

Finance and Administration Committee Approve Strategic Planning for the City of Covington

The regularly monthly meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee was held in the Board Room at Covington City Hall on August 15 with the following present: Chairman Alderman CH Sullivan, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman John Edwards, Alderman Drew Glass, Alderman Jere Hadley, Alderman Mac McGowan, Mayor Justin Hanson, Recorder-treasurer Tina Dunn, Personnel Director Tiny Barton, Special Events Coordinator Karen Griffin, Benefits Coordinator Charlita Foulks, CPW Director David Gray, CPD Chief Buddy Lewis, CFD Chief Mike Naifeh, City Attorney Rachel Witherington, Strategic Planning Consultants Dexter Muller, A.C. Wharton, and Charlie Goforth, Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce Director Maleia Evans, Buxton Group Representative Cody Taylor, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, Street and Sanitation Manager James Dowell, Utilities Manager Calvin Johnson, Maintenance Supervisor Brad Kinney, Customer Service Supervisor Lisa Wilson, Codes Enforcement Officer Lessie Fisher and David Gwinn.

Alderman CH Sullivan called meeting to order at 1:00 with a quorum present, and turned the agenda over to Mayor Hanson, who introduced Cody Taylor – guest of Covington-Tipton County Chamber Director Maleia Evans.

Item 1 – Buxton Group – Cody Taylor. Mr. Taylor made a presentation about Buxton Advantage – a company that helps increase quality of life, quench desires to grow, and help complete community projects. Buxton works in retail market using data and methodologies – they scout and deliver to retailers as well to help communities attract businesses and improve retail marketing using a variety of community and regional data. Alderman Edwards stated he believes City of Covington has worked with this company before and was pleased with the results. Maleia Evans stated she asked for this presentation to F & A committee today because her #1 development plan as Chamber Executive Director is for retail and tourism development and retention, and she believes this is a necessary part of strategic planning. Evans stated she has spent many months vetting data companies, and feels this one is the best and important to consider. Evans said she needs this kind of professional data analysis in order to move forwards. Alderman Glass stated he is certainly interested in retail growth, but also in retail retention and doesn't want to see any retailers leave this area. Taylor stated Buxton can work with cities to do this, as well as with multiple municipalities and counties for a regional aspect.

Next on the agenda, Chairman Sullivan asked Mayor Hanson to introduce Dexter Muller, AC Wharton, and Charlie Goforth in regards to strategic planning for the City of Covington. Muller stated this team will work with the people of Covington to develop objectives and metrics for various departments of city government to ensure the highest level of services. Also, they will work with our city leadership in developing a vision and strategy for physical growth of the city and prosperity of our citizens. Strategic planning for Covington will be an open and all-inclusive process working with individuals from all sectors of the community. Mr. Wharton encouraged all citizens to have input and to accentuate the best of what we have. He stated cities that are successful are able to state what they want, and know where they want to go in order to come up with a plan with a clear vision that people can become familiar with. Muller stated we can only manage what we can measure, so he wants to focus on measurable goals and objectives. Tasks for consideration include developing a strategic vision for the city, developing strategic outcomes and metrics for city departments, and merging the goals of strategic visions of city departments into a concise planning document. Mayor Hanson stated the monies for strategic planning are included in this year's budget, and he is ready to move forward with it. No contract or agreement has been signed at this time. Alderwoman Bommer motioned to approve strategic planning and to go ahead and sign a contract with Muller, Wharton, and Goforth, and Glass seconded. Motion passed.

Item 3 – Discussion on South Main Street property – Mayor Hanson stated this was referred to this committee. Area merchants came to mayor concerned about the presence of the State probation office housed in city-owned building near the square on South Main Street. Because the building is city property, Mayor Hanson asked the committee to

consider the options. Chairman Sullivan stated the group presented valid complaints stating there is a criminal element loitering, hanging out, and wondering in various businesses on the square. Hanson stated both TDOT and Corrections Management were at the meeting and were agreeable with concerned merchants. They are awaiting the decision of this committee. Alderman Edwards asked if any issues have been addressed. Mayor Hanson stated cars are now being parked in the back of the building. Chief Buddy Lewis stated there have been no complaints filed with the CDP, however, some of the parolees are sex offenders, and he understands this causes a lot of concern to merchants on the square. Sullivan stated if this many merchants are upset, it is his opinion that the parole office should move, and he made a motion to give notice for the parole office to move. Alderman Hadley seconded. Alderman Edwards and Alderwoman Bommer both stated they would like to hear from the merchants first. Bommer stated because there are no formal complaints, she feels it is premature to ask the parole office to move. Alderman Glass asked City Attorney Witherington to weigh in and she stated that the agreement was a memorandum of understanding and we should follow the terms of that agreement if we decide to ask them to move out. Witherington stated that the Tipton County Justice Complex was undergoing renovations and she thought the parole office was occupying our building as a temporary location until renovations were complete. Bommer feels the merchants should approach the entire Board for approval. Edwards stated he is concerned that we made this decision as a Board and he feels we need to discuss with the State before making decisions. Mayor Hanson stated the State parole employees were at the meeting and they are informed. Sullivan stated that when merchants approached him, he also let them know that the CPD will soon occupy the building next door, and this should help people feel safer. Alderman Edwards motioned to table the discussion until more information can be gathered, and Alderwoman Bommer seconded, but this motion failed 4-2 with Bommer and Edwards voting yes and Hadley, Glass, McGowan and Sullivan voting no. Mayor Hanson stated he informed this Board a month ago of these concerns and simply referred the discussion from the meeting to the F & A Committee today for further discussion. Sullivan stated he attended the meeting on behalf of Patriot Bank and Hadley stated he attended as a business owner. Hanson stated the State officers were very apologetic and were agreeable to making changes – such as moving their cars to the back of the building. Alderman Glass asked if there is a timeline for the parole office going back to the Tipton County Justice Center, and no one knew of a timeline. McGowan stated people have said to him they don't feel comfortable with parolees visible on our square.

Witherington stated in the memorandum of understanding there is verbiage that the city of Covington will try to help them find another location if they are asked to move. Both agencies (TDOC Tennessee Department of Corrections and Corrections Management Corporation) are not prepared to pay rent, as they are public service agencies looking for temporary housing. Alderman McGowan asked Mayor Hanson to try and find if there is a timeline for the parole offices to move back to the Tipton County Justice Center, and stated that will help him make a decisions. Chairman Sullivan then called for a vote on his motion asking them to move, and the vote was 4-2 in favor of giving them 30 days to relocate with Glass, Hadley, Sullivan, and McGowan voting yes, and Edwards and Bommer voting no.

Update on CMC – Tiny Barton, Karen Griffin, and Charlita Foulks – Personnel Department and Special Events. Barton stated the projected move in date for Personnel Department is Labor Day, 2017. She also stated they are getting phone calls about rentals, and they presented a package of rental rates to the committee today for consideration. The rentals include wedding and reception packages, banquets, and the use of community rooms. They package also included projected events such as an open house in October, a holiday open house in November, and City of Covington employee holiday luncheons. Alderman Edwards asked how charges were determined, and Karen Griffin stated they have researched rentals at other venues and have priced usage in the middle of existing charges throughout the area. Barton stated she feels confident that our prices are reasonable particularly for what we have to offer. There is a 20% discount for city employees and non-profit organizations. Sullivan said he is excited to see this building become available for use and being put to good use for the city. Alderman Glass and Alderman McGowan encouraged Griffin to work with other venues to share business with others in Covington, and she stated she would do that. There was more discussion of the packages and Alderman Edwards motioned for the Board to take this under advisement for further study and analysis and also for the city attorney to study the package until next Tuesday night at full Board meeting. Motion passed. Alderman Glass thanked all of the personnel department as well as Lessie Fisher for the work they have put in to the facility, and he stated it is greatly improved and looks fantastic. Fisher stated the facility will be open for public and ready for the Tipton County Commission on Aging to move in within a couple of months.

Item #5 – discuss 501C3 (nonprofits) – Chairman Sullivan motioned to table this to next meeting and Alderman Edwards seconded – motion passed. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.



Former Memphis Mayor A.C. Wharton (L), consultant Dexter Muller, and Covington native and consultant Charlie Goforth (R) addressed the Finance and Administration Committee at City Hall on August 15 regarding strategic planning for the city of Covington. The Committee approved a motion by Alderwoman Bommer to proceed with this process.

Mayor Hanson Emceed Grace Place 10-Year Anniversary Program

Grace Place United Methodist Church is one of 2 United Methodist Churches located inside a U.S. prison and is housed in the West Tennessee State Penitentiary at Fort Pillow, Tennessee. The congregation began at what is now called the [Mark Luttrell Transition Center](#) in Memphis, Tennessee, but relocated in August, 2016, when the Tennessee Department of Correction moved the medium-security women prisoners up to Lauderdale County. Grace Place celebrated its 10th anniversary at First United Methodist Church in Covington and Mayor Hanson was the emcee of the event. “Journey of Grace” was the theme that celebrated Grace Place’s ten years as a United Methodist Church and five years as a chartered United Methodist congregation.

Grace Place is pastored by Rev. Diane Harrison, who started the congregation in the face of many obstacles and setbacks, but has persevered and followed her congregation to its new location. Diane Harrison served as Associate Pastor at FUMC Covington before going to Grace Place. [Read more details by clicking here.](#)

DSCC Announces Nursing Information Sessions

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) will host nursing information sessions for new and potential nursing students at each of its locations in August. These sessions will provide students with more information on DSCC’s LPN to RN Fast Track, Paramedic to RN Fast Track and Traditional Nursing programs. It will also provide students with information on the application process, deadlines and an opportunity to speak one-on-one with nursing faculty and staff.

The first session will take place at the **DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center in Covington Monday, Aug. 28, at 3 p.m., inside the Baptist Memorial Health Care Academic Building, room 136.** The second session will take place at the Gibson County Center Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 1 p.m. The third and final session will take place at the DSCC Dyersburg campus, Wednesday, Aug. 30, at 2 p.m., inside the Dale F. Glover Education Center, room 103.

Sugaright in Covington Receives Prestigious TOSHA Safety Award

If you were told you had to work 100,000 hours without lost time for a recordable workplace injury, would you feel that would be nearly impossible to achieve? Well, Sugaright in Covington did just that by going 947 days without a recordable workplace injury. CONGRATULATIONS! This week, employees received the Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Administration (TOSHA) Governor's Award of Excellence for Workplace Safety and Health.



At left, Steve Hawkins, who manages the day-to-day operations of Tennessee OSHA (TOSHA) and serves as the liaison between the TOSHA program and federal OSHA monitors, made a heart-warming speech as he presented the award to plant manager Scott Shirk and his staff. Former manager Adam Miller was also on hand for the presentation. Below, Sugaright local employees as well as corporate administrators joined with TOSHA representatives, State, and local leaders to celebrate this prestigious award for health and safety.



Justin Jamerson with the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, Covington-Tipton County Chamber Director Maleia Evans, Tipton County Workforce Development Coordinator Robin Sealy, Mayor Justin Hanson, Covington Public Works Director David Gray, and Covington Alderman Mac McGowan joined other Covingtonians, State, and local officials at the TOSHA awards celebration last Thursday at the Covington Sugaright facility.



*Now, that's something
to crow about!*

CPD Hired new Certified Officer



Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis swore in Officer Sarah Maclin, who is a certified officer and graduate of Knoxville Police Academy. She began on the Covington force August 12th.



CHS Football Coach Marty Wheeler was special Guest at The Covington Lions Club and Leader Publisher Rochelle Stidham was Welcomed as New Member



Lions Club Vice President W.T. Bailey (L) and Ralph Cousar, treasurer (R) welcomed CHS Football Coach Marty Wheeler.



W.T. Bailey and Mayor Hanson welcome Rochelle Stidham as a new Covington Lions Club member. Mrs. Stidham was sponsored by Mayor Hanson.



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, TN

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



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

Tennessee Vying for Toyota Manufacturing Plant

In a recent article in [The Tennessean](#), it was outlined that at least a dozen states, many in the south – including Tennessee – are competing for a large Toyota manufacturing facility that may employ up to 4000 people. The writer outlined several states and talked about the strengths and challenges of each. Here is what it said about Tennessee – read the entire article [HERE](#):

Tennessee:

Why it could win: Significant, growing automotive sector; perfect location for logistical purposes; strong business climate.

Why it could lose: If the automakers decide there aren't enough workers.

Tennessee has been waiting for this moment. A decade ago, the state purchased land with the specific purpose of landing a Toyota plant that never came.

“There will be a lot (of) people fighting hard for that plant, and we intend to be at the lead,” Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam told the Associated Press.

Hoping to lure the Toyota plant that eventually went to Blue Springs, Miss., Tennessee acquired property dubbed the Memphis Regional Megasite. The site, which remains unused, is 4,100 acres situated 32 miles east of Memphis on vacant farm land along Interstate 40.

Site selection consultants said it's one of Tennessee's leading candidates for industrial investment.

Tennessee already has spent more than \$140 million on the Memphis Megasite, building roads and water and sewer lines.

Click below to learn more about the Tennessee Megasite





- 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 19 – Banned Book Jeopardy – Tipton County Public Library – 2:00
- 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



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

[City of Covington](#)

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

[Tipton County](#)

[Covington Sportsplex](#)

[Drug Free Tipton](#)

[Tipton County Schools](#)

[South Tipton Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region](#)

[Covington Aquatic Center](#)

[Tipton County Museum](#)

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

or on our website at www.covingtontn.com

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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
MUSEUM
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



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**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

REGISTER NOW!

Annual Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament

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

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





TOTAL Leadership Programs Accepting Adult and Youth Applications NOW!

The South Tipton Chamber of Commerce and Covington - Tipton County Chamber of Commerce have partnered together to host the next class of TOTAL Adult and TOTAL Youth Leadership programs!

Click [here](#) for the TOTAL Youth Leadership Requirements, Schedule, and Online Application! *Deadline to apply is August 23rd!*

Click [here](#) for the TOTAL Adult Leadership Schedule and Online Application! *Deadline to apply is August 31st!*

Thank You!





NATIONAL FARMERS MARKET WEEK activities at the Covington Farmer's Market generated participation, fun, prizes and free groceries! Mary Cole of Covington won a basket of Farmers Market groceries on Tuesday, August 8th!



Pictured above are a few of the local children who submitted entries in our *first ever* Tipton County Children's Summer Art Contest, "FRESH". Pictured along with them is Tipton County Museum Director, Barrie Foster. The entries were displayed at the Covington Court Square Farmers Market on Saturday, August 12th.

The Tipton County Museum and Covington - Tipton County Chamber of Commerce partnered together to host the contest.

All entries will be on display at the Tipton County Museum August 15th - September 15th.

Ages 5-11 Category

- 1st Place: Cambridge Fussell
- 2nd Place: Neil-Harlon Hamlett Smith
- 3rd Place: Ardyn Derryberry
- Honorable Mention: Aiden Hatchel
- Honorable Mention: Zoe Holland
- Honorable Mention: Madyson Day

Ages 12 - 17 Category

- 1st Place: Isabella Hall
- 2nd Place: Samantha Brown
- 3rd Place: Harley Holland
- Honorable Mention: Aaron Hodge
- Honorable Mention: Jhonnaya Wilcox
- Honorable Mention: Brooks Alan Smith
- Honorable Mention: Blair Braden



Patti Tatlock of Covington won a basket of local Farmers Market groceries on Thursday, August 10!



Joe Nelson of Covington won the basket of Farmers Market groceries on Saturday, August 12th!



Local 4-H Extension Agent, Brigitte Passman and UT Extension representative, Sara Jo Buckley greeted Farmers Market patrons on Saturday August 12th!

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 From 5:30 pm till 9:30 pm

How to Apply:

1. Apply online at TCATCovington.edu
2. Come to TCAT at 1600 Hwy 51 South, Covington 38019

For more information please call Carly at (901) 475-2526

Pharmacy Technician

Dyersburg State Community College Division of Continuing Education

Upon the completion of this 50-hour course the student will be prepared to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board exam and enter the pharmacy field. Textbooks and materials are included in the fee. The certification exam is not covered under the fee.

Mandatory Minimum Requirements

A high school diploma or GED

Course Meeting Dates, Times & Location

August 28, 2017 to December 8, 2017
Tuesdays & Fridays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
DSCC Security Bank Community Learning Center
1510 Lake Road, Dyersburg, TN 38024

August 29, 2017 to December 7, 2017
Mondays & Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County
Jimmy Naifeh Building, Room 111
3149 Hwy. 51 S., Covington, TN 38019

Cost: \$850

Note: There is also an additional \$115 testing fee for the optional certification exam.

Register online at <https://registration.xenegrade.com/dscce>

Application Deadline - August 18, 2017

For more information, contact

Mandy Fisher at 731-286-3265 or mfisher@dscce.edu.



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Healthcare Technician

Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA)

The Healthcare Technician program will provide students with credentials to become a Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA). A CCMA is a multi-skilled professional and a valuable asset to physicians. They assist during physical examinations, maintain treatment rooms, sterilize instruments, answer patient questions and obtain vital signs. As a CCMA, students will also be certified to perform Electrocardiograms (ECG) and Phlebotomy. ECG and Phlebotomy are prerequisites for the CCMA courses and certification. Students will have the option of taking an additional 15-16 hrs. of general education courses to complete an Associate of Applied Science degree in Health Sciences.

FALL 2017 SEMESTER

Classes begin Aug. 28

Mondays • 5:35 - 8:25 p.m.
PLBT 1000 - Phlebotomy
3 credit hrs

Tuesdays • 5:35 - 8:25 p.m.
PLBT 1010 - Phlebotomy Clinical
3 credit hrs

Thursdays • 5:35 - 8:25 p.m.
ECG 1000 - Intro to Electrocardiogram
Interpretation and Monitoring
3 credit hrs



*CCMA 1000 Clinical Medical Assistant (CMA), 6 credit hrs., and CCMA 1010 Clinical Medical Assistant (CMA) Clinical, 3 credit hrs., will be offered **Spring Semester 2018.***

Location:

DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County
3149 Hwy 51 S., Covington, TN 38019

For more information, contact the One Stop at 901-475-3100.

Apply for admission at www.dsccl.edu/apply



The Closeout Market

WHAT?

JOB FAIR

August 24, 2017 5 to 7pm
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WHERE?

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Covington, TN

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We have a number of various jobs in our company including:

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- Appliance Repair Technician
- Appliance Repair Assistant
- Bookkeeper
- Cashier
- Customer Loading
- Delivery Driver
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- Product Testing
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We are actively hiring for the following positions

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Job Location: Millington and Memphis

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Appliance Repair Assistant – Full Time (2 positions)

Job Location: Covington

Compensation: \$8.50 to \$12 per hour

Customer Loader – Full & Part Time

Job Location: Millington and Memphis

Compensation: \$8.50 to \$9.50 per hour for full-time
\$7.50 to \$8/hour for part time

Apply Online at www.thecloseoutmarket.com

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YOGA

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THURSDAY
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EVERY TUES & THUR 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 are FREE to Sportsplex Members.



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

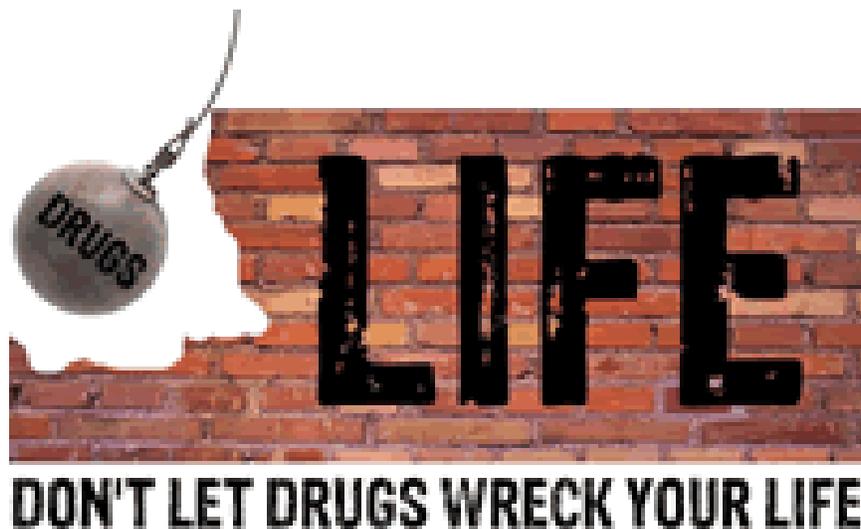
Tuesdays 5-6PM



Drug Free Tipton Preparing for Eclipse in More Ways than One!

Drug Free Tipton has provided eclipse glasses for all students of Tipton County Schools and many people in the community to view the Solar Eclipse on Monday, August 21, 2017. On this day, the great American eclipse will descend upon the United States, casting its shadow from coast to coast for the first time since 1918. We are so excited about this event and have launched a new campaign called “Uneclipsable: the ability to prevent drug abuse from eclipsing ones light.” Drug Free Tipton wants our youth to be UNECLIPSABLE and encourage all parents to TALK to children about drugs and alcohol. Studies show, when parents talk to their children about drugs, their chances of becoming an addict decreases significantly.

Drug Free Tipton has several eclipse glasses available FREE of charge to the community. These are available for pickup at their office inside of Professional Care Services at 1997 Hwy 51 S in Covington. For more information, contact Robin Racine at 901-313-1115 or Kennisha Stowe at 901-378-0545.



Seventeenth **NAVY DAY** at Tipton County Museum Veteran's Memorial & Nature Trail

For years, naval personnel from all over the United States who are stationed at NAS Memphis (Millington) have come to Covington to do a full day's work at the museum and on the grounds. It is a joy and indeed a privilege to have them serve us in this way. Every time they were thanked for their service, they thanked us for allowing them to be a part of the community. Take a look at these people who served us TODAY and EVERY DAY!

HOOOOO RAHHHHH!





It was a beautiful day in Covington for getting work done at the Tipton County Museum on the 17th Navy Day

Vice Mayor Alderman Mac McGowan along with Museum Director Barrie Foster and Retired Navy Parks and Rec Director Joe Mack welcomed the volunteers. McGowan read a proclamation celebrating Navy Day in Covington and presented the plaque to the unit commander. Workers were treated to a BBQ lunch (above).

**Anchors Aweigh, my boys,
Anchors Aweigh!
Farewell to foreign shores, We sail at break of day-ay-ay-ay.
Through our last night ashore,
Drink to the foam,
Until we meet once more.
Here's wishing you a happy voyage home!**



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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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1510 Lake Road, Dyersburg, TN 38024
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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

Tuesday, September 05

Tuesday, September 19

Sookies Bake Shop on the Square

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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

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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,
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 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 watermark of a 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



Check out FREE e-magazine with your
library card!

<https://www.rbdigital.com/50emagazine/service/zinio/>

LEGO CLUB

Aug 26th 11:00-12:00pm

Aug 31st 4:00-5:00pm



Adult Movie Day

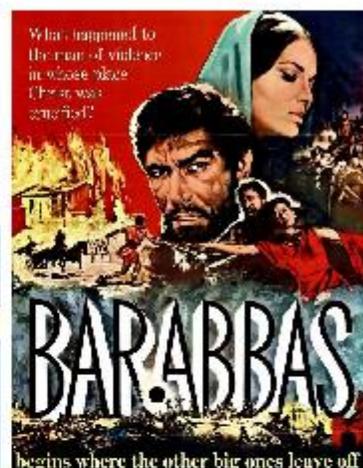
@ the Tipton Co. Library



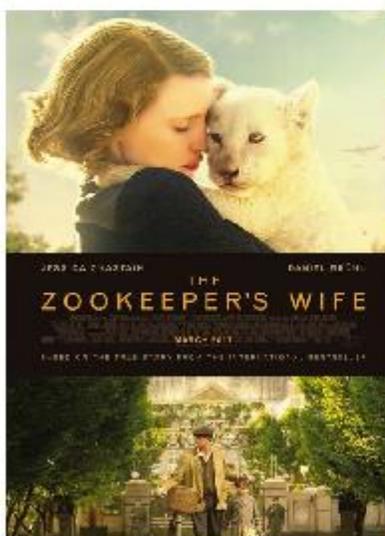
August 1st
1:00pm



August 21st
10:00am



August 18th
1:00pm



August 22nd
1:00pm



August 29th
1:00pm

FREE MOVIES AND REFRESHMENTS AT OUR LIBRARY
CHECK THESE SELECTIONS OUT FOR MAY

BANNED BOOK

JEOPARDY!

**TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT CHALLENGED
BOOKS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS FOR LIBRARIES.**



ADULTS 18 & UP
SEPTEMBER 19TH AT 2:00^{PM}

AT THE
TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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.





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!

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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.

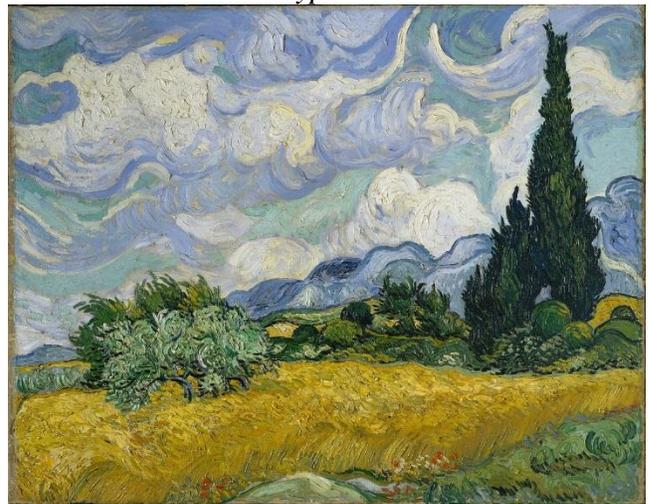
In this workshop, award winning artist Mike Elkins will introduce participants to the fundamentals of oil painting, including grades of oil paint, color theory, “fat on lean” rule, applications, and more! Each day Mike will cover the fundamentals of oil painting, give easy to understand demonstrations, 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!

CALL 901-476-0242 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER

Vincent Van Gogh was topic in another “Artist Series for Kids” event



Last Saturday – August 12 - Museum Director Barrie Foster taught "Artist Series for Kids: Vincent Van Gogh" at the Tipton County Museum. There were over a dozen participants who learned about the famous artist Van Gogh, as well as painted their own rendition of his *Wheat Field with Cypresses*.





**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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