

General Welfare and Public Relations Committee Approves Continued Research for LED Lighting at Airport, Fountain Repairs at Park on the Square, and moves toward Museum Expansion

The General Welfare and Public Relations Committee held their regular monthly meeting at Covington City Hall in the Lower Level Conference Room at 1:00 pm on August 08, 2017. Present were Chairman Alderman Drew Glass, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman Jere Hadley, Alderman C.H. Sullivan, Alderman John Edwards, Mayor Justin Hanson, Director of Parks and Recreation Joseph Mack, Airport Director Robin Anderson. Public Works Director David Gray, Museum Director Barrie Foster, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, Echo Day, Rebecca Ray, and Margaret Fleming.

Chairman Drew Glass called the meeting to order at 1:00 with a quorum present and called on Director Robin Anderson for an update on the airport.

Airport Director Robin Anderson:

- Fuel sales for July – 4012 gallons including aviator gas and jet fuel
- Airport rehab pavement project is still ongoing – items to be completed are crack seal on tarmac and taxiway; seal coat on all asphalt (except runway); striping on all airport asphalt, including runway, taxiway, connectors and hangars. These will all take place August 14-15-16-17 and the airport will be closed on these days. Project meeting August 10 at 11:00. Alderwoman Bommer asked Anderson how he lets people know that the airport will be closed and he stated he will put out a “notum” that will go out nationwide three days ahead of closure. Anderson stated these closing dates have been out for a month on AWAS. Chairman Glass asked if this kind of project is going on in other airports, and Anderson stated they are because paving projects were available to airports this year. Anderson stated he is glad to get this done and it really improves the airport.
- Next project – LED lighting for airport, including runway and taxiway. Anderson asked committee to approve him continuing a study for installing LED lighting at the Covington Airport. A request is due by middle of October. Anderson has done some research and is working on an estimate for this project and he asked for approval to continue the research and prepare a proposal for this 95-5 grant option (Covington having a 5% finance responsibility). Anderson went on to discuss the savings he expects with LED lighting, and stated he just spent about \$600 for lights and parts recently for lighting repairs at the airport. Alderwoman Bommer motioned for Anderson to proceed with LED lighting grant proposal and Mayor Hanson seconded. Glass asked Anderson to have plans prepared for committee review next month. Motion passed.
- Anderson said he has some tidying up to do around hangars, such as painting and windows sealed, and he would like to get to work on that. Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn stated he had money in the budget to start those repairs.
- Anderson stated he has only one person with a hangar who has not signed the new lease, even after three attempts from him to secure a signature. If he does not respond by the end of this month, Anderson stated he will turn the matter over to the City Attorney.

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

Parks and Recreation Director Joe Mack:

- Fountains at Park on the Square – Mack called on Public Works Director David Gray to address the fountains – Gray said the fountains were put in over 10 years ago. They are well liked and bring beauty to the square. They

were under maintenance of Utilities Department until about 5-6 years ago, Park and Rec took this over and the first time Gray dealt with the fountains again was about 2 months ago. He has discovered that we are losing a projected 30,000 gallons a water a month. There are 4 fountains there, with one that is controlling fountain. Gray has discovered the set-up, filters, and pump have not been adequately serviced, and he believes some of the water is leaking through broken lines and/or under the drains, but cannot be sure what is going on without digging them up. Basically, the fountains are in bad shape and it will cost a lot of money to put them back in proper working order, which was not figured in this year's budget. Gray has shut them down to watch them, and still we are losing water somewhere in the piping. He is continuing with experimentation to discover the problems and is constantly monitoring them. Gray hopes to solve the problem with constant monitoring until next budget year when we can adequately plan for refurbishment. Alderwoman Bommer motioned to allow Gray to continue his work on the fountains and monitor them to determine the issue(s). If that does not work, she suggested shutting them down. Alderman Hadley seconded. Motion passed.

- Head Groundskeeper – Mr. Tim Taylor has been selected as Head Groundskeeper with the City of Covington, which will include parks and other city properties. He will be assisted by part time employees from Parks and Rec and also by James Dowell and Eric McGhee in our Streets Department. Mr. Taylor has been on the job for a week and has been assessing properties. He has started work on refreshing the landscape at the Covington Sportsplex.
- Parks and recreation Recognition Policy – Mr. Mack sent these proposals out to committee members last week. This allows his department to recognize non-supervisory personnel in the Parks and Recreation department monthly, quarterly, and yearly. Mack also asked for permission to purchase recognition gifts for those recognized. Alderwoman stated that she likes the idea and believes we should recognize people for the good work they do. Alderman Glass motioned to accept the policy and Alderman Hadley seconded. Motion passed.
- Tipton County Sports Hall of Fame – several new nominees have been brought before the committee since the deadline was extended. Mack's plan is to complete the selection process, recognize nominees at a Board of Mayor and Alderman Meeting as well as honor them and families at a dinner. Mack feels strongly that the selection process needs to change. He referenced his experience in this area from his years in the Navy. Mack suggested mandating standards and determining how candidates might meet those standards, and he showed committee members how this might work using a PowerPoint presentation – a fair process based on a standard. Alderman Glass asked several questions of Mack, and also suggested we also improve the nomination process. Mack stated he is also working on that, as well. Alderwoman Bommer motioned to allow Mr. Mack to continue his work on the selection process as well as work to improve the nomination process and Glass seconded. Motion passed.
- Isaac Hayes Day at Frazier Park – Saturday, August 19, 10:00 - 5:00. Mack stated they want vendors to be there to share information with the people – vendors stations are free! This will be a celebration and fun day with music, water slide, and food. Barrie Foster of the Tipton County Veteran's Museum stated there are already several food vendors who have reserved spaces, as well as informational vendors. Alderwoman Bommer stated there will be a tribute to Isaac Hayes from 4:00 – 5:00. Mr. Mack stated he and Foster will walk through Frazier Park on Wednesday to lay out vendor sites and check electrical access. Mack stated the police and fire departments have been contacted and Mayor Hanson stated he will contact area media outlets. Foster stated the Museum will open their new Isaac Hayes exhibit on August 19, and will be open until 5:00 that day.

Mayor Hanson motioned to accept Director Mack's report and Alderman Bommer seconded. Motion passed. Chairman Glass called on Museum Director Foster to make her report.

Museum Director Barrie Foster:

- Ms Hattye Yarbrough's exhibit has been taken down and they are working on the Isaac Hayes exhibit, which will open on Saturday, August 19.
- August 08 – August Veteran of the Month H.T. Ray will be honored at the Museum at 6:30.
- August 12 is Artist Series for Kids – Vincent Van gogh. 10:00 – Noon at Tipton County Museum.

- August 18 is NAVY DAY at the museum – the museum will be closed – navy personnel will come to work on museum grounds. Lunch for Navy workers will be at 11:30.
- August 19 – Dr. Stephen Foster presents “The Flu – What you DON’T Know Can Kill You” from 10:00 – noon at the museum
- August 26 – 9:00 – 3:00 – World War II Living History presented by the WWII Reenacting Society Memphis Area. This is a free event.
- Tipton County Pulse – New edition is online and features Rochelle Stidham, first female publisher of The Leader.
- August 12 – Awards ceremony at Covington Farmers Market for FRESH – the Tipton County Children’s Art Exhibit
- July 20 – The Tipton County Museum Board voted in favor of an addition to the existing museum building that would include a conference room that seats 100, a work/class room, and restrooms. Minutes of that meeting were attached to Foster’s report. With the expansion, there will be a permanent presence of African American History in the museum. Foster hopes for Covington and Tipton County approval so she can proceed with grant proposals.

Alderwoman Bommer motioned to accept Director Foster’s report and was seconded by Alderman Hadley. Motion passed. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

High School Students in Management Training

High school students have a huge responsibility to just get through their daily schedules, sports practices, musical rehearsals, social and family obligations, testing, and preparing for college – but these Covington High School seniors are honor students and **ALSO** in management training at McDonald’s! These fine young people are great examples of the achievements our youth are making every day! Let’s join together to congratulate for JOBS WELL DONE!



A Shout Out to Boy Scout Pack 207



Taking a break after cleaning Project Play with Pack 207 are adult assistants Pack Leader Erica Brumfield, Joseph Mack, Jennifer Mack, Tanya Stafford and Bob Collier.

No man is an island, and if there's one thing for sure, we all need help from time to time. Who better to count on for a helping hand than the boy scouts, right? The City of Covington and the Parks and Recreation Department wish to extend a very big **THANK YOU** to Boy Scout Pack 297 for pitching in and cleaning up around PROJECT PLAY in Cobb-Parr Park. The scouts provided a valuable community service and those who play in the park are grateful for their hard work!

Thank You
FOR YOUR HELP



Delta Regional Authority graduates Six Tennessee Leaders ready to Improve their Communities



LAKE BARKLEY, Ky. – The Delta Regional Authority (DRA) today celebrates 49 new graduates of the Delta Leadership Institute (DLI) who will collaborate with DRA’s leadership team to continue helping create jobs, build communities, and improve lives across the Mississippi River Delta region and the Black Belt of Alabama. The 49 graduates, including six from Tennessee, have completed the year-long DLI Executive Academy, a training program that brings together business and community leaders from each of the eight states served by DRA to gain the tools, experiences, and networks that will help them enhance economic opportunities in their communities as well as boost our regional economy.

The graduates have participated in seven workshops over the past year to help them understand the economic development needs of the Delta region, and build a collaborative leadership experience that emphasizes a regional approach to growing local economies and creating opportunities for the 10 million residents of the Delta region. DLI fellows learn from local, regional and national experts in infrastructure and transportation, small business and entrepreneurship, workforce training, and other economic development fields, experiencing what is working to boost economies in the Delta region.

“We are incredibly proud of these graduates and thank them for representing Tennessee,” **Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bob Rolfe said.** “These individuals have completed an extensive year-long training and are now able to take what they learned back to their communities to make Tennessee a better place to live, work and raise a family.”

The six Tennessee graduates represent a diverse group of public and private sector leaders from across industries:



- Jake Bynum, Dresden | County Mayor, Weakley County Government
- Rachel Crickmar, Nashville | Senior Manager, Tennessee Valley Authority
- James Crone, Memphis | Government and Corporate Relations/Comprehensive Solutions, Trane U.S. Inc.
- **Maleia Evans, Covington | Executive Director, Covington Chamber of Commerce (left with award)**
- Gwendolyn Gavin, Brownsville | Director, Eagles Nest
- Jai Templeton, McNairy County | Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Agriculture

A full list of the 2016-17 graduates of the DLI Executive Academy can be found [here](#). Since 2005 DLI’s Executive Academy has enhanced the leadership skills, policy knowledge, and networks of community members in the Delta region. After graduation, DLI graduates become members of the Delta Leadership Network, which now includes nearly 500 members who understand the importance of regional collaboration,

resource sharing, and innovative thinking. DLI is a program of the Delta Regional Authority in partnership with three institutions of higher education from within the DRA footprint: The University of Alabama, Arkansas State University-Jonesboro and The University of Louisiana Monroe.

About the Delta Regional Authority

The Delta Regional Authority is a federal-state partnership created by Congress in 2000 to help create jobs, build communities, and improve lives through strategic investments in economic development in 252 counties and parishes across eight states. To date, the DRA's SEDAP investments, together with its state and local partners, have leveraged nearly \$3.5 billion in public and private investment into local small business owners, entrepreneurs, workers, and infrastructure development projects. These investments have helped create or retain more than 37,000 jobs and provided water and sewer service to more than 66,000 residents since DRA was established. Learn more at dra.gov.

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**Annual Industrial Appreciation
Golf Tournament**

scheduled for Thursday, September 28th
at the Covington Country Club

Click [here](#) for the registration form!





NEW FOR 2017-2018!

High school juniors and seniors receiving the Dual Enrollment Grant are eligible to receive a Dyersburg State Scholarship to cover the remaining costs for up to 8 courses!*

*Students are responsible for costs of course textbooks and materials

DUAL ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Students are limited to a maximum of 2 grants per semester.

- In order to receive funding for the second course during a semester, students must meet the minimum HOPE Scholarship academic requirements at the time of dual enrollment (3.0 high school GPA or a composite score of at least 21 on the ACT) and be enrolled in at least 2 courses that semester.
- Students must also submit an Additional Courses Acknowledgement Form if they enroll in two or more classes in a semester and wish to receive the 2nd grant.
- If students take 3 or more classes in a single semester, they must pay 100% of the tuition for class 3 and above.

After the first 4 TN Dual Enrollment Grants have been awarded (\$1,200.00), each subsequent grant award will deduct from the student's HOPE Scholarship.

- Students who choose not to receive Dual Enrollment Grant funding for courses 5 through 8 as outlined above will not receive a DSCC Scholarship to cover the remaining costs.
- There is a maximum award of \$1,200 for Dual Enrollment Grants per academic year for students.

Tennessee Dual Enrollment Grant eligibility and participation requirements may be viewed at
www.tn.gov/collegepays/article/dual-enrollment-grant

For more information, contact Tracie Langley, DSCC Admissions and Dual Enrollment Coordinator, at 731-286-3324 or langley@dsc.edu.



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Covington Aquatic Center Celebrated 40th Anniversary



Joe Mack, Director of Covington Parks and Recreation, and Liz Stambaugh, Aquatic Center Director, hosted an open house to celebrate the 40th birthday of the Covington pool. Mayor Hanson attended and was given a tour of the facility and the day's events by long time pool manager Eva Dale Williams (R). The sand volleyball court was ready for action and there was free admission, food, and fun events for the public.



Manta Ray Swim Team Finishes Summer Season



The Manta Ray Swim Team completed their Summer Competitive season on July 16 in Tunica, MS. Ten swimmers represented Covington and Tipton County and competed in this event against 14 other teams throughout our region (West TN and North MS). As a team, Manta Rays finished the season in 3rd place with several High Point Winners: Brandon Hanks, 2nd runner up high point 13-14 Boys, Roby Myers high point winner 11-12 Boys, Brie Howard 2nd runner up high point 11-12 girls, Jenna Kelley 1st runner up high point 11-12 girls, and Jack Krull high point winner 6 & under boys. Pictured above are Manta Rays Noah Greear, Lane Dawson, Kate Dawson, Brie Howard, Christyn Sanders, Brylee Sestina, John Owen Hensley, Roby Myers, Jenna Kelley, and Liz Stambaugh (Coach). Manta Ray Swim Team home base is the [Covington Aquatic Center](#).

Season awards for the team are (these awards are given based on points earned throughout the entire season):

High Point Winner (perfect season) - Roby Myers
Best All-Around - John Owen Hensley
Most Improved - Brylee Sestina

Best New-Comer- Christyn Sanders
Sportsmanship - Jenna Kelley
Unsung Hero - Brie Howard & Brandon Hanks



Covington Fire Department Promotes Seven



Jeremy Channel, Kit Burrow, Brad Dunavant, and Dan Ruffin were sworn in as Lieutenants by Fire Chief Michael Naifeh and Assistant Chief Richard Griggs at the Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting at Covington City Hall.



Dee Wallace, Lee Wallace, and Zach Mathis were sworn in by Fire Chief Michael Naifeh and Assistant Chief Richard Griggs as drivers at the same Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting.



Mayor Hanson joined the new Lieutenants and the chiefs to express his congratulations and gratitude for their work and dedication to the Covington Fire Department



Mayor Hanson also congratulated new drivers Dee Wallace, Lee Wallace and Zach Mathis (not pictured above) and expressed his gratitude for their work and dedication to the Covington Fire Department.



Download Vendor Applications today to secure your booth for the Arts & Crafts Fair! Spots going fast!

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Covington, TN



Sept. 21-23, 2017

THURSDAY

Farm to Table Dinner

FRIDAY

Vintage Carriage Tours of Historic District

Artist & Author Exhibition

SATURDAY

Arts, Crafts, & Music Fair on the Square

www.covington-tiptoncochamber.com/heritagefestival

NATIONAL FARMERS MARKET WEEK

August 6th - 12th, 2017



Covington Court Square
Farmers Market

Eat Fresh. Buy Local.

Find us under the water tower at
117 North Main Street
Covington, TN 38019

Hours of Operation during Season:

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

The Covington Court Square Farmers Market strives to provide the Tipton County community with the areas freshest produce, value-added food products, plants, and hand - crafted items.



Receive regular updates by
connecting with us!



In celebration of this Nationally recognized week,
We will award a basket of Farmers Market groceries to a randomly chosen customer each day of this week's Market!
(Tues. Aug. 8th, Thurs., Aug. 10th, and Sat. Aug. 12th)

On Saturday, August 12th

Visit the 4-H booth from 9am - 11am
for a chance to learn more about our local
4-H chapter
Try free **SAMPLES** of fresh produce and
value - added food
products found at our very own Market!

**For those with children who participated
in our First annual**

**"FRESH" Summer Art Contest, the
Awards Ceremony will be hosted
at 9am at the Farmers Market.**

**Then all entries will be displayed at the
Tipton County Museum**

August 15th - September 15th.

Those interested in becoming a Farmers Market Vendor can call 901 476 9727
or email lauren@covington-tiptoncochamber.com

Mayor Hanson Inspects Paving Project at Covington Airport



Covington Municipal Airport Director Robin Anderson took Mayor Justin Hanson on a tour throughout the airport grounds and updated him on the progress of the repaving project. The project is scheduled to be completed August 14-17 and the airport will be closed during this phase. Director Anderson has asked to proceed with research on LED lighting at the airport as his next project. He plans to apply for a grant for this purpose in October.



August 19 Proclaimed Isaac Hayes Day in Covington

It was an honor to have the daughters of music icon and Covington native [Isaac Hayes](#) at the Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting August 8 at Covington City Hall. [Nikki Hayes McGee](#), [Melanie Hayes](#), and [Veronica Hayes](#) joined the Mayor and Aldermen as they proclaimed August 19, 2017 as Isaac Hayes Day in his hometown. Make plans to join us as we host our inaugural Issac Hayes Day at Frazier Park on August 19 from 10am-5pm. It'll be great fun for the entire family featuring local vendors, live music, Hayes tributes, and food trucks.



Isaac Hayes's daughters listened as Mayor Justin Hanson read the proclamation for Isaac Hayes Day in Covington (above) and were happy to be given the proclamation in honor of their father (right).



The daughters are donating some memorabilia for the Isaac Hayes exhibit at the Tipton County Museum and plan to be at Frazier Park on August 19 for the day of events planned to celebrate their father's life and history in Covington.



After the meeting, the ladies took time to visit with Alderman John Edwards, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, and Mayor Justin Hanson.

CPD Chief Buddy Lewis Swears In New Officers

On August 4th, The Covington Police Department hired two new Officers - Officer Amy Brooks, and Officer Ben Stanifer. Both are certified Officers and will be seen patrolling the streets in the coming weeks, following a brief department orientation. Pictured are Officer Amy Brooks, Ben Stanifer, and Police Chief Buddy Lewis. Chief Lewis swore the two in and issued Patrol Officer Badges.

*Welcome to the
Covington Police Department!*





- August 6 – 12 – National Farmer’s Market Week! Scroll down for more information...
- August 12 – Van Gough art class for Kids – 10 am – noon – Tipton County Museum...scroll down....
- August 14 – Breastfeeding Educational Luncheon – Baptist Hospital Tipton – scroll down.....
- August 15 – Extended deadline for nominations to the [Tipton County Sports Hall of Fame](#).
- August 15 – Tasty Tuesday at Old Town Hall Café on the Square. 12:00 – 1:00 Scroll down for info
- August 17 – Third Thursday – Wyatt Earp’s Steakhouse – 5:00 – 6:00
- August 18 - Navy Day on Museum grounds
- August 19 – Flu Seminar – 10:00 – noon – Tipton County Museum. Scroll down for information
- 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 19 – Celebrate Munford 5K Run, Stroll and Roll....scroll down for info.....
- 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*
- August 26 – WWII Living History – 9:00 – 2:00. Tipton County Museum – FREE!
- September 19 – [LifeBlood](#) at Covington City Hall – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
- September 21 – 23 – COVINGTON – TIPTON COUNTY HERITAGE FESTIVAL
- September 22 – Local author Helen Henderson will sign her books at the [Tipton County Museum](#)
- September 23 – Tipton County Commission on Aging YARD SALE! Scroll down for information....
- September 28 – [Annual Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament](#) – Covington Country Club



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*Information in this newsletter is an overview of events. All official minutes and documents can be viewed at Covington City hall at 200 West Washington Street, Covington, TN.

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YOGA

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THURSDAY
NIGHTS**

EVERY TUES & THUR 5-6PM

Evening Yoga Class

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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, lowers your
blood pressure**

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

Tuesdays 5-6PM



Breastfeeding Educational Luncheon



**August 14, 2017
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**



Get Better.

Baptist Memorial Hospital - Tipton

Community Conference Room

RSVP by August 11th to

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**COVINGTON
TIPTON COUNTY
CHAMBER of COMMERCE**



Third Thursday

Mix, Mingle, Eat, Drink, and be Merry!

On August 17th from 5pm - 6pm

New Location at

Wyatt Earp's Steakhouse

102 East Court Square, Covington



Sponsored by local  **WoodmenLife** Representative, Neil Bringle.
Standing Strong For Generations.

Wyatt Earp's Steakhouse has a new feature of live music on Thursday nights starting at 6p.m. for those who want to stay for dinner and enjoy the band.

**CELEBRATE
MUNFORD**

5K RUN,
ROLL &
STROLL

AUGUST **19** | STARTS
2017 | 8AM

**CENTENNIAL
PARK**

148 REEDER STREET
MUNFORD

**BAPTIST MEMORIAL
HOSPITAL-TIPTON, TITLE SPONSOR**

REGISTER @ RACESONLINE.COM/EVENTS/WWW-CELEBRATEMUNFORD5K-COM OR DAY OF EVENT

**Join the Chamber Staff
each month for**



Our August 15th Tasty Tuesday is from 12:00pm - 1:00pm at...



**Old Town Hall Café
110 East Court Square
Covington, TN 38019**

Dutch Treat Lunch at a Chamber Member Restaurant !

Save the date!

**DYERSBURG STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2017 Ed Lannom, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament**



**Friday
Aug. 25**

1:00 p.m.

(Lunch at 11:30 a.m.)

The Farms Golf Club

To sign up a team or become a sponsor, call 731-286-3349

Rare Total Eclipse of the Sun Coming this Month

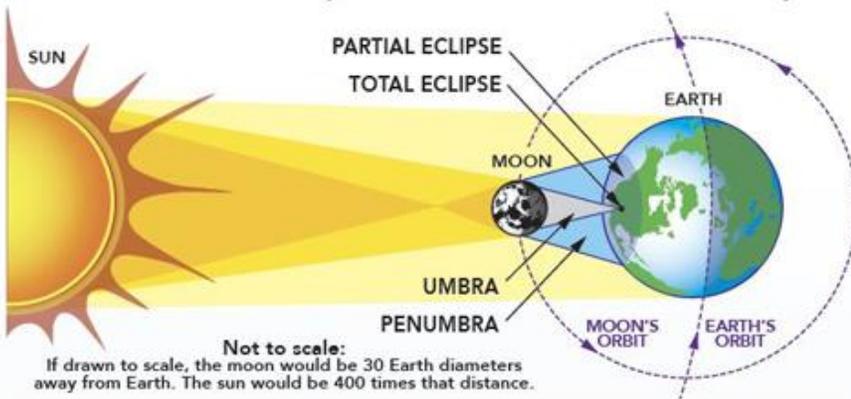
On August 21, 2017, people across the United States will see the sun disappear behind the moon, turning daylight into twilight, causing the temperature to drop rapidly, and revealing massive streamers of light streaking through the sky around the silhouette of the moon. On this day, America will fall under the path of a total solar eclipse. This will darken the skies all the way from Oregon to South Carolina along a stretch of about 70 miles wide. People who will watch this are in for an unforgettable experience. It will begin here at about 11:50 am and last roughly two hours. Anyone planning to view the total solar eclipse should get a pair of solar viewing glasses. **REMEMBER** – looking directly at the sun, even when it is partially covered by the moon, can cause serious eye damage and even blindness. Viewing glasses can be picked up at the Tipton County Library on the DSCC campus in Covington. The next total eclipse will be in 2024 in Mexico and Texas. Check out the activities regarding the eclipse at the [Tipton County Library](#) at 901-476-8289. Follow these links to learn more: [space.com](#) [NASA](#) [ABCnews](#)



Mayor Hanson and his staff at City Hall have the proper equipment for viewing the eclipse with glasses donated by [DRUG FREE TIPTON](#). The only safe way to look directly at the uneclipsed or partially eclipsed sun is through special-purpose solar filters, such as eclipse glasses or hand-held solar viewers. Homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, *even very dark ones*, **are not safe** for looking at the sun; they transmit *thousands* of times too much sunlight. Refer to the American Astronomical Society (AAS) [Reputable Vendors of Solar Filters & Viewers](#) page for a list of manufacturers and authorized dealers of eclipse glasses and handheld solar viewers verified to be compliant with the ISO 12312-2 international safety standard for such products.

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE: Monday • August 21, 2017

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





EMPLOYER FORUM

August 18, 2017

8:00am

Check In/Breakfast: 7:00am

Jackson-Madison County General Hospital
J Walter Barnes Conference Center
620 Skyline Dr | Jackson, TN 38301

For more information: 731.422.7902
To register: wth.org/employerforum



A leadership event you don't want to miss.

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- Value based care and population health - can you make a difference?
- Employer health and wellness programs - legal hurdles
- Employer forum panel - hear firsthand what employers in West TN are doing

Continuing education credits available for
SHRM and ASSE members.

OTHER FORUM SPEAKERS:

Kim Stroud,
Employee Benefits Manager,
Manatee County, FL

- Geoffrey Lindley
- Matthew Courtner
- Kathe Fox
- Katie Chandler
- David Alred
- Tosh Newman
- Randy McKinnon
- Kristy Mercer
- Tony White
- Marcus P. Johnson.



ISAAC HAYES DAY @ FRAZIER PARK

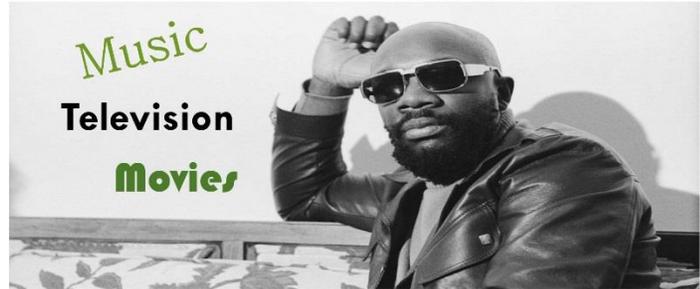
426 Long Ave, Covington, TN 38019

- ❖ SATURDAY August 19th
- ❖ 10:00AM - 5:00PM
- ❖ Music
- ❖ Water Slide
- ❖ Vendors
- ❖ Food

Free Admission



TIPTON COUNTY
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VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER



Come and celebrate the birthday of Covington's own Entertainment Icon Isaac Hayes!

Oscar winner for Best Original Song (1972) for The Theme from **Shaft!**

Inducted into the **Rock and Roll Hall of Fame** in 2002!

Inducted into the **Songwriters Hall of Fame** in 2005!

Don't forget to stop by the Tipton County Museum to see our NEW Isaac Hayes Exhibit



Tipton County Museum
Presents



"The Flu: What You Don't Know Can Kill You"

Stephan L. Foster, Pharm.D., FAPhA

Liaison Member, Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)
CAPT (Ret), U.S. Public Health Service



Dr. Foster, a nationally recognized vaccine expert, will discuss the properties of influenza that makes it one of the most dangerous viruses in the world. There will be plenty of time for questions, and refreshments will be served.

When: August 19, 2017, 10 am—Noon

Where: Tipton County Museum
751 Bert Johnston Ave.,
Covington, TN 38019
(901) 476-0242

Fee: Free to Museum Members
\$ 5 General Public



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.

Founded by esteemed Covington Doctor, the late Dr. Jessie Canon, the Stanton Health Center is a perfect example of the important centers mentioned above, except this one is providing services right here in Tipton, Haywood, and Fayette Counties. Covington Mayor Justin Hanson and Covington Fire Department CARE Officer Mark Heaston joined Stanton Mayor Allan Sterbinsky and the staff at Stanton Health Center for an open house highlighting the facility and the work they do. The Stanton Health Center staff is passionate about providing a wide variety of high quality services for their patients, including getting them signed up for Medicare and other benefits. Manager Juanita Williams encourages senior citizen organizations, senior church groups, and anyone interested in high quality health care at low costs to call her at 731-548-2232. They also accept a variety of insurance coverages.



Pictured above at the Stanton Health Center Open House are Robert Davis, patient/visitor, Patrice Bond, Sabrina Blue, Executive Director of [Helping Hands of Middle and West Tennessee](#), CARE Officer Mark Heaston, Juanita Williams, Center Manager, Covington Mayor Justin Hanson, Stanton Mayor Allan Sterbinsky, Chelsea Love, Erica Harris, Sherri Morris, Tennille Short, and Nicole Newman.

Northwest Tennessee Head Start held Open House in Covington to kick off the New School Year

The Community Action network plays a significant role in lessening the effects of poverty across the state of Tennessee, and Headstart programs is one of the many services they provide. Early Head Start serves children ages 0-3 years old and Head Start serves 3 and 4 year old children. Early Head Start also serves pregnant women and teens.

Mayor Justin Hanson visited with the staff and students at Head Start in Covington and met new Site Director Beverly Roberts. He visited with parents, children, teachers, and staff as they got the new school year off to a good “headstart”!

Learn more about Headstart [HERE!](#)



City and Boys and Girls Club Administrators Acquire USDA Grant for Expansion



Members of the Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region’s Board of Directors, Site Director James Moore, along with Covington Mayor Justin Hanson and Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, signed documents with Walt Downing of USDA for a grant to expand classroom and meeting space at the Boys and Girls Club in Covington. Mayor Hanson stated that this is a real “win-win” because it means the club is growing and serving more children, and BGC Board and city leaders are willing to work together to bring them the improvements needed. The Boys and Girls Club will provide the financial match for the grant.

Mayor Hanson Inspects grounds keeping at Munford Cemetery in Covington

Grounds keeping is a major job in the City of Covington, but the Street Department knows the expectations and they work hard to keep those fulfilled. Mayor Hanson caught up with this crew in Munford Cemetery this week, and invited them to join him in the shade for a break from the heat. He thanked them for doing such a great job! Otis Manley (right) was using the blower to keep things neat and clean. Below, Mayor Hanson shared a moment in the shade with Frederick Porter, Kermit Truss, Barry Taylor, Lawrence Jones, and Lewis Elkins.





WORLD WAR II

LIVING HISTORY

Presented By:

World War II Reenacting Society Memphis Area

AUGUST 26, 2017

9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

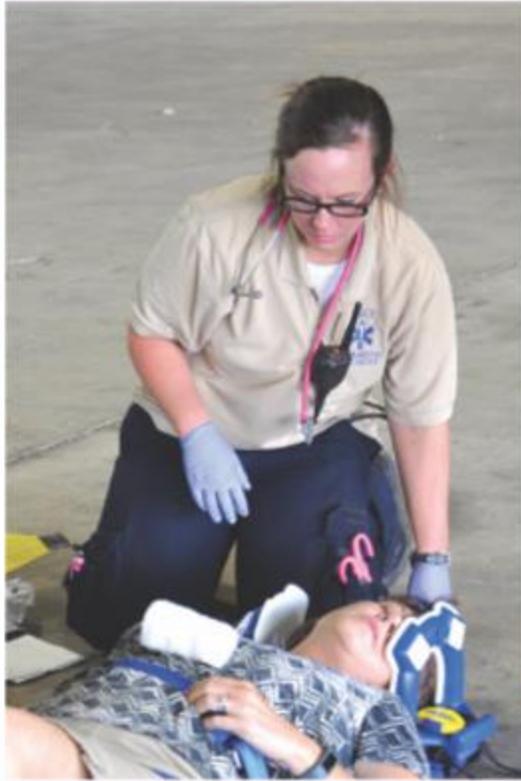
TIPTON COUNTY MUSUEM
751 BERT JOHNSTON AVENUE
COVINGTON, TN 38019

Free to the Public!

Demonstrations and Speakers throughout the day!

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.**



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Join us at the

Tipton County Commission on Aging

YARD SALE

401 South College St. Covington, TN 38019

Saturday September 23, 2017

7:00 a.m. until ?

**Donations of gently used items for this fundraiser
would be appreciated.**

Call (901) 476-3333 for information & questions.

Coffee with the Mayor

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

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



City of Covington will provide televised City News and Announcements on Comcast Ch 19

After nearly 30 years of local television broadcasting, KBJ has closed. But you will still be informed because the City of Covington has taken over local Comcast channel 19 and will bring you city news, announcements, and videos of Board Meetings. We wish to thank all those affiliated with KBJ Television over the years as they brought local news and information directly to our homes. We hope to provide a similar service and ask for your input and help as we launch the broadcast from Covington City Hall.

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

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**



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



Solar Eclipse viewing glasses will be available
at front desk beginning August 1st!

Limit 4 per household

Eclipse Program

Presented by Mr. Akilu Maasho, DSCC Professor of Physics
August 17th @ 11:00am

Children's Program: Make It @ Your Library

Ages 12 & under
August 17th @ 4:00pm

Movie: Barabbas

[NR] 167 Min.

August 18th @ 1:00pm

Tweens/Teens: Solar Party

Ages 8-17

August 19th @ 1:00pm

Movie: "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court"

[NR] 106mins.

August 21st @ 1:00pm

Solar Eclipse Viewing

Watch the Solar Eclipse with us!

August 21st 11:50am

Viewing glasses will be provided!



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,
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(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 7th 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

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 circular seal with the text "EST 1825".

The Library Corner



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM MAKE IT: Solar



Aug 17
4:00-5:00pm
Ages 11 & Under

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

It's story
TIME
@your library

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



AUG 15th
10:00-11:00AM

Aug. 28th
4:00-5:00PM

Learn all about our new apps
How to check out free e-magazines, e-books,
and search our database

Tween/Teen Solar Eclipse Party

AGES 8-17

Aug. 19th

1:00-2:00PM

Children's Movie

Aug 12th

10:00am

LEGO Batman



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library card!

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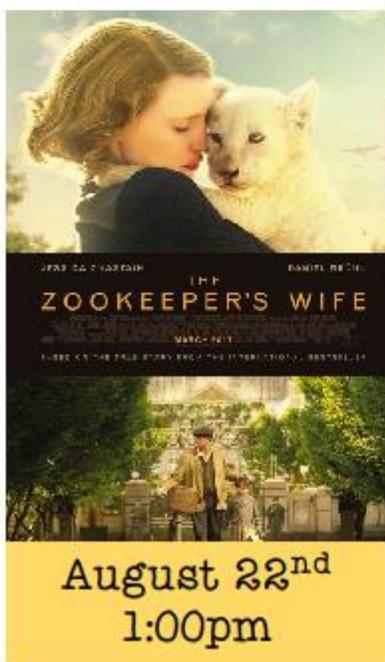
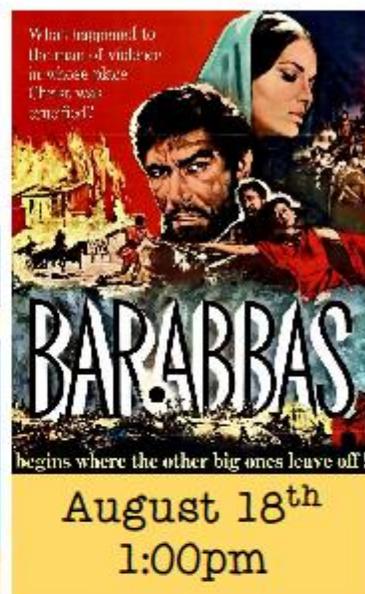


Aug 26th 11:00-12:00pm

Aug 31st 4:00-5:00pm

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>

Reception Held to Honor August Veteran of the Month H.T. Ray



August Veteran of the Month H.T. Ray inspected Old Glory (left) at his reception at the Tipton County Museum and Veteran's Memorial Tuesday night. He was inducted by Kathy Desjarlias of the Tipton County Veteran's Council, and Museum Director Barrie Foster (above) who paid tribute to Mr. Ray for his service and presented him with a flag and certificate.

Friends, family and fellow veteran Andy Dunavant (right), were on hand to honor Mr. Ray and Brownie Troop 13804 served refreshments. The Tipton County Museum, Veteran's Memorial, and Nature Trail honors a Veteran of the Month each and every month. [CLICK HERE](#) to download a Veteran of the Month nomination form.



Eagle Scout Project at Museum Nature Trail

Last weekend, Eagle Scout candidate Tony Hilbert installed 19 tree identification signs along the nature trail and throughout the grounds at the Tipton County Museum. He used a router to carve the names of the trees on cedar signs.



We are pleased to announce that local author

Helen Henderson

has her books for sale in

Gioiello,

the gift shop at the Tipton County Museum.

Helen is a former feature-story writer and correspondent, and has written fiction for as long as she can remember. We have six of her books for sale in our 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 7:00 p.m. during our Gift Shop Gala at the Tipton County Museum. She will be on hand to answer questions and sign her books. See you at the Tipton County Museum!

Tipton County Museum
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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 BELOW 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**



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
Covington, TN 38019
(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

“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
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A DAY OF ART
AT THE TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM

Lecture & Painting

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

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

No previous art experience required.

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 August, 2017

Homer Thurl Ray



Retired Aviation Structural Mechanic – Hydraulics Chief Petty Officer Homer Thurl Ray was born on Dec. 5, 1939 at Portales, Roosevelt County, New Mexico, the first child of Harris T. and Annie Louise Ray. He joined the U. S. Navy on Jan. 29, 1959 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and went to Boot Camp in San Diego, Calif. His first duty station was Patrol Squadron 22 (VP-22), homeported at Barbers Point, Hawaii, but soon deployed to Kodiak, Alaska with the squadron. He was sent to Aviation Structural Mechanics, Hydraulics “A” School at NATTC Memphis where he graduated as honor-man with a GPA of 92.6. On his way to Utility Squadron 8 (VU-8), he spent 60 days at the receiving station in Charleston, S.C., because the Caribbean was spawning one hurricane after another. He was assigned to the Drone Department at VU-8, where, in addition to the normal duties of a Structural Mechanic, he learned to pack parachutes for the KDA and Q2C drones. His next stop was back to NATTC Memphis for Class “B” school where he graduated as honor-man with a GPA of 89.6 before being transferred to the Pacific Missile Range Calif. In the spring of 1965, he was honored as the Sailor of the Quarter for the Pacific Missile Range. In 1967, he was attached to Attack Squadron 196 (VA-196) homeported in Whidbey Island, Wa. During a three year cycle of operations, VA -196 spent 27 months aboard the USS Constellation (CVA-64) and USS Ranger (CV-61), most of which was deployed as a part of Task Force 77 in the Tonkin Gulf, and affectionately known as the Tonkin Gulf Yacht Club. In September of 1970, he graduated as honor man from the Instructor Training Course NATTC Memphis where he taught at the Airman Preparation Course, AMH “A” School and AMH “B” schools. In March 1975, he reported aboard the USS John F Kennedy (CV-67) where he served in the Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department, Mechanical Division, as AIMD IM2 Division Chief. On March 28, 1978, HT retired from the U. S. Navy, and returned to Memphis with sixty days leave in his “pocket,” thinking that he would just kick back and enjoy a vacation. In less than a week, he was called by the State Technical Institute at Memphis, where the chairman of The Industrial Maintenance Department was looking for an instructor in hydraulics and pneumatics. After 26 years of teaching, he retired as the Engineering Division Chairman and he is still trying to work in the 60-day vacation which was his original plan in 1978.

HT Ray is a Life member of the Tipton County Veterans Council, VFW Post 4840, Volunteer Chapter 414 National Sojourners, Dunham Lodge 150, Tipton Lodge 226 and The Scottish Rite of Free Masonry. He has been a volunteer for several years at the Tipton County Museum. He was nominated for Veteran of the Month by Henry Leslie Billings. HT lives with his dog Petey in Brighton.

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