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Local News: The Old Southern Hotel: Then and Now





The Southern Hotel first opened its doors on June 1st, 1907. It offered all amenities of luxury for its time; ballrooms, galleries, a tennis court, a formal garden and an artesian fountain. There were even caged exotic animals in the lobby. It was also the second home to the Covington Courthouse. Recent years have seen the building lay dormant, but the old Southern is beginning to stir with new life. Lisa Condrey and Joe Ward of Condrey and Ward have bought the nearly 38,000-square-foot time capsule and have plans for complete renovations. The task will not be an easy one, the building is 105 years old and has been empty for many years. Condrey and Ward expect to spend millions on the project. "It'll be worth it for us, it'll be worth it for the city," Lisa said. The reanimation of the old Southern Hotel is sure to benefit the downtown economy and preserve the history of Downtown Covington.

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Moon Facts:

The moon rotates on it's axis in the same amount of time it takes to circle Earth, which means that one side always faces us.

Wednesday



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Quote of the Week

"Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"







70 inches.

Wildlife Lookout: The Great Blue Heron





This large North American heron is common on fresh as well as salt waters, and is frequently found standing at the edge of a pond or marsh hunting for fish or frogs. When hunting, the Great Blue Heron walks slowly through shallows or stands with it's head hunched atop its shoulders.

The head is predominantly white; females have a black crown and males have a black crest extending out behind the nape of their head. The males also have long, thin feathers on their back

and breast. The body is mostly a grey-ish blue, with specks of black and hints of red. Their average length is 38 inches, average wingspand is

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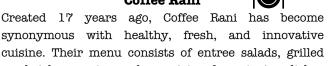
The 3/50 Challenge

Locally owned business is the basis of local economy. For every \$100 dollars that is spent locally, \$68 of that returns to the community. Shop Local by spending \$50 in three local businesses



over the course of a month. This week, we'll be visiting: Coffee Rani, Cupcake Concept and The Secret Garden.

Coffee Rani



synonymous with healthy, fresh, and innovative cuisine. Their menu consists of entree salads, grilled sandwiches, pastas and a variety of vegetarian dishes that allow you to eat healthy while still maintaining the culinary creativity New Orleans is famous for.

> 234 Lee Lane - (985) 893-6158 www.coffeerani.com



Cupcake Concept

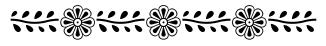
Cupcake Concept cupcakes are baked fresh each morning, handcrafted from the finest ingredients. Six standard cupcake flavors and a variety of specialty flavors are baked every day. Cupcake Concept also caters events and you can pre-order their over 30 cupcake flavors, a perfect addition to make any event unique!

> 611 E. Boston St. - (985)898-0400 www.cupcakeconcept.com

The Secret Garden

The Secret Garden is its own little world, nestled on the corner of Lee Lane and Walker Alley. Here you can find beautiful flowering plants, shrubs and small trees, plus a large selection of unique garden gifts and outdoor decorations.

827 Walker Alley



Farmer's Market Recipes

Fresh recipes inspired by ingredients found at the Covington Farmer's Market, by Chef Sorelli

Spicy Mexi-Thai Whole Wheat Pizza



Collect: 1 Container Black Bean Salsa (Theresea's Italian Cookies)

1 Jar of Cajun Garlic (BushWood Farms)

1 Jar of Peach Habanero Jam (Just Jamming)

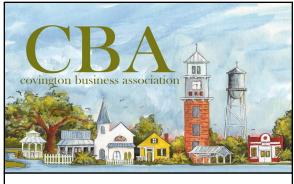
1 Jar of Fresh Mozzarella (Sorellis' At The Market) 1 Pizza Crust (7 Grain)

1 Container of Salsa (Lloyd's Super Salsa)

1 Bag of Spicy Thai Slaw (Living Foods)

Heat Oven to 350 degrees. Place pizza stone on top rack of oven at least one hour before pizza goes in to cook. Put the crust on top of a pizza peel or the back side of a sheet pan so that it is easy to slide on to pizza stone. Begin to spread the peach habanero as the base (the thicker the spicier). Slice the cajun garlic in thin slices and place evenly around the pie crust. Using a slotted spoon for the blackbean salsa, spread it around the pizza crust (be careful about the liquid so that the pizza will not be soggy). Slice the mozzarella; add salt and pepper to taste and spread evenly on top of the pizza. Before putting the pizza in, bring the temperature up to 450 degrees. Now slide the pizza into the oven. After approximately 10 minutes, spin the pizza around so that it will cook evenly. Depending on taste it should be about another 15 minutes. When pizza is done and out of the oven, spread some salsa around the top and serve the spicy thai slaw on top or as a side.





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Live Music Listings

Feb. 29 - Mar. 6

Green Room:

Wed. - Open Mic Night / Thurs. - Ladies night w/ DJ Gene / Fri. - Jay Weber 7pm, Vision Winged Party Cult 10pm / Sat. - John Sinclair and his Blues Scholars 9pm, Davey Crockett & the Wild Frontier / Sun. -Karaoke with DJ Bobby Blaze / Mon. - Todd Lemoine's

Acoustapunk Show Columbia Street Tap Room:

Thurs. - Jimmy's Acoustic Army / Fri. - The Topcats

Sat. - Contraflow

The English Tea Room:

Thur. - Harpist Jessica Meltz 12:30 - 2:30

Marsolan Feed & Seed:

Sat. - Pot Luck String Band 9:30 - 11:30 am

St. John's Coffeehouse:

Fri. - Open Mic Night 7 pm

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Galleries



(Featured artists at local galleries)

St. Tammany Art Association - Members Exhibit Fielding Gallery- Roc Paul / Elizabeth Brown

Steve Hasslock / Jena Karr / Alexei Kazantsev Tracy Lambert / Stephanie Schoen

Heather Vallaire / Keith Villere

Tripolo Gallery- William Binnings / Rebecca Rebouche / Alice McNeely / James Michalopoulos Nancy Hirsch-Lasse / Robert Coo

Henry Hood Gallery- Michael Ledet / Lynda Katz

Craig McMillin / Scott Ewen / Ken Tate Scott Upton

Three Rivers Gallery- Harriet Blum / Peggy Hesse / John Hodge / Suzanne King / Donald Maginnis / Valeric Stangl Melancon / John Preble Max Ryan / Roy Robinson

Events

Covington Lions Club Car & Bike Show - Saturday March 3rd, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Covington Trailhead 419 N. New Hampshire St. Covington, LA

The Fourth Annual Covington Lions Club Car and Bike Show, benefitting the Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation and the Louisiana Lions Handicapped Children Camp. Event includes games and craft vendors on site, plus a Best of Show Award, Mayor's Award, awards for Top Ten pre-1976 vehicles, and an award for the Top Open Class 4-Wheel Drive vehicle. Admission is free for spectators and \$25 for participants.

Old Feed Store Music Series - Saturday March 3rd, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Marsolan Feed and Seed Store 314 E. Gibson St. Covington, LA

The Pot Luck String Band, one of the Abita Springs Opry house bands, will be playing this Saturday for the third installment of Marsolan Feed and Seed Store's new music series. The band is a mix of old-time bluegrass and gospel, with a fiddle and mandolin player.

Copic Marker Artwork Workshop - Thursday, March 1st, 1 and 4 p.m. at the St. Tammany Art Association 320 N. Columbia Street. Covington, LA

A rare opportunity to learn from a Copic pro! Ryan Weber has been working with Copic Markers since they were introduced in the U.S. 11 years ago. Mo's Art Supply is proud to be co-sponsoring two workshops hosted by Ryan. The first workshop at 1 p.m. will cover a variety of Copic Marker techniques, and the second at 4 p.m. will focus on Manga cartooning. Only \$5 per workshop! Copic supplies are available at Mo's Art Supply.

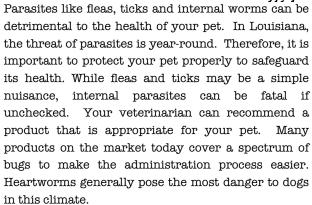
Free listing of public events in Covington. email submissions: covweekly@media9productions.com. Deadline Fridays.

Covington: The Sanitarium of the South

Covington was announced "The Healthiest Place in the United States" by the the United States Census Bureau in 1890. In that year, out of 4,000 Covington and Mandeville residents, there were only 10 deaths, mostly in Mandeville. At the time, physicians believed that this was due to the high ozone content in the air generated by the hundreds of acres of Evergreen Pines surrounding the area. They claimed that no germ disease could survive in this climate. Between the years 1860 to 1886, there were only two cases of yellow fever and one case of typhoid fever; all were imported from another city and none spread, even though the sick were cared for and their funerals were well attended. Covington was never quarantined and was often host to refugees from New Orleans during the yellow fever and typhoid epidemics.

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The St. Tammany Humane Society offers a low-cost veterinarian clinic on premises, and they can advise you on safeguarding your pet against parasites.



Non-Profit Spotlight: St. Tammany Art Association





The St. Tammany Art Association was founded in 1958 by a small group of civic-minded individuals dedicated to bringing art to western St. Tammany Parish. Today the Art Association has over 800 members and serves as a catalyst for the arts. The organization has grown into

a new building in downtown Covington to further serve the needs of emerging and established artists, and to provide arts education and exhibitions to the community.

The St. Tammany Art Association has new exhibits monthly featuring local artists. They are currently showing their Members Exhibit, displaying the art of the very talented members of the Art Association. The next opening reception is on March 10th, with a group showing of artists Jessica Danby, Gerald Canon, Kathy Rodriguez and Aaron McNamee. The exhibit will be titled "Engagement" and will explore the concept of communication: how we 'engage' one another, and new ways that we communicate. To view more upcoming exhibits, visit the Art Association website listed below.

The Office Manager and Gallery Attendants are available Monday through Saturday to answer questions about classes, exhibitions, reserving space, or becoming a member of STAA.

> 320 N. Columbia Street - (985) 892-0650 www.sttammanyartassociation.org

