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## Live Music A Staple In Covington Toad Hollow Cafe Offers First Friday Unplugged

On the first Friday of every month, Toad Hollow Cafe features live acoustic music from celebrated local Northshore musicians. Combine that with tantalizing dishes made from high-quality, mostly organic ingredients plus unique cocktail mixes, and you've got a night out on the town. This Friday September 5, Toad Hollow presents Todd Lemoine. Cocktails 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Call for more information: 985-893-8711 toadhollowcafe.com



### Tickets On Sale Now For "True Blue Bayou"

Tickets are going fast for the Linda Ronstadt tribute True Blue Bayou. Enjoy an evening of dinner and live musical performance from Dorian Rush at Center Of Performing Arts. This show is a one night only event on Saturday, September 20 with a 7 p.m. Dinner and 8 p.m. Show. Buy tickets online at [www.centerofperformingarts.net](http://www.centerofperformingarts.net) or call for reservations at 985-727-4638.

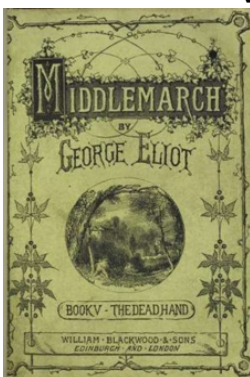


## Old Feed Store Music Series Returns Marsolan's Feed & Seed Hosts Popular Event



The Old Feed Store Music Series returns to Marsolan's this Saturday September 6th with the Potluck String Band. The show starts at 12 noon, right after the Covington Farmer's Market, and goes until 2 p.m. Admission is free and seating is limited, so attendees are encouraged to bring chairs. Marsolan's Feed and Seed is located at 316 E. Gibson Street, adjoining the parking lot at the Covington Trailhead. For more information or to get the full line up for the Fall series, email: [oldfeedstoremusic@hotmail.com](mailto:oldfeedstoremusic@hotmail.com)

## STAA Reading Fat Books For Fun! "Middlemarch" By George Eliot, Sep. 8 - Oct. 27



This literary series will be facilitated by Dr. Susan Blalock, taking place on Monday evenings from 6:30 p.m. To 8 p.m. The series will begin on September 8 and continue through October 27. Participants are encouraged to procure the Norton Critical Edition, 2 ed., edited by Bert G. Hornback. The book will be read in 8 sections, as originally published, and the full series of classes is \$70 per person.

To register for this series, call 985-966-5291 or email [AbitaBlalock@gmail.com](mailto:AbitaBlalock@gmail.com).

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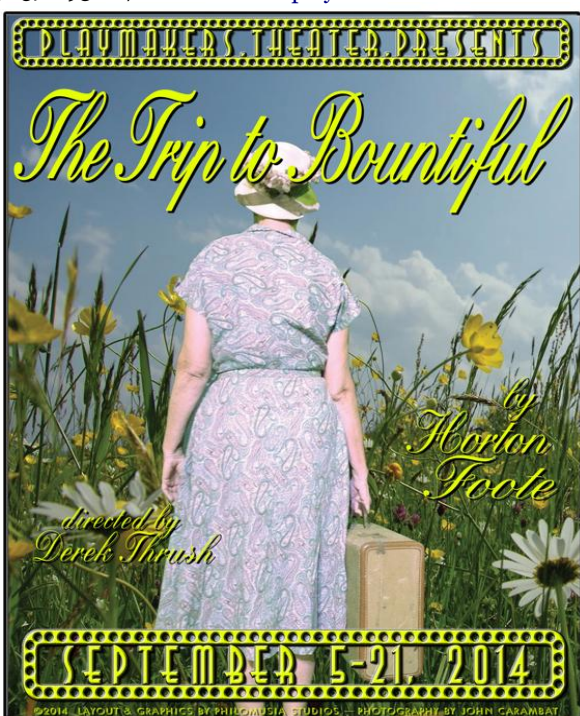
The English Tea Room hosts the Walker Percy Book Club on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 2 p.m. The meetings are designed to achieve insights into Percy's writing by examining his personal life. Light refreshments will be served. Call 985-898-3988 for info.

## Trip To Bountiful Opens Friday Enjoy A Dinner And Show Discount



[www.english-tea-room.com](http://www.english-tea-room.com)

On September 5th, 12th, and 19th, The English Tea Room is offering the opportunity for you to enjoy the lovely combination of a dinner and a show! They are partnering with Playmakers Theater in promoting their production of the play "The Trip to Bountiful" by Horton Foote. To take advantage of this deal, simply purchase an entrée at the Tea Room on the Friday of your choosing, and then take your receipt to Playmakers Theater for \$5 off of your ticket price! For you to fully enjoy your experience, the Tea Room will be staying open until 7pm for these nights. For more information about the "The Trip to Bountiful" or to make reservations, call the Playmakers Theater at (985)-893-1671 or visit [www.playmakersinc.com](http://www.playmakersinc.com).



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### Quote of the Week

"Find out where joy resides, and give it a voice far beyond singing."  
 - Robert Louis Stevenson

Full Moon



Monday 8th

## Accountability And Transparency By Timothy Achan Gates, Correspondent

The Covington Weekly Educational Series on Economic Development in St. Tammany Parish generated discussion about the accountability and transparency of the economic development process. In the course of research, this writer spoke with Don Shea (Director, Economic Development), Trilby Lenfant (Deputy Chief Administrative Officer), Representative Tim Burns, the Chamber of Commerce (on behalf of Larry Rase and Donahue Favret), David Folse II (Tammany West contributor) and Lacey Toledano (President of the Chamber, on behalf of Mayor Cooper, on behalf of Brenda Bertus [Executive Director of the Economic Development Foundation.]

While the series focused primarily on public and quasi-public entities with regard to economic development, the Chamber was tasked with responding, despite the organizations being Un-Related (a concept that from the respondent's point of view cannot be stressed enough.) In the course of the various conversations, the word "accusations" kept insinuating itself into the exchanges. When asked directly to provide an example, none was available because no accusations have been made. What is asked for is accountability and transparency.

With regard to bonds issued by the Development District/EDF: The bonds are issued on Federal, State and Local Tax Dollars. Bondholders also receive generous tax incentives and exemptions in exchange for "job creation," of which generally 30% is required for local hires. Every tax paying citizen has a stake in this bond money and should be aware of how every dollar of it is spent. The EDF's deals are shrouded in secrecy due to confidentiality agreements. Covington Weekly has previously covered the issue of existing conflicts of interest and the question of how the bond issues create an unbalanced business climate (see "No Taxation Without Representation," July 2, 2014.) Economic development dollars should directly benefit the area for which they are intended. There is no mechanism in place to ensure this, because information related to the bonds is not readily available to the public. The Public, in turn, should have a say in the economic development that is pursued by the Parish by way of referendum, rather than finding out about developments after deals are made. The opportunity for a rational response to these issues is open and encouraged, and Covington Weekly will continue to investigate and publicize information that should already exist in the public realm.

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 Saturday, September 6th at  
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 Sunday September 7th at  
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**Covington Farmer's Market - Wednesdays 10 am - 2 pm @ the Covington Trailhead** Stop by for lunch! Rain or shine, live "front porch jam," fresh local produce and delicious prepared foods. - 419 N. New Hampshire St.

**Fundraiser for Roy Burns - Thursday September 4, 6 pm - 8 pm @ The Southern Hotel** Roy Burns, one of five candidates running for the District Attorney's Office, will be at the newly renovated hotel for a campaign fundraiser. - 428 E. Boston St.

**Covington Farmer's Market - Saturdays 8 am - 12 pm @ 600 block Columbia St.** Local, fresh produce meats & prepared foods, plants & more! Live music by Robert Snow & The Hot Tamales. Donna Caire presents "Growing Wild In St. Tammany" and Linda Franzo of Passionate Platter will create Vibrant Vinaigrettes.

**Covington Brewhouse Brewery Tours - Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm @ Covington Brewhouse** Free tours of Covington's own brewery. - 226 E. Lockwood St.

**Music with the Maestro - Tuesdays 7 pm @ The Lake 94.7 FM** Local music program featuring Robert Sturcken of Center of Performing Arts with local musicians.

**Artists At The Galleries**

**Henry Hood Gallery** Hot & Cool August Exhibit featuring hot collages by Jacquie Inda Hood & cool sculpture by Martin Needom - 325 E. Lockwood St.

**St. Tammany Art Association** - "The Art of the Journey: An Exhibition of the Personal Artwork of Professional Art Therapists", a partnership of the St. Tammany Art Association and the Louisiana Art Therapy Association. 320 N. Columbia St.

**Tripolo Gallery** Featuring Tracey Davis, Barry Thomas, Paula Blackwell, Morgan Cameron, Robert Cook, Molly Duet, Donna Duffy, Michael Eddy, Elizabeth Haskins, Steve Hasslock, Ken Tate, Craig McMillin, Robert Seago, Jean Seidenberg, Michael Zavisov - 323 N. Columbia St.

**Three Rivers Gallery** Robert Maxwell - Exhibition of Sculpture - 333 E. Boston St.

**Auditions for Two Upcoming Plays at COPA**

Center of Performing Arts will be holding auditions for two upcoming plays at their venue. Auditions for "Yes Virginia - The Musical" will be held this Saturday, September 6th from 10 am until noon. Roles for this play are available for ages 7 through 18, and the play will run on December 11th, 12th & 13th.

Auditions for "The Butler Did It", an original 'whodunit' by James Lejeune, will be the following weekend, Saturday September 13th from 3pm until 5pm. Roles are available for ages 16 and up. This play will run on November 6th, 7th & 8th.

**Playmakers Auditions for Upcoming Play**

Auditions for "The Haunting of Hill House", by F. Andres Leslie from the novel by Shirley Jackson, directed by Melanie Hayno, will be held on Sept. 8, & Sept. 10, beginning 7 pm at Playmakers Theater, 19106 Playmakers Rd. (off Lee Rd.) in Covington. Playmakers is in search of actors to portray the following: Lead Female- 25-45 yrs., Lead Female- 25-55 yrs., Supporting Female- 35-65 yrs., Supporting Female-45-75 yrs., Lead Male- 35-65 yrs., Lead Male 25-45yrs, and Supporting Male- 35-70yrs.

See role descriptions and more information at www.playmakersinc.com. The show runs Oct. 31 - Nov. 16.

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