

## ***SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING***

**WATCH THE SOLAR ECLIPSE WITH US  
AUG. 21ST 11:50AM**



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

The Tipton County Museum Presents  
*Introduction to Oil Painting*

With Mike Elkins

Saturday, September 2, & Saturday, September 9  
10 a.m.—3 p.m.

Program Fee: Members: \$50 per day,  
General Public: \$70 per day

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

During each day, award winning artist Mike Elkins will cover the basics of oil painting, then lead participants in creating a beautiful painting! All materials PLUS lunch is provided. Workshop is open to everyone ages 14 and up. Please register early as space is limited!

Tipton County Museum  
751 Bert Johnston Ave., P.O. Box 768,  
Covington, TN 38019  
(901) 476-0242





[Tipton Family Association](#) sets October date to meet in Covington.

Plan to join in for this historical conference about Tipton County from the decedents of General Jacob Tipton

## Y'all Come to Tipton County, Tennessee!

The date is set. Plans and arrangements have been made! The 2017 meeting is taking place on October 7<sup>th</sup> in the Tipton County Public Library, Building C on the campus of the Dyersburg Community College at 3149 Highway 51 South in Covington, TN. With the assistance of Susan Cheairs, Director of the Library, and a scheduled welcome from Dr. Karen Bowyer, President of the College, the meeting place is reserved.

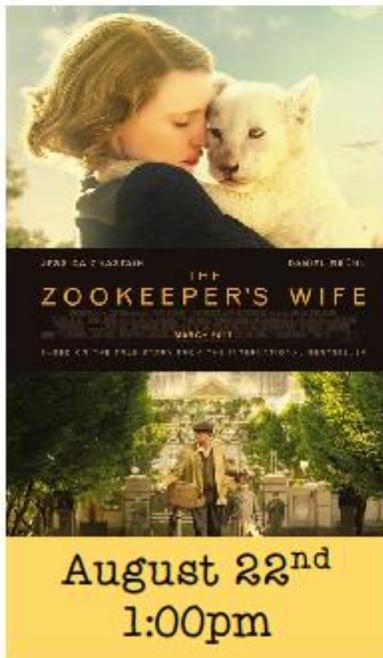
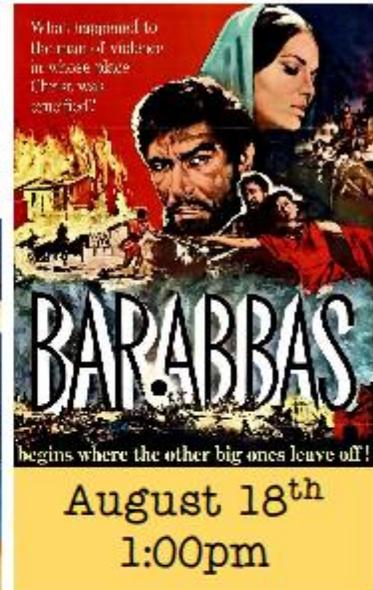
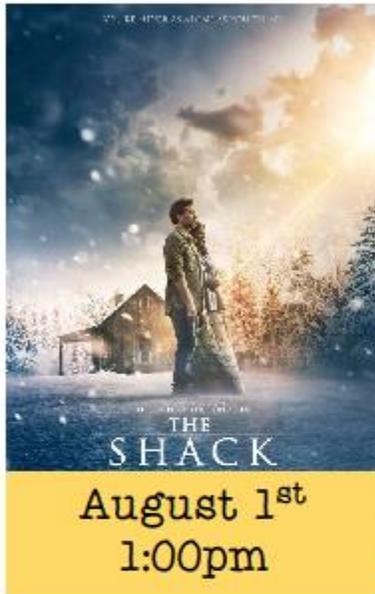
The [Tipton Family Association of America](#) invites all TFAA members to come to Covington. Tipton County borders Shelby County, Tennessee to the north. Memphis is in Shelby County making a major US airport convenient to the meeting place. Meeting in Covington also makes it convenient for TFAA members in Arkansas, Missouri, Louisiana, and states west of the Mississippi River who might come by auto as well as those to the east. Driving from Interstate 40 in Memphis to Covington takes approximately one hour.

For information about travel accommodations or other matters when visiting Covington, Contact the Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce at Post Office Box 683, Covington, Tennessee 38019 or by phone at 901-476-9727 or online at [www.covington-tiptoncochamber.com](http://www.covington-tiptoncochamber.com)

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

# Adult Movie Day

@ the Tipton Co. Library



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>

The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center



Presents  
**Introduction to Oil Painting**

With Mike Elkins

September 2 & September 9, 2017, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

In this workshop, award winning artist Mike Elkins will introduce participants to the fundamentals of oil painting, including grades of oil paint, color theory, “fat on lean” rule, applications, and more! Each day Mike will cover the fundamentals of oil painting, give easy to understand demonstrations, and lead the class in creating a beautiful painting. All materials will be provided, as well as a catered lunch. This workshop is available to all people ages 14 and up, regardless of their residency, and no previous art experience required!

Mike will cover the basics both days, so if you can only attend one day, that’s not a problem!

Fee: \$50 per day for Museum Members, \$70 per day for Non-Members

The workshop will be held in the conference room of the Tipton County Museum, which is located at 751 Bert Johnston Ave. in Covington, Tennessee. Their phone number is (901) 476-0242.

Space is limited, so please register early! To secure your spot in this course, complete the registration form and mail it, along with your check or money order to:

The Tipton County Museum  
P.O. Box 768  
Covington, TN 38019  
(901) 476-0242

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Race: \_\_\_\_\_ White            \_\_\_\_\_ Black or African American  
\_\_\_\_\_ American Indian or Alaskan Native            \_\_\_\_\_ Asian  
\_\_\_\_\_ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  
\_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic or Latino

A person with a disability is defined by the ADA as a person having a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, a person who has a history or record of such an impairment, or a person who is perceived by others as having such an impairment.

Do you have a disability? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes            \_\_\_\_\_ No

Please register me for "Introduction to Oil Painting" on:

September 2 \_\_\_\_\_ September 9 \_\_\_\_\_ Both Days: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check:

For 1 workshop day:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 - I AM a Member            \_\_\_\_\_ \$70 - I am NOT a Member

\_\_\_\_\_ \$75 - Register me for the workshop AND sign me up as an  
Individual/Military/Senior Member (circle one).

For both workshop days:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 - I AM a Member            \_\_\_\_\_ \$140 - I am NOT a Member

\_\_\_\_\_ \$125 - Register me for the workshop AND sign me up as an  
Individual/Military/Senior Member (circle one)

# Master Gardeners work on Museum Grounds



Saturday, July 15, the Tipton County Master Gardeners worked in the herb garden at the Tipton County Museum. They weeded the beds and planted more flowers to attract pollinators. The dill plants have several black swallowtail caterpillars on them, which is a great sign! They are beautiful and thriving! Thank you, Tipton County Master Gardeners, for all your efforts!



## Mississippi Group visits Tipton County Museum



On Saturday, July 15, 53 people from Christians United from Tillatoba, Mississippi, toured the Tipton County Museum, including Ms. Hattye Yarbrough's exhibit. Ms. Hattye was on hand to tell her stories and answer questions. The tour group included folks as young as six years old. Afterwards they went to Billings Bald Butcher for lunch, and Ms. Hattye joined them there as well. It was a great visit!



The Tipton County Museum

Presents

***Artist Series For Kids***

**VINCENT VAN GOGH**

**When:** Saturday, August 12, 2017, 10 a.m.— noon.

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

**Fee:** \$20 Museum Members, \$25 General Public

Children will learn about one of history's most fascinating artists, Vincent van Gogh, then will paint his "Wheat Field with Cypresses" in acrylics. A sibling discount is available, and a snack will be provided. Ages 10 and up.

**Tipton County Museum  
751 Bert Johnston Avenue  
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(901) 476-0242**



**Artist Series for Kids:  
Vincent van Gogh**

Saturday, August 12, 2017 from 10 a.m. until noon. Program Fee is \$20 for Museum Members, \$25 General Public. Sibling Discount: \$15 for Members, \$20 General Public. Ages 10 and up. A snack will be provided.

Tipton County Museum Director Barrie Foster will introduce Vincent van Gogh to your children! The children will learn where van Gogh was born and raised, and that he only sold one painting in his lifetime! They will then paint one of van Gogh's own paintings in oil pastels. All materials will be furnished.

Contact the Museum for Membership information or any questions (901) 476-0242.

Complete form below to register now

To secure your spot in the Van Gough kids workshop, complete the registration form and mail it, along with your check or money order to: **The Tipton County Museum, P.O. Box 768, Covington, TN 38019.**

Registrations must be received August 2, 2017.  
Space is limited, so please register early!

Detach and Mail with Your Payment

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**“Vincent van Gogh” with Director Barrie Foster**  
**Saturday, August 12, 2017**

Child/Children’s Name & Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please register my child for “Vincent van Gogh”. Enclosed is my check. The fee is \$20 Member rate and \$25 Nonmember rate for the first child, and \$15 Member rate and \$20 Nonmember rate for each sibling. If you are not a member and would like to sign up now, please add \$25 for your Museum Membership.

Make Checks payable to: **Tipton County Museum**  
**P.O. Box 768, Covington, TN 38019**  
**(901) 476-0242**



**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

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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 July Veteran of the Month James Daniel Harden



July Veteran of the Month James Harden was honored at the Tipton County Museum, Veteran's Memorial, and Nature Trail among family, friends, and fellow veterans. Tipton County Veteran's Council President Kathy Desjarlais and Museum Director Barrie Foster presented Harden with a certificate (above right). Mayor Hanson (above) was also on hand to pay tribute. Mr. Harden thanked Brownie troop 13804 who provided refreshments for the event (right).





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

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

**James Daniel Harden**



James Daniel Hardin enlisted in the U.S. Navy on October 10, 1982. His plan to join the Army was thwarted by the Army recruiter being out to lunch; however, the Navy recruiter was there and before the hour had passed he was a sailor. Bootcamp was at San Diego followed by A-School at Millington. He was stationed in New Orleans with VA-204, working on weapons & radar systems in A-7 corsairs. Next came Dallas Naval Air Station with VA-201's F-14 Tom Cats where he also supported a Marine Corps Squadron of F-4 Phantoms. Finally he was sent back to Millington to help support a P-3 Orion squadron. Subsequent tours included work in law enforcement and physical security, detainee operations, convoy operations, and as an instructor in Force Protection.

After twelve years active duty, Jim got out for a year before coming back in as a reservist in December of 1995. As an active duty reservist, he was privileged to serve onboard the USS Lexington (CV-16) (the same ship on which his grandfather served in World War II), the USS Forrestal (CV-59), and USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69) as well as in various other locations with his squadrons. After September 11, 2001, he was recalled to active duty three times. In October 2001 he was sent to Texas to train reservists. February 2003 found him in La Maddalena, Italy, working security, force protection, and harbor security. He then deployed to Iraq in 2008 as part of a joint taskforce operation with the U.S. Army Military Police. He was stationed at FOB Camp Bucca, near Basra with an Army Airborne Division

During his 25 years of service he earned more than twenty medals and badges, including two Navy Commendations, one Army Commendation, two Navy Achievement Medals, one Army Achievement Medal, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, and Iraqi Liberation Medal. He retired from the United States Navy in 2009 and continues to serve his country and fellow Veterans through his work at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

He and his wife Debbie have been married 38 years. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren, and a 9<sup>th</sup> grandchild due in August 2017. He and Debbie are members of First Baptist Church in Covington where he is an ordained Deacon and has taught Sunday school. He is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and is a former member of the American Legion. He was nominated for Veteran of the Month by Andy Dunavant.

**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)