

Highlights from the week of
December 9 - 15 *

Public Relations/General Welfare Committee heard reports from Parks and Rec, Airport, and Museum

The Public Relations/General Welfare Committee met for their regular monthly meeting on December 12 at Covington City Hall. Present were committee members Chairman Alderman Drew Glass, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, and Alderman Jere Hadley. Also present were Parks and Recreation Director Joe Mack, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Airport Director Robin Anderson, Museum Director Barrie Foster, Alderman CH Sullivan, Mayor Justin Hanson, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, and Margaret Fleming.

Chairman Drew Glass called the meeting to order at 1:00 and called on Director Anderson to give his report.

Airport Director Robin Anderson:

- Air Evac out of Troy, Tn is coming in several times a week, and this has helped with jet fuel sales. Total November sales 2826 gallons, including jet fuel. Over 900 gallons sold so far in December.
- LED lighting project – paperwork has been sent in and Anderson believes he will receive information in early part of January regarding grant funding. 90% Federal Funding and 5% State Funding. Covington's part would be \$33, 691 of a total grant project of nearly \$700,000.
- Phillip Blakley of Tn Division of Forestry sent letter thanking City of Covington for the approval of the installation of a fire weather station at the Covington Airport, and stated they will take care of the installation ASAP.

Alderwoman Bommer motioned to accept Director Anderson's report and Alderman Hadley seconded. Mayor Hanson asked Director Anderson to look into taking over mowing the grass at the airport. The committee discussed several ways to get/use equipment, and Anderson said he will look into the situation further and report back next month. Mayor Hanson asked Anderson to collaborate with Public Works Director David Gray and Chairman Glass asked for Anderson to put something together for further discussion. Alderwoman Bommer's motion passed.

Parks and Rec Director Joe Mack:

- Youth Recreational Basketball – 183 kids are signed up as of December 11 and we are looking forward to a great season. Mack reported professional referees have been hired for the games, and all coaches will be background checked. Mack thanks partners Jr. Grizzlies, Drug Free Tipton., and Boys and Girls Club. Also Diversified Engineering Services and Charms (Tootsie Roll) have given monetary donations to sponsor kids/teams. That option is still open for others, as well.
- Covington Sportsplex has partnered with the NFL for Flag Football. There will be FREE coaches Certification and USA Football Memberships. Participants will get free reversible jerseys. This season begins in April and games will be played in Frazier Park. We need sponsors for this program, as well. Drug Free Tipton will help sponsor this program, in addition to basketball. The cost is \$45 per child. Look for informational flyers in January.
- Summer camps were successful last year and we will do those again. Mack already has coaches lined up for several we plan to offer and is in the process of getting others coached and sponsored, as well.
- Director Mack is being proactive regarding the baseball/softball fields, and they have already been sprayed once. All games will be played at the Mueller Brass Road facility. Fields at Cobb-Parr Park will be used *mostly* for practices.

- Restrooms at Whitley Field are in bad shape and Mack is working on replacing the doors, as well as other items. Those renovations will take place in January and February, as well as concrete repairs.
- Director Mack has meeting scheduled for military labor support in February. He will ask them to schedule working events on our fields throughout the city once a month. Alderman Glass asked Mack to make sure restroom facilities were updated at Frazier Park before Flag Football starts.
- Director Mack is waiting on a quote from an electrical contractor to replace electrical board at Mueller Brass fields. Mack stated he is already requesting sponsorships to replace scoreboards, as well. Anyone interested in sponsoring new scoreboards please contact Mack at 901-476-3734.
- Tipton County Sports Hall of Fame – living members have been contacted by letter and 8 responses have been received. New Board procedures and policies are in place. Board scheduled to meet January 8 at 6:00 pm at Covington City Hall in the Lower Level Conference Room.
- Thermal blanket for pool has been ordered. New heaters have been installed inside the actual pool area and in the concession stand. Mack has contacted the manufacturer of the fabric (dome) structure to see if metal zippers/snaps can be replaced.

Mayor Hanson motioned to accept Director Mack's report and Alderwoman Bommer seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Glass then turned the meeting over to Museum Director Barrie Foster.

Director Foster:

- 2017 Artist Series for kids ended with Pablo Picasso – held December 4. Foster said she has prepared kids' art schedule for next year and will present that at next meeting. She stated the schedule includes many different art mediums and moved them to afternoon times.
- Foster worked with girl scouts at Macedonia Church in art project as a "thank you" for this troop helping with Veteran of the Month receptions.
- Tipton County Pulse will have new recording in January.
- James Ronnie Dacus – Viet Nam Veteran – is Vet of the month for December – reception will be held at museum December 12.
- Sherry Onorati earned Archives Manager Certification from the State of Tennessee. She is the only person in Tipton County to have this certification.
- Foster was guest speaker for the Tipton County Commission on Aging last week at their new facility in the Covington Civic Center.
- **The Night Before Christmas – Toys of Christmas Past** – new exhibit at Museum that features antique toys and books, most of which are on loan from Kyle Witherington.
- Museum expansion project is going strong. So far, \$3498 has been received and Foster reported that a dozen new engraved bricks have been received. Anyone interested in supporting this project please call Foster at the Tipton County Museum at 901-476-0242.

Chairman Glass motioned to accept Foster's report and Alderman Hadley seconded. Motion passed.

Sara Gangaware passed on a request for another marker to be placed in a city owned area on the square where one already exists. The committee discussed this and there was a question regarding policy. Museum Director Foster asked if a memorial brick at the museum would suffice. Mayor Hanson asked Gangaware to find out if this would be accepted and asked Director Mack to review his memorial marker policies and see if there is language that addresses this. That information will be discussed at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

DEPARTMENTAL TIDBITS

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HUMAN RESOURCES & SPECIAL EVENTS:

- **The Covington Civic Center hosted a Christmas Open House for the public and held a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating their “official” opening. The center houses the Tipton County Commission on Aging and the City of Covington’s Human Resources and Special Events Department. It has been completely refurbished and is available for event rentals. Mayor Hanson welcomed guests and visitors enjoyed great music from the CHS choir and band, as well as food and good cheer.**





PUBLIC WORKS AND STREETS:



Left, Covington street crews worked to make curb repairs while the weather was nice this week. Below, while paving has been done in some areas, gravel is being added to this lot for additional parking adjacent to the new Covington Civic Center and Commission on Aging at 100 West Washington Street in Covington.



PARKS AND RECREATION:

- **Youth Recreational Basketball – Director Mack reported professional referees have been hired for the games, and all coaches will be background checked. Games will begin Jan 13. Sportsplex is still accepting players - call 901-476-3734**
- **Covington Sportsplex has partnered with the NFL for Flag Football. There will be *FREE* coaches Certification and USA Football Memberships. This season begins in April and games will be played in Frazier Park. We need sponsors for this program. Drug Free Tipton has offered to sponsor flag football, in addition to basketball. To sponsor a team or players, please call Director Mack at 901-476-3734.**
- **Summer camps were successful last year and Director Mack is planning camps for next summer – he already has some coaches lined up for several camps and is looking for more coaches and sponsors.**

- Director Mack is being proactive regarding spring baseball/softball, and fields have already been sprayed. All games will be played at the Mueller Brass Road facility. Fields at Cobb-Parr Park will be used *mostly* for practices.

Covington Aquatic Center:

- Aquatic Center has added three new heaters inside the dome. The air and water are warm and available for your enjoyment 7 days a week. Remember our water Zumba and aerobics classes when making your new year's resolutions!

CODES:

- **17-113 Residential Refuse. (d)** It shall be the responsibility of each occupant, on the scheduled day of collection, to place their roll out container at the curbside, or at the edge of the alley where serviceable alleys are available for pickup. The container shall be placed in such a manner as not to interfere with overhead power lines or tree branches, parked cars or any other way that would constitute a public hazard or nuisance. Roll out containers shall not be placed, without the express permission of the City, on a public sidewalk, in the street or in a drainage ditch.

(e) Collection shall be once per week in accordance with the announced schedule. Roll out containers shall be placed for collection no earlier than 6:00pm, on the day before collection, and no later than 6:00am on the scheduled day of collection. As soon as practicable after such containers have been emptied they shall be removed by the owner to within, or to the rear of, his premises and away from the street line until the next scheduled time for collection.

MUSEUM:

- **The Night Before Christmas – Toys of Christmas Past** – is the new exhibit at the Museum that features antique toys and books, most of which are on loan from Kyle Witherington.
- The museum expansion project is in full swing and memorial/honorary bricks are on sale for \$100. What a great way to recognize someone special AND help provide additional space in our museum! Call Director Foster at 901-476-0242 for info.



The Grand Prize for VFW's essay contest *Voice of Democracy* is \$30,000 in college scholarships.

State Representative Debra Moody, Museum Director Barrie Foster and Museum Archivist Sherri Onorati judged this year's entries in the Veterans of Foreign Wars *Voice of Democracy* essay competition. The VFW has hosted the competition since 1947, and Archivist Sherri Onorati was a district winner in the State of Colorado in 1981. The essays judged were all high school students from West Tennessee.

Delta Leadership Institute sent 41 Community Leaders to Harvard Kennedy School for Executive Training; Leadership Development

MISSISSIPPI RIVER DELTA REGION – The Delta Regional Authority (DRA) continued its partnership with Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) by offering an advanced education opportunity exclusively to members of the Delta Leadership Network. The program, designed and led by Harvard faculty, focuses on cultivating “authentic leadership” to move Delta communities forward. The Delta Leadership Institute (DLI) sent 41 representatives from across eight southern states of the DRA footprint. Covington’s Alderwoman Minnie Bommer was one of the 41.

This year’s four day-session, from Nov. 27-30, was led by retired Air Force Brigadier General Dana Born, co-director of the Center for Public Leadership at HKS.

“This executive training will equip regional leaders across the Delta with the latest advancements in leadership skills and will prepare them to make positive changes in their local communities,” said Peter Kinder, DRA’s alternate federal co-chairman. “These participants are alumni of the Delta Leadership Institute’s Executive Academy and were selected due to the leadership they have exemplified in their communities and their ability to translate these experiences to actionable solutions for the region.”

The class includes six members from Alabama; seven from Arkansas; six from Illinois; two from Kentucky; four from Louisiana; four from Mississippi; six from Missouri; and six from Tennessee. The group reflects the diversity of the Delta region and includes public, private, and non-profit leaders that have graduated from the DLI’s Executive Academy. Chairman Kinder, DLI director Spencer Luckner, and select DLI staff also participated with the delegation of Delta leaders in the continuing education session.

The 2017 *Authentic Leadership* participants were from Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee. [Click here to see entire list.](#) Those from Tennessee were:

Tennessee

Minnie Bommer of Covington | City of Covington

Julie Allen Burke of Milan | Milan Chamber of Commerce

Landy Fuqua of Martin | University of Tennessee at Martin REED Center

Travis Martin of Jackson | TLM Associates, Inc.

Bill Rawls of Brownsville | City of Brownsville

Kayla Taylor of Jackson | Younger Associates

Since 2005, the Delta Leadership Institute has worked to strengthen the knowledge and skills of community leaders across the Delta by broadening their understanding of regional issues and building a corps of alumni that have a regional and national perspective. DLI is a program of the Delta Regional Authority in partnership with three institutions of higher education from the DRA’s states: The University of Alabama, Arkansas State University and the University of Louisiana Monroe.

About the Delta Regional Authority and the Delta Leadership Institute

The DRA 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 and infrastructure projects in 252 counties and parishes across eight states. DRA has provided leadership development to nearly 500 community leaders over twelve years and strengthened regional collaboration through the Delta Leadership Institute. Learn more at dra.gov/leadership.

About Harvard Kennedy School

Harvard Kennedy School aims to improve public policy and public leadership in the United States and around the world through research, teaching, and direct engagement with policymakers and public leaders. Nearly 20,000 alumni of the School's degree programs and 44,000 people who have taken executive education courses at the School work in more than 200 countries. In addition, faculty, staff, and students of the School are currently undertaking projects to advance knowledge and strengthen public policy and leadership in dozens of countries. Around the world, the skills and energy of the Harvard Kennedy School community are dedicated to helping make people's lives safer, more prosperous, and more fulfilling.

Alderwoman Bommer, who represents District 1 in the City of Covington, stated this was one of the most rewarding and fulfilling experiences of her life. Mayor Justin Hanson said that this is a "big deal" and he is proud of Alderwoman Bommer's selection to the academy and appreciates her service. Mrs. Bommer, seated 5th from left, is pictured here with her 40 colleagues in this year's Leadership class.



Congratulations

2017 Dickens Christmas on the Square was Great Success and Attracted people from Near and Far

Beautiful decorations, fabulous shopping experiences, wonderful weather, family fun opportunities, and friendly people all set the scene for a successful Dickens Christmas on Covington's square last weekend. The City of Covington thanks all who worked hard to make this event charming, successful, and a growing West Tennessee Christmas tradition. [Click here](#) to see even MORE pictures!



The Town Crier called out news and events. Many people enjoyed dressing in Dickens style outfits to add to the spirit of the day.



Alderman Drew Glass and several City employees helped ring the bell for the Salvation Army.



Beautiful weather helped people enjoy the day filled with fun, Christmas joy, and fine family experiences.



Covington Civic Center was open and full of vendors for another opportunity to shop and warm up! Mayor Hanson serenaded the shoppers with Christmas songs he played on the organ. Father Christmas was on hand to take those special requests!



Merry Christmas

Disney's Mulan Jr. Performed at CIAA

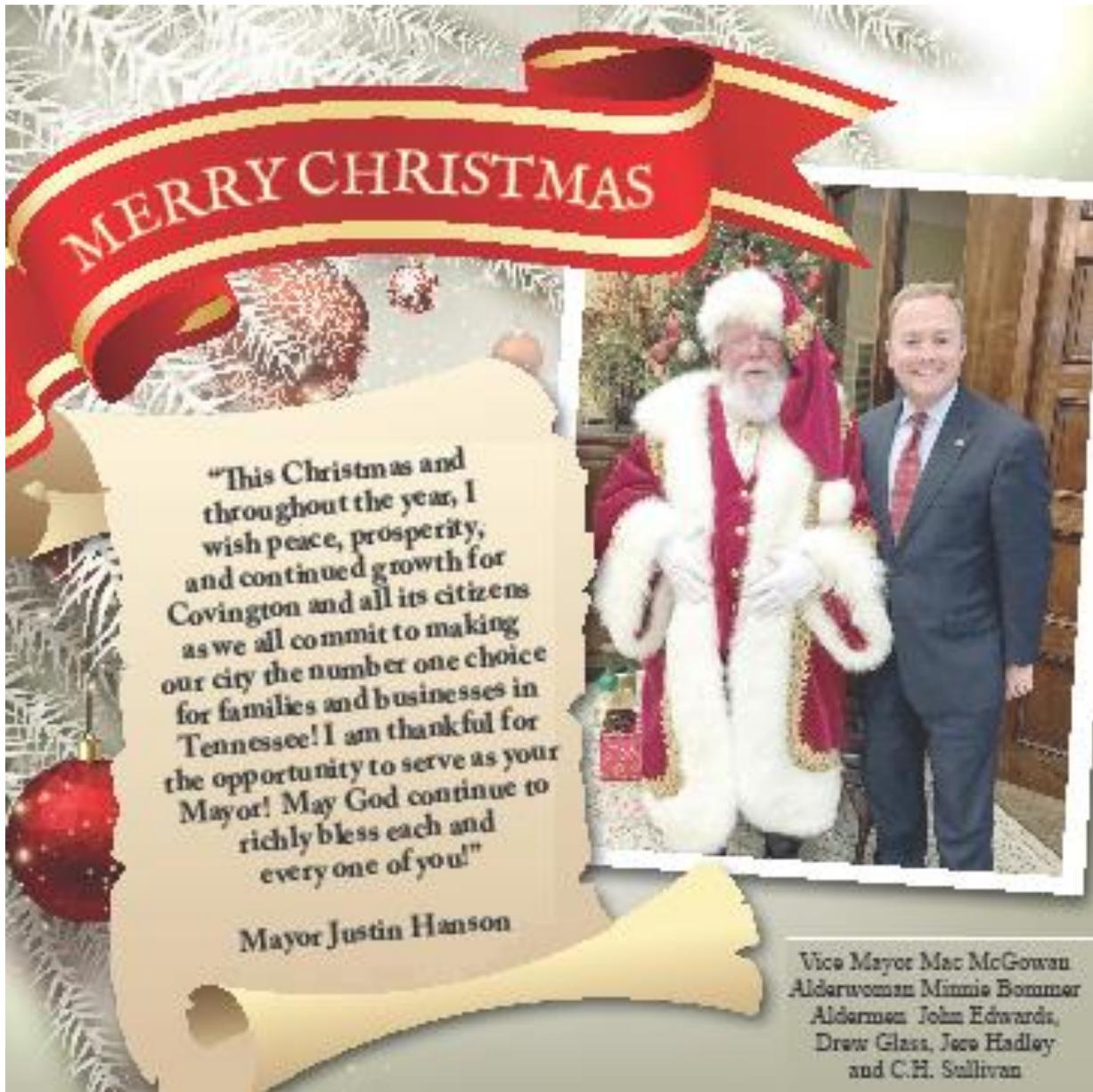
You'd never believe this was performed by children – some as young as kindergarten!





To the world
you may be just
a teacher but to
your students
you are a HERO!
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Each year, [Tipton Arts Council](#) holds a summer theater camp at Covington Integrated Arts Academy (CIAA) and every December, the schools' drama club also performs that play. Dance and drama teacher [Deborah Walker](#) directs the shows. Art teacher [Brandy Akins](#) designs and paints the sets. Teachers, parents, and staff make most of the costumes and students assist back stage. The school's arts team helps with songs, lighting, and practices. If you would like to support this program, please contact [Deborah Walker](#) or [Dr. Bonnie Wright](#) at 901-840-9150.



Covington City Hall will close at noon on December 22 and reopen for regular business hours on December 27.





The Night Before Christmas....

Soys of Christmas Past

Come and see this magical exhibit and reminisce about your childhood at the Tipton County Museum! On display are rare and much loved toys and books from yesteryear. So visit us soon, listen to Christmas music, and enjoy sipping on complementary coffee or hot cocoa. Exhibit hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 to 5, and Saturday 9 to 3 through December 21, and 9 to noon on December 22. Group tours are welcome. See you there!

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

When: Normal business hours through December 21

Fee: Free!

Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-0242



CHS HOSA Kicks off TALK Campaign

Prescription drug abuse prevention is only a conversation away.

The TALK campaign targets *parents* and encourages them to talk to their kids about prescription drugs. Many kids believe prescription drugs are safe and don't understand the warnings and consequences of taking them – especially when they see adults taking them. TALK stands for

T = TEACH your kids that prescription drugs are only for whom they are prescribed and can be dangerous if abused.

A = ACCEPT the responsibility to talk about prescription drugs at home. Studies show that kids who are taught at home are 50% less likely to abuse them

L = LEARN the facts. Nearly 15,000 people die annually from prescription drug abuse and many teens believe prescription drugs are less dangerous than street drugs.

K = KNOW you are making a difference by teaching the facts at home. Kids really do listen, even though they pretend they don't.



HOSA and DRUG FREE TIPTON encourage all adults to lock down your medication. Every day, over 4000 adolescents begin experimenting with prescription drugs – 95% say they got the drugs at home or from a family member. If you suspect your child is using drugs – do not wait! Call 1-855-378-4373 for help. Get information online at [Partners for Drug Free Kids](http://PartnersforDrugFreeKids.org).





On Thursday, Museum Director Barrie Foster was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club. She was a guest of Rotary Club President Joseph Mack.



**Join the Chamber Staff
each month for**

TASTY
Tuesday

On December 19th at Noon, we will enjoy a Chili Supper at...

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INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE **State University** 111 West Washington Avenue
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE Cooperative Extension Covington, TN 38019

Dutch Treat Lunch at a Chamber Member Business each month!

Join us for Coffee with the Mayor



**Please Join Us for coffee and conversations –
7:30 – 9:00**

Tuesday, January 9 Pappy & Jimmie's 749 N. Main Street
Tuesday, January 23 Pappy & Jimmie's 749 N. Main
Tuesday, February 6 Pappy & Jimmie's 749 N. Main
Tuesday, February 20 Pappy & Jimmie's 749 N. Main
Tuesday, March 6 Pappy & Jimmie's 749 N. Main
Tuesday, March 20 Pappy & Jimmie's 749 N. Main

Tuesday, April 3 Sookies Bake Shop on the Square
Tuesday, April 17 Sookies Bake Shop on the Square
Tuesday May 1 Sookies Bake Shop on the Square
Tuesday May 15 Sookies Bake Shop on the Square



- December 21 – Third Thursday – Chamber Office – 4:00 – 6:00
- December 22 – City Hall will close at NOON
- December 25 & 26 – City Hall CLOSED for Christmas
- December 29 – City Hall will close at 3:00
- January 1 – City Hall CLOSED for New Year's Day
- January 9 – Coffee with the Mayor at Pappy and Jimmy's 7:30 – 9:00
- January 12 – Public Meeting to discuss Sewer Grant – Covington City Hall – 10:00



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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Crestview Elementary Spelling Bee Winners



Crestview Elementary held its annual spelling bee with 14 participants– 2 from each 5th grade homeroom. School representatives were selected through class spelling bees. Brady Ray and Antwan Green tied for second place and Michelle Merritt–Tabor is the school winner. The next step for Merritt–Tabor will be to participate in the county wide spelling bee.

DSCC Plans January Orientation for New Students

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) will host several orientation events in January before the upcoming spring semester. **All new students are required to attend an orientation event.** They may complete this requirement either in person or by using the online orientation option located inside their MyDSCC portal. Students should be reminded that **spring semester classes begin Jan. 16.**

New student orientation will be held at the Dyersburg campus Tuesday, Jan. 9, from 2-4 p.m., and at the **Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County Thursday, Jan. 11, from 2-4 p.m.**

Students will be able to meet with advisors and instructors, get information about financial aid, tour the campus, learn about academic programs offered, obtain student IDs and parking passes, and learn about student life and organizations. Students, parents and legal guardians are welcome to attend.

For more information, please contact Sherry Baker at 731-286-3242 or sdbaker@dsc.edu.

DYERSBURG STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

New Student Orientation

Spring classes begin January 16

January 11, 2 - 4 p.m.

DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County
Baptist Memorial Health Care Academic Building

- Meet with instructors
- Learn about academic programs available
- Take a tour of the Center
- Obtain your student ID and parking pass
- Learn about student life and organizations





Youth Recreational Basketball

Covington Parks & Recreation has teamed up once again with the Junior **Grizzlies** for the 2018 Youth Basketball Season!!!!

ONLY \$45

Until December 1st

ALL PLAYERS RECEIVE

- A Memphis Grizzlies-Junior Grizzlies reversible jersey
- One FREE Memphis Grizzlies home game ticket
- A Certificate of Participation signed by a Grizzlies Player



JUNIOR GRIZZLIES



Ages 6 -17

Church Teams Discounts

- \$400 per team **Until December 1st**
- Max 10 players per team



Scan to sign up now to reserve a spot & pay later (before the season starts in January)

Call 901-476-3734 for more details



ART CLASSES by BARBARA McBRIDE FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!

Call 901-237-4006 for information



Merry Christmas

Covington Parks and Recreation
Christmas Hours of Operations



2017

Saturday December 23- 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday December 24 - Closed

Monday December 25 - Closed

Tuesday December 26 - 5 a.m. - 8 p.m.



The Covington Sportsplex

Covington 
SPORTSPLEX



COVINGTON
AQUATIC CENTER

Holiday Hours

*Open Swim hours extended to
1:00-6:00 pm Dec 19 – Jan 3

*December 24- Closed

* December 25- Closed

*December 31- Closed

*January 1- Closed.

** We would like to wish all our patrons a very Merry
Christmas and a Joyous New Year!! Thank you for allowing
us to serve you this year. We look forward to many more
years of service and Aquatic Fun!!**

Mayhue-Greer Scheduled to Speak at DSCC's MLK Luncheon

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) and the Dyersburg/Dyer County Chamber of Commerce have announced that Estella Mayhue-Greer, president and chief executive officer (CEO) of Mid-South Food Bank, will be the guest speaker during the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Luncheon at **noon, Jan. 12**, inside the E.H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium on the Dyersburg campus.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$10 each and must be purchased in advance by Jan. 10 at the Dyersburg/Dyer County Chamber of Commerce or at the DSCC Business Office located in the Eller Administration Building.

Estella Mayhue-Greer became president and chief executive officer (CEO) of the Mid-South Food Bank Jan. 1, 2011. She began her employment there in 1996 as an agency relations director. She was promoted to director of programs in 2002 and became senior vice president and chief operating officer (COO) in 2004. Mayhue-Greer started the Kids Cafe and Food for Kids Backpack programs to address childhood hunger. She also began the Mobile Pantry program to increase distribution of food to rural counties and increased both the quality and the quantity of food distributed to partner agencies to fight hunger in the Mid-South Food Bank's 31-county service area.

Before joining the Mid-South Food Bank, Mayhue-Greer was a lecturer at Christian Brothers University while maintaining her own public relations and marketing firm. Prior to this, she was employed as an adjunct instructor at the University of Memphis, a partner in JEL Communications, and worked in marketing and public relations with the City of Memphis, Methodist Health Systems and Regional Medical Center.

Mayhue-Greer is a graduate of Leadership Tennessee Class IV and Leadership Memphis. She is active in Kiwanis Club of Memphis; Justice, Unity, Generosity, Service International, Memphis Chapter; and The Links, Memphis Chapter. She currently serves on the Trezevant Manor Board of Directors and the University of Tennessee Health Science Center Community Advisory Board.

Mayhue-Greer was recognized for her many accomplishments in 2015 with the Memphis City Council Humanitarian Award. She was named one of Memphis Business Journal's 'Super Women in Business' in 2015; a 'Woman of Courage' by Dress for Success in 2013; a 'Corporate Woman of Excellence' by Grace Magazine in 2013; and '50 Women Who Make a Difference' in 2007. She was also featured in Memphis Magazine's 'Who's Who in Memphis' and as a 'Power Player' in Memphis Business Quarterly.



For more information regarding the event, contact Edith Carlton at 731-286-3300 or carlton@dsc.edu.



DYERSBURG STATE
Reconnect

Coming Fall 2018!

Ready to Reconnect? Get started now!
Whether you're ready to return to college or starting for the first time, we've got you covered - tuition free!

What is TN Reconnect?

TN Reconnect is an initiative to help adults enter higher education to gain new skills, advance in the workplace, and fulfill lifelong dreams of completing a degree or certificate. It provides adult students with a last dollar scholarship - allowing them to attend Dyersburg State Community College **tuition-free!**

What are the Eligibility Requirements?

In order to receive the Dyersburg State Reconnect Scholarship, students must:

- Meet DSCC admissions requirements. Visit www.dsccl.edu/admissions/admissions-requirements.
- Complete the 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>. DSCC's federal school code is 006835. The sooner you fill out the FAFSA, the better! Students may fill out the FAFSA beginning October 1, 2017.
- Enroll in at least 6 credit hours per semester.
- Be classified as an independent student (see FAFSA criteria).
- Not have earned an associate or bachelor's degree.
- Be a Tennessee resident for at least one year before completing the FAFSA.
- Not be in default on a federal or state loan or owe a refund of federal or state financial aid. Contact the DSCC Financial Aid Office at 731-286-3350 for assistance if this applies to you.
- Be registered for selective service if applicable. Visit www.sss.gov for more information.

www.TNReconnect.gov

For more information, contact Rebecca Reeves, Adult Student Coordinator, at 731-288-7514 or reeves@dsccl.edu.



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Take a look at the upcoming programs and events from our friends at the Tipton County Extension Office...

[Click here to view flyers for upcoming 4-H and Master Gardener events!](#)

[The Library Corner](#)

Tipton County Public Library News

[Check out what's in store for you at our local Library this month!](#)



What's Happening at the Museum?

Check it out.... *Tipton County Pulse*

Click here to view: <https://youtu.be/ZGoLD5opQxY>

What's the BUZZ?

The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center has been designated a "Pollinator Habitat" with the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation. This could not have happened without the help and hard work of our friends, the Tipton County Master Gardeners.





Gioiello Featured Artist



Nancy Foshee

A retired English and history teacher, Nancy was born in Memphis, but spent most of her childhood and youth in various army bases around the country. This diverse childhood enriched her love of history and story-telling which surfaces in every book she has written. Most recently, she retired from teaching part-time at Dyersburg State Community College where she taught developmental writing and education courses. She lives in Drummonds with her husband Frank where she enjoys writing and caring for their three cats. She is an award winning author and has written several historical novels, all of which are for sale in

Gioiello.



The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center
Expansion Campaign:

Building for the Next Generation

As the Museum approaches its 20th year, the realization is we have outgrown the current facility and the necessity for expansion is essential. The Tipton County Museum is asking for the community's financial support in its endeavor to preserve Tipton County's rich cultural history.

Your contribution to the Museum's Expansion Fund is both necessary and appreciated. You can stop by with your donation, call the Museum to have a donation form mailed to you, visit our website at <http://www.covingtontn.com/museum.html> to download a donation form or donate online at: <https://tms.ezfacility.com/OnlineRegistrations/Register.aspx?CompanyID=5427&GroupID=1960714>.

Thank you for your help in preserving our legacy!

20 Years at the Tipton County Museum:

Embracing the Future While Honoring the Past

Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

751 Bert Johnston Ave., P.O. Box 768,

Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-0242



The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial
& Nature Center

Veteran of the Month Reception

Every 2nd Tuesday Evening at 6:30

751 Bert Johnston Ave.,

Covington, TN 38019

901-476-0242



A Special Thanks to Our Program Sponsors:

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4840

Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Unit 116

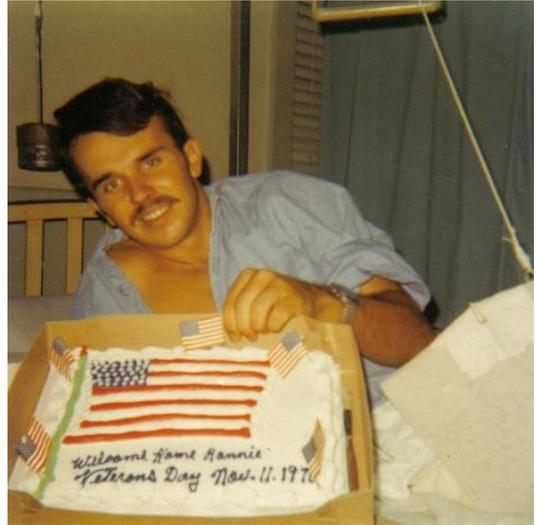
Woodmen Life, Neil Bringle



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

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

James Ronnie Dacus



Born on December 9, 1949, James Ronnie Dacus graduated from Brighton High School in 1967. On August 26, 1969 he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He attended Basic Training at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky and Advanced Training at Ft. Polk, Louisiana. He arrived in Vietnam on February 1st, 1970 at 5:30 a.m. in 85 degree weather. He joined the 50th Infantry Regiment after completing Jungle Warfare School in Vietnam. On April 1st, 1970, he was wounded for the first time in Le Hong Fong; he suffered a concussion and a perforated eardrum. He was wounded a second time in Le Hong Fong on November 2, 1970 when a bullet from a machine gun ambush shattered his right thigh. He spent 19 month recuperating at the Navy Hospital in Millington, Tennessee. He was granted a permanent "Chapter 64" medical retirement from the Army in 1974. For his service to our country he received the following medals: Vietnam Campaign Medal with one star, the Vietnam Service Medal, Two Purple Hearts, the Air Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge, and the Expert Marksman Badge for both rifle and machine guns.

Following his retirement from the Army he worked as a meat cutter for Seessel's and Naifeh's grocery stores, then from 1980 to 1982 he was a reserve Police Officer for the City of Munford. From 1983 to 1990 he worked as a Captain for the Tipton County Sheriff's Department. After retiring from the Sheriff's Department he returned to his previous career as a meat cutter. Then he retired from work permanently in 1999. He has two daughters, one who lives across the street from him in Brighton, and one who lives in Memphis. He has three grandchildren, one great grandchild, and another great grandchild on the way. Ronnie is a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He was nominated for Veteran of the Month by City of Munford Police Chief Jim Harger.



Veteran of the Month Reception held at Museum

Surrounded by family, friends, fellow veterans, and community leaders, December Veteran of the Month James Ronnie Dacus was honored for his service.



Once again, the Tipton County Veteran's Museum along with the Tipton County Veteran's Council held a reception for Veteran of the Month. Viet Nam veteran James Dacus is the December 2017 honoree. Girl Scouts assisted in the program by serving refreshments.