

April 14 – April 20 *



Thoughts and perceptions
from Mayor Justin Hanson

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

I attended the Tennessee College of Applied Technology spring honors program this week at the Covington campus where Tipton County Executive Jeff Huffman received an award for Excellence in Philanthropy from Dr. Kimberly McCormick, Vice Chancellor of External Affairs. In her comments to the students, staff, and Mayor Huffman, she made the statement that TCAT Covington has set the bar for excellence for other TCATs across the State and the Board of Regents has certainly taken notice. I introduced myself to her after the presentation and thanked her for coming. She reiterated to me how proud she is of this campus and how excited she is to see this location growing and becoming the example for others. I told her that is exactly what we strive to do in Covington – to be the *very* best at what we do – to set the bar for excellence in *everything* we do. That is exactly what I feel we should be doing. I feel quite confident that we have the leaders in place through-out our city's departments to do just that – ***be brilliant at the basics.***

Our focus in city government is on essential services. It is my goal as Mayor to provide the best services possible in the most cost efficient manner. In the balanced budget I gave to the city council this week, significant investments were made across our seven departments. In the Fire Department, we proposed a software upgrade for reporting and records, a new fleet vehicle, new extrication equipment, and continued investments in employee education and training. In Public Works, we included new and improved equipment for street/sanitation/grounds maintenance, money for continued improvements to our water wells, a new knuckle boom and leaf truck to further improve our curbside collection efforts, a new employee to help maintain GIS/Information Technology, money for improvements to our waste water treatment facility, and a new fleet vehicle. In our Police Department, we've included funds for fleet repair, an interest payment on a new facility, computer reporting software, and in-car tablets for our officers for better efficiency. In Parks and Recreation, we included a new field machine for field maintenance, concessions stand repairs, locker replacement at the Sportsplex, an Aquatic Center security system, a part-time employee at the Veteran's Museum, and a new fitness coordinator position in the department. In Codes, we included the lease of a new fleet vehicle (the first new vehicle the department has ever had).

These are just a few of the investments proposed in the 2018-2019 budget. Budget hearings will begin May 15 at 1:00 PM in the City Hall Downstairs Conference Room. As we go through this process, please know you are welcomed and encouraged to attend and participate. We work for ***you*** and want you to be engaged and active in what's going on in your government. I appreciate serving you and I look forward to hearing from you. We are Covington – living, learning, and working together!

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DEPARTMENTAL TIDBITS

“keeping you up-to-date with what’s going on in our city”

HUMAN RESOURCES & SPECIAL EVENTS:

The City of Covington Human Resource Department is responsible for the administration of all Personnel and Purchasing activities for the city. The Human Resource Department is located on the 2nd floor of the Covington Civic Center at 100 West Washington Street. They can be reached by phone at (901) 475-7170

- **Applications are accepted ONLY during the time of a posted vacancy.**
- **You can complete applications and email it to our department through the Contact Us button above or bringing it by our office Monday through Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm.**
- **TOTAL Youth Leadership banquet was held recently at the Civic Center with almost 100 attending.**
- **Plans are underway for another exciting BBQ Festival. The festival will take place June 1-2 at Cobb Parr Park. Plans are to have opening ceremonies, a popular head-line band, and a Corn Hole tournament - all on Friday night. Save the dates!**
- **Go Lucy Go race packet pick-up will be in the Tennessean Room at the Civic Center, Friday, April 20th beginning at 5pm. Race registrations will take place in the Tennessean on April 21st before the race begins. Doors will be open on Main Street (Across from Post Office) for this event.**

PUBLIC WORKS AND STREETS:

- **Please call 901-476-9613 ext 113 or 118 if you see water running and suspect a leak. After hours call 901-476-7163. Our crews will repair them immediately!**
- **Help us keep COVINGTON CLEAN! Please pick up and clean up your area – and call us when you need help!**

Landscape Crews made Improvements between Aquatic Center and CIAA

By cleaning out brush, undergrowth, & poison ivy around a picnic area, behind the aquatic center, and along a path from the CIAA playground, crews greatly improved the looks and safety of this area.



CODES:

Department of Code Compliance...

- If you plan on installing anything on your property that will be vertical, you will probably need a permit, so please check with us *first!* We are here to help you work through the permitting process. Please visit us on the second floor at Covington City Hall, 200 W. Washington Ave, call 901-476-7191 ext 146 or email planning.building@covingtontn.com. Same is true for signs, banners, and vehicles. Before you put it in your yard, let us help you stay within the ordinances and codes of the City of Covington.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

- Take a walk on our **CITY TRAIL** through the city of Covington. Signs have been posted to help you keep up with mileage.
- **Parents/Caretakers** – you can now **exercise** while your kids are playing! This is a great **WIN-WIN!** Look for new outdoor fitness equipment at **Project Play** in Cobb-Parr Park, Frazier Park, and Meuller Brass Sports Complex. These are for adults.
- We will provide **SUMMER CAMPS** for kids. Please contact Director Joe Mack to help support these *great summer learning activities for our youth* and get your children registered **ASAP!**

Three City Departments work together on Obstacle Course

Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Mack is constructing an obstacle course on the Newman Property behind the Covington Riding Club with the help of the Covington Police and Covington Fire Departments. The course meets US Army specifications and will be available for public use. Contact [Director Mack](#) for more details.



COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Smoke Detectors Save Family

On April 16th, 2018 at 04:10 AM, the Covington Fire Department received a call of a structure fire at 2881 Hwy 59 South. Upon arrival, crews reported heavy fire showing from the attic and living areas of the residence with 50% fire involvement. Confirmation was made that the occupants were safely out the residence and fire suppression operations began immediately. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. CFD was assisted on the scene by the Covington Police Department, Tipton County Sheriff's Department, Covington Public Works, Southwest Electric, Medic-One Ambulance, Brighton Fire Department, Charleston Fire Department, Three Star Fire Department, Gilt Edge Fire Department, TC 101, and TDOT. The American Red Cross assisted the fire victims through Fire Victims Assistance Program. No injuries were reported to civilians or fire fighters. The home owners were awakened by their working smoke detectors to find heavy fire. Due to the time of day, high wind conditions, and the advanced fire at time of discovery, the smoke detectors saved the family of seven.

If you live in the City of Covington and own your property (property owners are required by law to provide for their renters) and need a working smoke detector installed, please contact us at 901-476-2578.

"The Covington Fire Department is committed to serving the citizens, business community, and visitors to the City of Covington with the highest levels of life, environment, and property conservation and protection. We will achieve this through prevention, education, preparation, response, and suppression. The department will deliver all services with the highest level of care, professionalism, and compassion to all those affected or in need of our services"

COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT:

On Friday, April 13, 2018 at approximately 7:00 PM, officers with the Covington Police Department conducted "operation of compliance" checks for underage beer sales in Covington. The operation consisted of a confidential source who would enter a business and attempt to purchase beer. The purpose of the operation was to ensure that underage customers were not being sold beer.

There were a total of 12 businesses checked in the City of Covington. Those businesses that complied with the law and ***did not violate*** the underage sale of beer were Bull Market #9, College Mart, Corner Thrifty Mart, C-Town Market, Exxon Food Mart, Jubilee Seven Eleven dba Hwy. 51 Exxon #2, Midway Market II, Murphy Oil USA and Fast-Times. "We appreciate the owners and clerks at these businesses recognizing the importance of abiding by the law of underage drinking." Chief Buddy Lewis stated.

There were 3 businesses that violated the underage sale of beer laws. Those businesses and the clerks who were charged are: Midway Market IV, store clerk Bryan McDaniel was charged, Tobacco Junction, store clerk Jinal Shah was charged, and Mapco Express #3041, store clerk Rodney Morris was charged. All of the clerks were charged with Sale of Beer/Alcohol to persons under 21 and were cited to General Sessions Court.

"The Covington Police Department ***will continue*** these operations. The law is specific about underage drinking and this is about saving lives." Chief Buddy Lewis concluded.

- **Please report suspicious activity to police immediately – let CPD decipher the situation. Call 901-475-1261 or 901-476-9036. Call 911 in emergencies.**



Covington Police Make arrest after search warrant:

On April 14, 2018 at approximately 8:44 AM, officers with the Covington Police Department Special Crimes Unit executed a search warrant at 130 Frye Cove in Covington. The investigation was initiated when officers received information of narcotic sales being conducted at this location. A search of the residence was conducted and a substantial amount of marijuana was found along with digital scales, a grinder, a glass smoking pipe and plastic bags of individual packaged marijuana. Barbara Brooks was taken in to custody and charged with Possession of Schedule VI Drug with Intent to Sell or Deliver and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The Department of Children Services was contacted due to the presence of children in the residence.

Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis stated that the matter will continue to be investigated. “I want to impress upon everyone that if you have information of *any* illegal activity going on, please contact the proper law enforcement agency. The Covington Police Department will continue to work hard to rid our city of illegal activity. I am proud of the work of our officers and we continue to ask for your help in making this city a safe place to live.” Chief Lewis stated.



Covington Aquatic Center Posts Swim Lessons Schedule

Swimming is perhaps one of the most important life skills, and the Covington Aquatic Center offers several classes for learners of all ages and competency levels at our pool this summer.

Level 1: Introduction to Water Skills

Level 2: Fundamental Aquatic Skills

June 4-8, 2018 9:00-10:00
June 4-8, 2018 9:00-10:00
June 11-15, 2018 12:00-1:00
June 11-15, 2018 12:00-1:00
June 18-22, 2018 11:00-12:00
June 18-22, 2018 11:00-12:00
June 25-29, 2018 9:00-10:00
June 25-29, 2018 9:00-10:00

Level 3: Stroke Development

Level 4: Stroke Improvement

June 4-8, 2018 11:00-12:00
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June 25-29, 2018 11:00-12:00
July 9-13, 2018 9:00-10:00
July 9-13, 2018 9:00-10:00

Level 5: Stroke Refinement

Level 6: Personal Water Safety

June 4-8, 2018 12:00-1:00
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June 11-15, 2018 11:00-12:00
June 18-22, 2018 9:00-10:00
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July 9-13, 2018 11:00-12:00
June 25-29, 2018 12:00-1:00
July 9-13, 2018 11:00-12:00

Level 6: Fitness Swimmer

June 11-15, 2018 11:00-12:00
June 25-29, 2018 12:00-1:00

Pre-School Level 1: Ages 3-5 very minimal water exposure

July 9-13, 2018 12:00-1:00

Pre-School Level 2: Ages 3-5 moderate water exposure

July 16-20 2018 11:00-12:00

Pre-School Level 3: Ages 3-5 exposure to water but no previous instruction

July 23-27, 2018 11:00-12:00

Swim School: must complete level 5 and have interest in joining swim team

July 16-27, 2018 8:00-10:00

Parent/Child Aquatics:

Level 1: 6 months-3 years

Level 2: Ages 1-3

June 11-15, 2018 5:00-6:00 pm
July 1-20, 2018 5:00-6:00pm

Adult Lessons

Learning the Basics: June 18-22, 2018 5:00-6:00pm
Improving Skills: July 23-27, 2018 5:00-6:00pm



Finance & Administration Committee Votes to Secure \$6.5 Million TML Loan at Acceptable Rate

The Finance and Administration Committee held their regular monthly meeting at Covington City Hall on April 17th at 1:00 pm. Present were Chairman Alderman C.H. Sullivan, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman John Edwards, Alderman Jere Hadley, Alderman Mac McGowan, Mayor Justin Hanson, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, Director of Personnel Tiny Barton, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Public Works Director David Gray, Jeff Snyder of Aires Energy, Jenna Hackett, Strategic Planning Facilitators Charlie Goforth, A.C. Wharton, and Dexter Muller, Chamber Director Maleia Evans, Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Mack, Police Chief Buddy Lewis, Fire Chief Michael Naifeh, Codes Enforcement Officer Lessie Fisher, Historian David Gwinn, police officers Andrew Hefner and Jay Black, Jeff Eakes of A2H Engineers, and Margaret Fleming.

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 1:00 with a quorum present, and he began with a presentation of the budget as detailed for the group by Mayor Hanson. Hanson went through the layout of the budget and stated this is for the committee to take home and study. He said it is balanced, contains an increase in pay for department heads and some other employee pay raises, and contains no new tax increase. He asked for there to be no discussion of the budget today, but for members to analyze what was presented and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

Chairman Sullivan then called on our strategic planning facilitators from Pinnacle Planning to make their presentation about the plan they submitted. Dexter Muller addressed the committee:

- Pinnacle Planning was approached in 2016-17 by Mayor for strategic plan and vision for city
- Outcome of study was presented and dispersed to committee members. How can we not only do the basics well, but also keep Covington moving forward? Muller wanted to touch on the highlights today and give committee time to analyze the results.
- A.C. Wharton also addressed the committee and thanked the group for working with him on this project. Wharton stated he has worked with all kinds of people from Covington from all walks of life. He also stated the three of them actually did the research and put the report together with the vision for Covington. He said they sat down and talked to people face to face and by phone. They created a lengthy online survey that was completed by 669 people. They held community meetings and had great participation by this community. He feels this is not something “other people” put together, but has been driven by the citizens of Covington, and based on what Covington citizens told them.
- Charlie Goforth addressed the group and said he interviewed most of the employees who were interviewed, including the department heads. Goforth stated he interviewed people who have been here a long time and those who are fairly new to the City. He talked about the strategic plan that has been developed by the fire department and the overhaul of that area. In police department, we already have dash and body cameras and are working on getting a new department building. He stated police department is developing a new pay scale that will be an improvement. Goforth went through each department and the positive movements going on in each. The goals over the next few years are to improve the city in all aspects, such as ISO rating. CFD is working on things that will see this through. He encouraged existing firemen to get paramedic training and for the police department to get their new building. Goals in personnel are to complete salary evaluations and update job descriptions. Beautification, blight removal, and maintaining is important in Codes and Goforth stated all departments are working extremely hard and can use more employees. Goforth also encouraged developing the Newman Property, which is a large area that falls under the Parks and Rec system and is currently undeveloped. Accounting wants to provide online tax payments and Robin Anderson at our airport wants to install LED lighting. Goforth stated all department heads were sincerely interested in bringing the best services to the people of this city.

- Muller addressed the committee again on the over 50 recommendations by the facilitators. He expects all of these to be address in over 10 years, but prioritized these recommendations for immediate attention. Recommendations are categorized in these areas: Economic Development and Job Creation, Workforce Development, Youth Development, Blight Removal, and Public Safety. Muller explained these areas and why they are important. Muller also suggested annual leadership retreats to prioritize items for upcoming year. A.C. Wharton further discussed how new laws regarding blight removal have been created and suggested a study by the University of Memphis for a timeline for addressing blight-related needs.
- Alderman McGowan thanked the facilitators and stated their report has given him more insight into how things tie together to improve quality of life throughout the city. He wonders how the city will address all 50+ recommendations, and Mayor Hanson stated we are already doing many of them. Muller reiterated these things are intended to be addressed over several years. Mayor Hanson also thanked the facilitators and the citizens of Covington who were involved in this process.

Alderwoman Bommer motioned to accept the report for Strategic Planning and Alderman McGowan seconded. Motion passed.

Sullivan then called on Mayor Hanson to address the biomass gasification plant, which was next on the agenda. Hanson stated we are having monthly conference calls with Jeff Snyder of Aires Energy and they just extended their lease for 6 more months of testing. Hanson referred to information in packet and asked Snyder to speak along with CPW Director David Gray and Jenna Hackett.

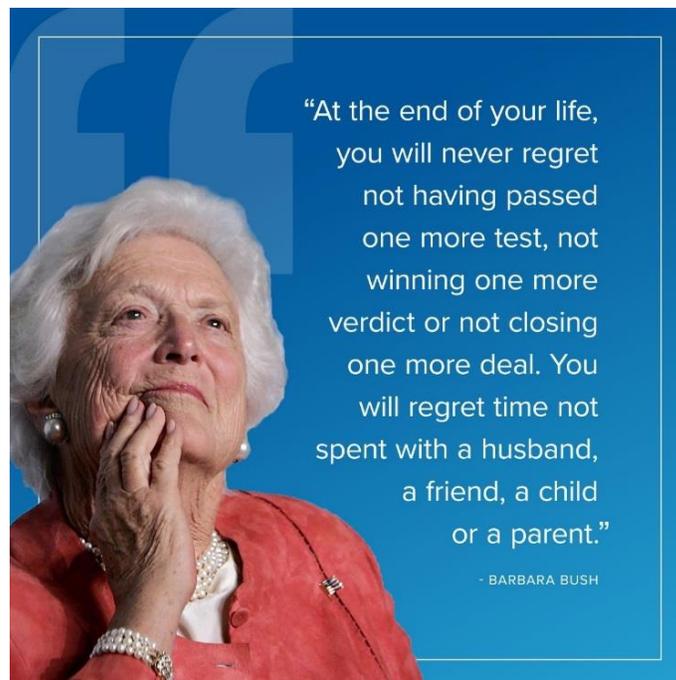
- Snyder senior vice president for Aires Clean Energy addressed committee and referred to the monthly conference calls and models in the packets. He stated they are plugging numbers/items in to the operation of the facility to make sure it is operated properly. Alderman McGowan discussed the formula with Snyder and had some questions regarding the operational plan. Snyder said the system was never really designed to make a lot of power, but can make some from dried woody waste. McGowan also stated to operate this plant will require a separate employee, and Snyder stated it may require a grinder, screener, and dryer to prepare the wood chips for optimum burning and to cut down on clogging the system. Jenna Hackett asked Snyder to discuss daily requirements, and Snyder stated it will need 10 tons of dry woody waste per day to operate this plant. David Gray stated we average about 2-3 tons a month and Hanson said to think we can come up with 10 tons a day is quite optimistic. Alderman Edwards asked if alternate fuel resources have been considered. Hackett stated there are other feed stocks we can get, but it will be costly and the plant needs to run about 20 hours a day for efficiency. Hackett said the plant works, but just not economical for us. Snyder said these plants really need to run on a 24 hour basis. Edwards asked about a company paying us to get rid of their waste. Hackett and Snyder stated that is a key element, but we have to find a company that has waste to get rid of that will A. work in our gasifier and, B. will pay us to take it. Mayor Hanson pointed out that Aires Energy has moved to a bigger model themselves and Snyder stated the projects they are working on now are 100 ton projects. He went on to tell how City of Lebanon has made theirs work. They use single-use pallets from automotive agency. It runs 24-7; however, ours is not configured that way and is not as big. Edwards asked Snyder if he has examined local manufacturing waste, and Snyder stated they have and SCS Sugar waste cannot be used, and Unilever waste will need to be dried and processed to be used. Alderwoman Bommer suggested they may want to invest in some kind of processing to make their waste available to us locally. Hackett stated they have approached them in the past, but it may be worth more negotiations. Edwards asked about using tires for feedstock, and Snyder said it can be done, but again, the cost to prepare them for burning would also be costly. Mayor Hanson asked Snyder to update committee on marketing the plant and he stated there are 3 or 4 organizations interested, but nothing has panned out to date. Most people he has talked to are interested in a larger system. Snyder stated the testing they have used the Covington facility for is coming to an end, but it is not out of the question

they may be able to use it in some aspect. Alderman McGowan stated unless we can find a lot of feedstock, it seems it won't be economically feasible for the City of Covington to operate the plant. Snyder stated he will continue to look for interested parties and he will support the city's effort to sell the facility. Hanson stated the payments for the biomass facility – but NOT for any additional employees - have been included in the budget that was given to committee members. Snyder stated if we can find enough wood and keep it running 85% of the time, it might work for us. What it really boils down to is getting the 10 ton per day woody supply. Mayor Hanson thanked Snyder for working with us on this project and thanked him for coming to the meeting today. Hanson also asked the committee to consider all aspects of this facility, particularly after Aires leaves their research at the plant in September.

- Chairman Sullivan then called on Personnel Director Tiny Barton to address committee on the employee handbook. Barton stated she sent committee concerns to our labor attorney, Ted Yeiser, and he supported their recommended changes. Barton had supplied the committee with the changes they recommended in their packet and went through each one with them. Alderman Edwards has some questions for Barton, particularly regarding weapons and alcohol possession. Alderman McGowan asked to take Barton's updates under advisement to have time to study them and that motion passed.
- Chairman Sullivan then called on Director David Gray to discuss the purchase of a knuckle-boom. Gray's presentation today was in response to discussion from last month's meeting. It would cost \$135,000 to purchase a new knuckle-boom as opposed to the \$24,000 required to fix it. Gray stated he has included a new truck in next year's budget and really doesn't want to put any more money into this one. Truck in question is a 2010 truck and was bought used.
- Chairman Sullivan moved on to the next item, which is the discussion of police department facility. Mayor Hanson stated he kicked the decision back to the committee because he wanted to hear from the strategic planning committee and referred to page 37 of that plan on which it is recommended the police facility be completed in phases. Hanson went on to discuss a survey he had asked police employees to complete, and he distributed the results of those to the committee. Hanson stated that some of the officers did mention facilities, but they also want training and additional personnel. Hanson also asked committee members to see the TML debt service schedule included in their packet, as well, and stated that Tommy Green with TML will allow us to keep our 3.7% rate. Chairman Sullivan stated that he believes we need to get this started, but asked the mayor how the phased-in approach may look. Hanson stated if we do this AND how we do this would be determined by this board. Jeff Eakes from A2H stated a savings of about a million dollars could be saved by moving locations. McGowan asked Attorney Witherington where we are in our conversion process, and she said we are just waiting on appraisal from Mr. Murdaugh from State of Tennessee – and he was here last week working on this. At that time, we will know what the replacement values will be for seeking land for the basketball court and tennis courts on the property. This is not an acreage-to-acreage move, but dollar-for-dollar. Hanson stated regardless of the location of the police department, he feels it is important to continue the conversion process. Alderwoman Bommer asked if we can borrow the money now and set it aside until we can actually construct the building, and that is not known. Hanson said he feels we should follow the strategic plan as presented today, which recommends phasing in the facility, and that the people have spoken and they feel public safety should be a top priority. Hanson stated the budget before the committee today includes roughly \$30,000 in payments. Sullivan stated he still feels the grammar school property is the best site, but under these circumstances, he will not oppose a different location. Chief Lewis and Jeff Eakes stated building cost is down to \$4.5 million. Lewis reiterated how vitally important it is to get this started and have the facilities in this city for public safety that will help us

attract quality people and build a state-of-the art facility that is competitive with areas around us. Alderman Hadley stated he feels under the time constraint, we should made a decision today to build the facility at another location, and he then seconded Sullivan’s motion to use the TML Bond Service and build the facility on Industrial property. Sullivan clarified that his motion today is to secure funding through TML for 4.5 million, **ONLY** and does not include location. McGowan also stated the old grammar school property is still the best location and the ID Board property is out of the way, hard to find, and he just feels having the facility in the middle of the city is the best choice. Hanson stated the motion on the floor is just for funding, and does not include location. Discussions continued regarding the conversion process, the time this may take, and the money this may take. It was suggested the \$4.5 million be earmarked for the building only, and Alderwoman Bommer stated that is what she wants to do – determine the cost of a facility. She went on to say that she did not vote for the old grammar school property and will not vote for that location. Sullivan asked if committee decides on the \$4.5 loan today, can we take out another loan down the road if it becomes necessary, and it was determined we can, but interest rate bay be different. McGowan said that the last thing we need is a facility with all the space we need and no furniture/technology to put in it. He suggested we make decision on total costs, including furniture, technology, etc...McGowan also stated we need to build what we will need – he doesn’t want us to regret overcrowding or not constructing what we need. McGowan said he doesn’t see phasing in – he doesn’t think that will be more economical, but should build what we will need for the next 20 years. Hadley said we can go through with a resolution **not to exceed** 6.5 million and just not draw it all out. We don’t have to **USE** it all just because we are approved for it. At that time, Sullivan amended his motion to approve financing **NOT TO EXCEED 6.5 million** and Hadley seconded. Motion passed with Bommer, Hadley, McGowan, & Sullivan voting for and Alderman Edwards voting no.

There being no further business on the agenda today, the meeting was adjourned.



“At the end of your life,
you will never regret
not having passed
one more test, not
winning one more
verdict or not closing
one more deal. You
will regret time not
spent with a husband,
a friend, a child
or a parent.”

- BARBARA BUSH

Chief Lewis Recognizes Officers



Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis congratulates Corporal David Morgan and Sgt. Shawn Parker (above) as Officers of the Month for February. Officer Amy Brooks (L) was named Officer of the Month for March. Officer Morgan was also recognized for his promotion to corporal.

**SUPPORT
OUR
POLICE**

**You never know when you need them,
but you'll thank God you have them.**



CLICK ON THE CHAMBER LOGO ABOVE TO READ THEIR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Join us for Coffee with the Mayor



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

Tuesday May 1 Sookies Bake Shop on the Square
Tuesday May 15 Sookies Bake Shop on the Square
Tuesday May 29 Sookies Bake Shop on the Square
Tuesday, June 12 Sookies Bake Shop on the Square
Tuesday June 26 Sookies Bake Shop on the Square

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

**[Click here for upcoming events
and programs hosted by our
UT Extension Office!](#)**

Jerol Hopkins Honored after 48 Years of Service

For many of us from Covington and Tipton County, the name Jerol Hopkins is closely related to brave and forward moves that have had a lasting positive effect on this entire community. He was one of several movers and shakers who formed the Industrial Development Board back in 1970 and has been the longest serving member, putting in 48 years of service bringing industry to the City of Covington that sustains us today. He was honored with a reception at Wyatt Earp's in Covington by local leaders, friends, family and citizens who appreciate this kind of service, which benefits us all. Truly, the actions and commitment of citizens like this will sustain this and all communities for years to come.



Mayor Justin Hanson presented Mr. Hopkins with a resolution from the City of Covington thanking him for his dedication to the improvement of the quality of life for the citizens of this community.



County Executive Jeff Huffman presented Mr. Hopkins with a plaque recognizing him for his outstanding leadership to the City of Covington and Tipton County.



Covington-Tipton County Chamber Director Maleia Evans, Tipton County Executive Jeff Huffman, Jerol and Shirley Hopkins, and Mayor Hanson were part of those at the celebration (above), as well as members past and present of the ID Board (right).





The Covington Civic Center is open! We are excited and ready to help you plan your big wedding event. We are the venue of choice whether you have plans for a small, intimate wedding or a large wedding. Our Tennessean room is located on the first floor of the Civic Center and can accommodate three hundred plus guests. Our rental packages include tables, chairs, tablecloths, and tableware and we are flexible enough to accommodate most every bridal party.

Every bride wants a private place at her wedding venue to get dressed on her big day and we have this at the Covington Civic Center. Our bride's dressing room is just steps away from the warming kitchen, where she and her wedding party can catch a last minute snack. We also have an area for the groom away from the crowd on our second floor. This area provides just the right, out-of-the-way space where he can enjoy time with his groomsmen to relax and share snacks before he takes that big step. There is also a dressing area on the second floor.

Our warming kitchen is just off the Tennessean and allows caterers to serve guests at any rental. The kitchen has large prep counters and is equipped with commercial appliances.

The Covington Civic Center has designated parking just west of our building. Our main entrance on Washington Avenue has a handicapped entrance, including an elevator, to offer assistance for anyone needing it. This entrance allows ease of access to the first floor for florists, photographers, bands, and caterers as well. For more information or to schedule a tour, call Karen Griffin, at 901.475.7139.





- APRIL is **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**
- April 21 – Community Fair – Paradise Church – 520 Simonton Street – FREE
- April 21 – Opening Day of the Farmer’s Market – under the water tower!
- April 21 – **GO LUCY GO** 5K and 10K on the square in Covington – racesonline.com
- April 26 – 28 – SPRING BOOK SALE at Tipton County Library
- April 28 – EARTH FEST – Munford – 10:00 – 2:00 – [click here to learn more](#)
- April 28 – MUSIC on the SQUARE begins! [click here for line-up and times](#)
- April 28 – **Carl Perkins Dinner, Auction, and Lip Sync Contest** – get your act together!
- May 1 – DEADLINE for non-profits to [submit application](#) for City support.
- May 5 – CASA SuperHero 5-K Run/Walk – Centennial Park – [register at racesonline.com](#)
- May 5 – MAY FEST – Tipton County Museum – 10:00 – 3:00 FREE! [click here for details](#)
- May 12 – FREE LEGAL CLINIC – Covington First Presbyterian Church – 11:00 – 1:00
- May 12 – **Lifeguard Recertification Clinic** – Covington Aquatic Center – 10:00 am
- May 15 – **Kindergarten Registration** for Tipton County Schools
- May 19 – HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION [click here](#)
- **May 19 – Covington Car Show on the square**
- May 31 – St. Luke Career Day – [click here to learn more.](#)
- June 1-2 – COVINGTON BBQ FESTIVAL!



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901-476-9727

[Covington Sportsplex](#) 901-476-3734

[Drug Free Tipton](#) 901-476-0200

[Tipton County Schools](#) 901-476-7148

[South Tipton Chamber of Commerce](#) 901-837-4600

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

901-476-0180

[Covington Aquatic Center](#) 901-476-9178

[Tipton County Museum](#) 901-476-0242

*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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[REPORT LITTER BUGS](#)

Citizen’s Litter Prevention Hotline

1-877-8-LITTER (877-854-8837)

Covington, TN National Day of Prayer 2018

The Covington, TN National Day of Prayer Event will be held at the Tipton County Courthouse on Thursday, May 3rd, 2018, at 12 p.m. Alternative location in the event of rain will be the Chamber Center on the court square.

The theme for this year's event is **Pray for America - UNITY**, based upon Ephesians 4:3 which challenges us to mobilize unified public prayer for America, "Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

You can find out more info on the NDP and the Covington event on the NDP website at <http://nationaldayofprayer.org> or by contacting Zach Cook at 901-848-2672.



**Accepting New Vendors for
the 2018 Season!**

[Click here to download a Vendor Application!](#)



**Doctor Zarr's Amazing
Funk Monster is coming
back to the Covington
BBQ Festival June 1st.
Come join the fun at
Cobb Parr Park.**

CARNIVAL

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY !



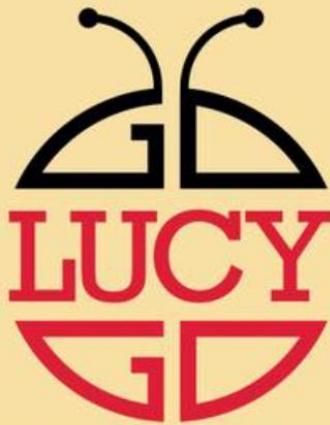
SATURDAY APRIL 21, 2018 10am - 12pm

CARNIVAL BOUNCERS, GAMES, SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCES & DELICIOUS FOOD

**PARADISE CHURCH MINISTRIES 520 SIMONTON ST.
COVINGTON, TN 38019**

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 21, 2018



FOUNDATION

5K / 10K

WWW.GOLUCYGO.ORG

Join [GO LUCY GO](http://www.golucygo.org) on the beautiful, historic Covington Square for the race, food, music, & family fellowship. Shops and restaurants on the square **WILL BE OPEN!**

Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) in Covington Held Spring Honors Program

Special recognition was given to Tipton County Executive and Tipton County Government by presenting the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Philanthropy



County Executive Jeff Huffman, along with the Tipton County Commissioners, have displayed continuous support for TCAT helping with books, transportation, dual enrollment, and the acquisition of a CDBG Grant for expansion.

Dr. Kimberly McCormick, Vice Chancellor of External Affairs for the Tennessee Board of Regents, presented the Chancellors Award for Excellence in Philanthropy to County Executive Jeff Huffman at TCAT in Covington. Above, (L-R) Claudia Wilson of the South Tipton Chamber, Dr. McCormick, TCAT Covington Director Youlanda Jones, Mayor Huffman, Workforce Development Coordinator Robin Sealy, Covington-Tipton Co. Chamber Director Maleia Evans, Covington Mayor Justin Hanson, and South Tipton Chamber Director Rosemary Bridges celebrated this well-deserved recognition.

Congratulations & Thank You!

Dumpsters for Businesses are for Private Use Only

The City of Covington provides dumpsters for businesses in various areas around town. Examples are behind buildings on the square, behind the Post Office, in our parks, at the Riding Club, and behind the Covington Civic Center/Police Department. These have been *ordered and paid for* by individuals or businesses for private use and not available for the public. For anyone else to dump in them is illegal. Covington Municipal Code 17-105 and Tennessee Code Annotated [39-14-502](#), [504](#), [505](#), [506](#), and [507](#) specifically address litter and the unauthorized use of any refuse container. Please be informed that these will be monitored and violators will be prosecuted. This could result in a maximum penalty of up to \$4000 in fines and a Class E felony charge.



If you need help with your garbage or refuse, or have large items to dispose of, please call us for assistance at 901-476-9613 ext 118 or 113 or call 901-476-9531 ext 127




COVINGTON
YOUTH
SPORTS

SUMMER CAMPS

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

8AM - 12PM MON-FRI
*Ages 5-17

ONLY \$45 per child
breakfast and lunch included!



*Age limits set by Camp Instructors

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COVINGTON PARKS & REC

Call 901-476-3734 or Email
Sportsplex@covingtontn.com

★ ★ ★

2018 SUMMER (SPORTS) CAMPS & DATES

Basketball: July 9-13 & July 16-20
Baseball: June 4-8
Softball: June 4-8
Flag Football: June 11-15
Soccer: June 4-8
Futsal: July 23-27
Volleyball: June 18-22
Lacrosse: June 4-8

★ ★ ★

CAMP INSTRUCTORS

Soccer/Futsal
Robert Luttrell, CHS Boys & Girls Soccer Coach

Baseball
David Sage, CHS Baseball Coach

Softball
Huey Diggins, CMS Softball Coach

Basketball
Charles Mitchell, CHS Boys Basketball Coach
Gary Murdock, CMS Boys & Girls Basketball Coach

Volleyball
Molly Griffin, CHS Volleyball Coach

Flag Football
Eric McGaha, City of Covington Sports Coordinator

Lacrosse
Christopher Davanzo - TC Ducks Lacrosse Coach

Sponsor a Child for ONLY \$45
or an entire Camp for \$500



WE THANK OUR PARTNERS AND ARE **SEEKING MORE!** PLEASE HELP US PROVIDE THESE VALUABLE SUMMER CAMPS FOR OUR COMMUNITY'S YOUTH – WHICH INCLUDE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH! WE WILL ALSO PROVIDE ARTS, DANCE, MUSEUM, AND MUSIC CAMPS. CONTACT [DIRECTOR JOE MACK](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SPONSORING CAMPS AT 901-476-3734.

COVINGTON PARKS & RECREATION

ART, MUSIC, & DANCE

SUMMER CAMPS



ONLY \$45

Includes Breakfast & Lunch

Ages 5-17 (Varies by Camp)

8AM-12PM Mon-Fri



Businesses, Civic
Groups and Corporations
Sponsor a child for ONLY
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2018 SUMMER CAMPS

*Art - June 4-8

Dance - July 9-13

Band - June 18-22

+Choir - June 25-29

*Muscum - June 25-29

*Ages 10-17

-Ages 5-11

CAMP INSTRUCTORS

Art/Museum - Barrie Foster

Dance - Deborah Walker

Band - Kreston Smith

Choir - Holly Wolfe



DRUG FREE
Zone



Call 901-476-3734 or Email
Sportsplex@covingtontn.com

Mayor Hanson Supports The Leader In Me at CIAA

Covington Integrated Arts Academy has been a Leader in Me school since the 2014-15 school year. Through this culture, faculty, staff, and students operate according to the [7 Habits of Happy Kids](#). Each year, the school holds fundraisers to continue the program, train staff members, and stay current with materials and supplies. Mayor Hanson stopped by to purchase Leadership Links to help maintain TLIM in the school.



Mayor Hanson was met by students with a handshake and a “welcome to our school” greeting. A handshake with eye contact and a pleasant greeting is one of the cornerstones of The Leader in Me for schools. Students are given the opportunity to take ownership for their actions and for the “goings on” in the school – as much as possible. For example, if you visit a TLIM school, you most likely will be met and given a tour by the *children* – not adults. Hanson presented the check to support The Leader in Me so the program can continue to grow.



DSCC in Covington Celebrates Soccer

A reception was held on the Jimmy Naifeh Center campus to celebrate and welcome the first Girls' Soccer Team. Coaches are Robert Luttrell, Joseph Mack, Craig Mallow, Austin Chapman, and Scott Ray. Players have been recruited from as far away as Texas.



Girl Scouts Adopt Project Play



Mayor Justin Hanson was on hand at Project Play in Cobb-Parr Park this week to celebrate the adoption of this area by Girl Scout Troops 13006 and 13007. The girls will help maintain the cleanliness of the area and report anything they can't deal with to Parks and Recreation authorities.



Lifeguard Recertification



AMERICAN RED CROSS **LIFEGUARD CLASS**

Recertification

Participants completed the American Red Cross Lifeguard Course May 2016. Participants will receive a Direct Link for the online course content. To register, contact the Aquatic Center at (901) 476-9178

May 12, 2018 10:00 am

Covington Aquatic Center, 750 Bert Johnston Ave, Covington, TN 38019

www.covingtontn.com, lturnbull@covingtontn.com



Week of the Young Child Celebrated at Northwest TN Head-Start

Community leaders and helpers were invited in to visit with the children at the Covington facility on Alston St.



Police officers, including Bella, the K-9 officer, firemen, sheriffs' deputies, Mayor Hanson, and other community leaders and helpers spent time with the children. They brought coloring books, stickers, pencils, crayons, and other supplies for the center to use with the children.





If one is too many...what about 1,400

1,400 kids will die at the hands of their abusers this year.

What are you going to do?



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month
Visit www.kempe.org/CAPM to learn how you can make a difference.



April is
**Child Abuse
Prevention
Month**

We are not here
on earth to see
through each
other, we are here
to see each other
through.

UNKNOWN

Go out into the
world today and
Love the people you meet.
VERYBESTQUOTES
Let *your presence* light
new light in the
hearts of others.
Mother Teresa



EXCHANGE CLUB
**Carl Perkins
Center** *for the prevention
of child abuse*

**707 Main St.
Covington, TN 38019**

Phone: [901-476-1515](tel:901-476-1515)

Fax: 901-476-1583

How do I contact the Tennessee Child Abuse Hotline?

Phone: 1-877-237-0004

Web: <https://apps.tn.gov/carat/> in non-emergency situations only.

Fax: 615-254-6018 for non-emergency situations only.

Who is a “Mandated” reporter of child abuse and neglect?

Everyone in Tennessee is a mandated reporter. Tennessee Code Annotated 37-1-403(i) (1) requires all persons to report suspected cases of child abuse or neglect. “Any person who has knowledge of or is called upon to render aid to any child who is suffering from or has sustained any wound, injury, disability, or physical or mental condition shall report such harm immediately if the harm is of such a nature as to reasonably indicate that it has been caused by brutality abuse, or neglect or that, on basis of available information, reasonably appears to have been caused by brutality, abuse, or neglect.”

Failure to report

Failure to report abuse is a violation of the law and a Class A misdemeanor, carrying a sentence of up to three months imprisonment, a fine or both. Those who report and “act in good faith” are immune from any civil or criminal charges, which may result. The reporter has the right to remain confidential and anonymous.

Is my information confidential? Do I have to give my name?

Tennessee laws protect persons who report abuse or neglect in good faith. Tennessee Code Annotated 37-1-410 provides immunity from civil and criminal liability. Reporters do have the right to remain anonymous.

What information is important when I make a report? What questions will I be asked?

Child(ren) names, ages, address, phone numbers, race, and school/daycare information

Parent(s), Legal Guardian(s), or caretaker(s) information

Other household members information

Nature of the harm or specific incident(s) that precipitated the report

Specific allegation(s), date(s) and descriptions(s) of the injuries or dangers

Identities of alleged perpetrator(s) and their relationship(s) to the victim

Witnesses to the incident(s) and how to reach those witnesses

Details of any physical evidence available

Perpetrator's current access to the child

Present condition of the child (alone, in need of medical attention, etc.)

The location of the child and directions to that location

Any statements from the child

Parent's or perpetrator's explanation of the alleged child victim's condition or the incident

Parent's current emotional, physical or mental state, especially feelings about the child and reactions to the report

How the reporter came to know the information and the reporter's thoughts about the likelihood of further harm to the child

What if I don't know the answer to all of the questions I'm being asked?

You do not have to be able to answer all the questions. If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, you should report the information you know. It's the law.

Brighton High School's Vocational Advanced Placement Class visited Covington and Mayor Hanson at City Hall



An education is not complete without learning about your community and how things work. This was the purpose for Brighton High's VAP class as they visited Covington. Among other things, they stopped by for a visit with Mayor Hanson. He asked them what they like best about school now and what they want to do after graduation. He talked about the importance of doing your best, sticking to your goals, taking care of yourself, and surrounding yourself with good people you can trust. They had great questions and shared their interests and ambitions with him. Students were accompanied by Betty Ammons, Perrylin Austil, and Kelsi Williams.

Art Classes Going Strong at Museum



Barbara McBride teaches art on Friday mornings. The Artist Series for Kids will meet again on June 2. For more information on art and other classes and events at the Tipton County Museum, please call 901-476-0242 or [click here](#).

Bales and Tyler Presented DSCC Outstanding Alumni Award

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) honored Jennifer Tyler of Brighton and the late Franklin Bales of Dyersburg with the Outstanding Alumni Award March 29 inside the Student Center on the Dyersburg campus. Luciana Shaw, president of the DSCC Alumni Association, along with Dr. Karen A. Bowyer, president of DSCC, presented the awards in front of 175 faculty and staff during the College's spring conference.

Tyler graduated from DSCC with an Associate of Science degree in Social Sciences in 2001, an Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice in 2005 and an Associate of Applied Science degree in Justice Services in 2005. She also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts from Excelsior College in 2011, a Master of Arts degree in Education from Bethel University in 2012, and a Master of Arts degree in English from the University of Memphis in 2014, and also graduated from the Instructional Leadership Program from Bethel University in 2014.

Tyler worked as a receptionist at Brighton Family Medicine from 2005-2009 and began her teaching career at Munford High School in 2009 where she is currently employed as a College Preparatory English teacher. She serves on the faculty council of the National Honor Society, sponsors Key Club, handles alumni relations and serves as a liaison to city and county government and civic entities. She also teaches print and broadcast journalism to upper-level students.

Bales graduated from DSCC with an Associate of Applied Science degree in General Studies in 2015. He continued his education at Bethel University from fall 2015 through spring 2016 and then attended the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in the fall of 2016. A 6'4" forward from Halls High, he was a member of the DSCC men's basketball team from 2013 to 2015. He received Tennessee Community College Athletic Association (TCCAA) Academic Honors for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 academic years. He was named a DSCC scholar-athlete for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 academic years for achieving a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher. In 2014, he received DSCC's Most Improved Player Award and in 2015, he received the Best 3-Point Percentage and Best Free-Throw Percentage Awards as well as the Highest GPA Award amongst his teammates. Bales also received the 2014-2015 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Exemplary Academic Achievement Award for obtaining a GPA between 3.60 and 3.79.

"DSCC gave Frank the opportunity to continue to play basketball and he loved every minute that he spent with the team," stated Paula Bales, Franklin's mother. "Due to the small size of Dyersburg State, he was able to get to know not only the professors he had in class, but also other faculty and staff. He also received an excellent background as evidenced by his academic performance when he transferred to a 4-year university."

Bales passed away Dec. 23, 2017, after a brave battle with cancer. DSCC President Karen Bowyer and Alumni President Luciana Shaw presented the Outstanding Alumni Award posthumously to Bales' family in his honor.



Each year, DSCC presents the Outstanding Alumni Award to nominated individuals that have excelled in their field, given back to the community, and served as positive role models. Alumni that are interested in joining the DSCC Alumni Association should contact Amy Finch, director of public information and alumni coordinator, at 731-286-3347 or finch@dsc.edu.



Dyersburg State was Awarded \$476,280 Delta Health Care Services Grant

On April 13, Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) announced it has been awarded the Delta Health Care Services Grant for \$476,280. The announcement was held inside the Student Center on the DSCC Dyersburg campus in front of over 50 legislators, community leaders and representatives from local businesses, industries and organizations. Representatives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Office of Rural Development and Delta Regional Authority (DRA) were also on hand to celebrate the announcement.

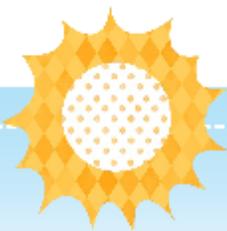
“Not only will these funds provide state-of-the-art simulation equipment for our emergency medical services programs and new nursing labs, it will also allow DSCC to expand its paramedic to RN fast track program to the Dyersburg campus and develop a RN to Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN) partnership enrollment program with The University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center in Memphis,” stated Dr. Karen Bowyer, president of DSCC. In addition, DSCC plans to achieve the overall goal of the grant by offering a CNA program in conjunction with Peabody High School and other high schools in the region; creating a pathway for advancement for RNs in northwest Tennessee; and providing job placement assistance to graduates with assistance from the American Job Centers.

The investment will be used to provide equipment, a one-year faculty salary for the Paramedic to RN Program in Dyersburg, and technical assistance, specifically for health care training in the rural areas of northwest Tennessee. It is designed to create a pipeline of rural health care workers to fill shortages currently present in the fields of emergency medical technicians (EMTs), advanced EMTs, paramedics, critical care paramedics, registered nurses (RNs) and certified nursing assistants (CNAs). In turn, the project will create entry points to health care professions and expand the access to primary health care for rural residents.



On hand for the announcement were (from left) Joel Howard, area director for rural development of USDA, Peter Kinder, alternate federal co-chairman of Delta Regional Authority, Dr. Karen Bowyer, president of DSCC, Jim Tracy, state director for rural development of USDA, Ed Jackson, state senator for Tennessee, and Tyler Hayes, area specialist for rural development of USDA.

Face Painting



Hands-On Activities

Keep Tipton County Beautiful

Presents

Earth Fest 2018

Plants

1234 Munford Ave.
(the log cabin in Munford, TN)
Saturday, April 28nd, 2018
10 am to 2 pm

Crafts

Free Information on the
Environment, Recycling and easy
ways to

"GO GREEN!"



Make a Difference - RECYCLE

Conserve natural resources
Save landfill space and energy
Reduce water and air pollution



You're Invited!

To whom it may concern:

St.Luke Baptist Church Community Life Center will be hosting our 2nd Annual Career Day and we would love for you to grace us with your presence. With your support, we are confident that this event will be a huge success.

When: Thursday, May 31st, 2018

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Set up time 9:30)

Where: St.Luke Baptist Church Life Center

632 St.Luke Rd.

Covington, TN 38019

Food will be available for purchase.

This event is open to all ages with a focus on high school students and above.

There will be several careers represented, organizations, and schools at this event to share their expertise with you and your team. Their personal, spiritual, or educational journey can be used to inspire you all. There will be brochures, hand-outs, applications, promotional merchandise, displays, exhibits, artifacts, and door prizes available to make your experience worthwhile.



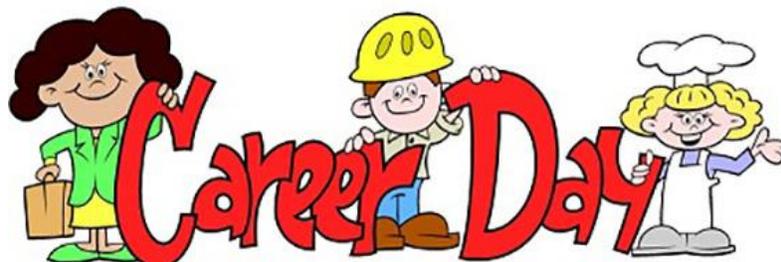
This Career Day will be a fruitful and edifying experience for all. Our prayers are that we can all come together to share careers and open minds to new career opportunities. Although this is a cost-free event, our community will reap the rewards later. If you are able to bless this event with your presence, please confirm by emailing Ayanna Dowell (adowell@tipton-county.com) or calling (901) 3618807.

Respectfully Yours,

Ayanna Dowell

Tamika Poindexter

Career Day Coordinators



4-H Summer Camp



Summer 4-H Camp, 2018
4-H Members in the 4th-6th Grade
June 18-22, 2018
Ridley 4-H Center, Columbia, TN
Registration Deadline: Friday, May 25, 2018

Spots still available

**Call Tipton County Extension Office at
901-476-0231 to sign up**

University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, Tennessee State University, US Department of Agriculture and county governments are cooperating. UT/TSU Extension provides equal opportunities in program and employment.

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Covington, TN 38019
901-476-0231 phone
901-476-0249 fax

Dear Future 4-H Sponsor,

Youth in Tipton County continues to make the “Best Better” by being involved with 4-H. 4-H is the largest youth organization in the world providing youth the opportunity to “Learn by doing.” Tipton County 4-H is offered to the young people within their school. Tipton County 4-H is reaching over 1,000 youth within the school system.

4-H Youth in Tipton County have been hard at work this past school year. Several has participated in 4-H activities and events across the county, region, state, and even nationally. Our county has sent youth to 4-H conferences, participated in horse judging, forestry judging, outdoor meat cookery, consumer decision making, and shooting sports contests.

We are asking you to become a sponsor of our Tipton County 4-H Youth Development program to help us invest in the youth of Tennessee who will be the future leaders of tomorrow. We would like to ask you to become a 4-H Camp Sponsor to help send 4-Hers to camp this summer. Please consider helping a local youth experience summer camp. All donations are eligible for tax exemptions. Your donation will be greatly appreciated, as it will help ensure our youth have as many opportunities as possible to develop their unique skills and talents to their fullest potential.

If you would like to sponsor a Tipton County 4-Her to attend summer camp you can write a check out to the Tennessee 4-H Foundation, and they will deposit the money into our Tipton County 4-H account. You can receive a tax letter from the 4-H Foundation if you need one. The sooner we receive your donation the sooner we can share the exciting news to a 4-Her. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us at any time.

Sincerely,

Brigitte Passman
Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development
brigpass@utk.edu

Quotable Quotes

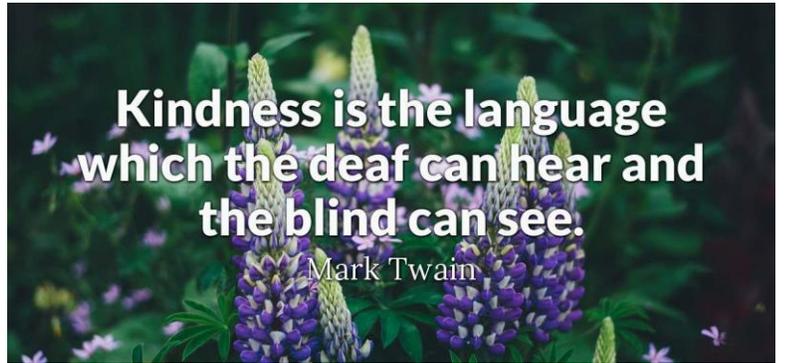
There can be no keener revelation
of a society's soul than the way in which
it treats its children.

- Nelson Mandela

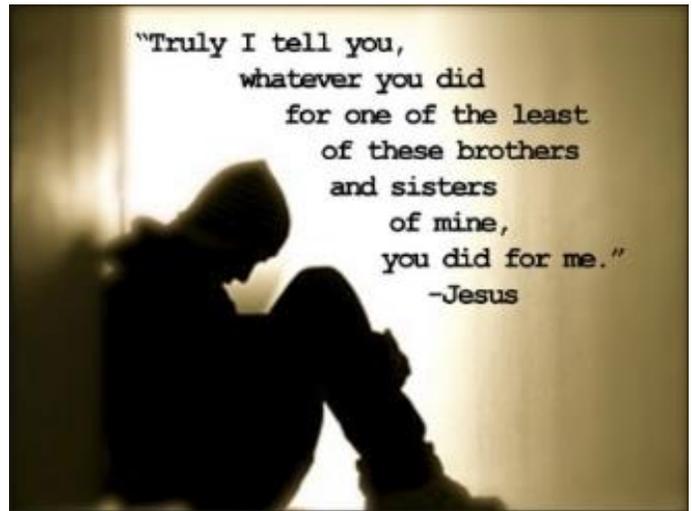


Kindness is the language
which the deaf can hear and
the blind can see.

Mark Twain

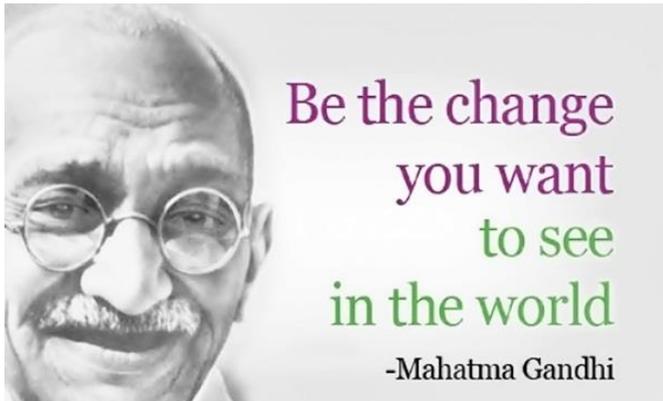


"Truly I tell you,
whatever you did
for one of the least
of these brothers
and sisters
of mine,
you did for me."
-Jesus



Be the change
you want
to see
in the world

-Mahatma Gandhi



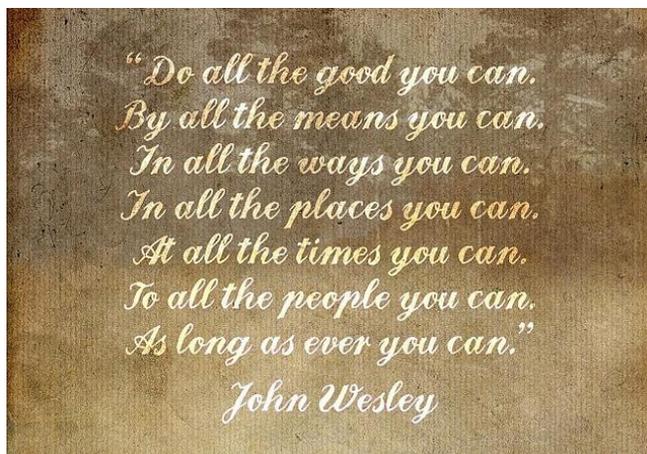
*"Not all of us
can do great things. But
we can do small things
with great love."*

Mother Teresa

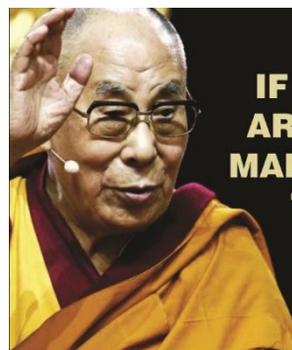


*"Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can."*

John Wesley



**IF YOU THINK YOU
ARE TOO SMALL TO
MAKE A DIFFERENCE,
TRY SLEEPING
WITH A
MOSQUITO.**



**2018
Music on the Square
Line-Up**



**April 28
Amber McCain**

**May 5
Sierra Rain**

**May 12
New Generation**

**May 19
Seth Walker**

**May 26
Me & Ce**

Music on the Square is a family, free, fun event that takes place on Covington's beautiful downtown historic square Saturday evenings in late April and May. Music begins at 7:00 pm and ends at 9:00 pm. If it should rain, the music will take place inside the Covington Civic Center.

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!

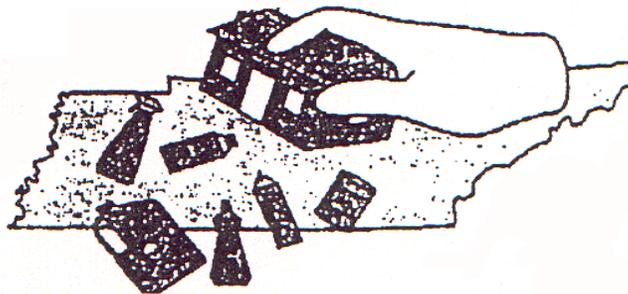
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Saturday – May 19, 2018

Sponsored by Tennessee
Department of Environment
and Conservation

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Brighton High School
8045 Hwy 51 South, Brighton



Household Hazardous Waste - is defined as corrosive, flammable, toxic, or reactive materials used in your home, car or truck, or garden and lawn that is unwanted/unusable.

Now's your chance... It's FREE!

You can dispose of all those left over household chemicals, lawn and garden products and automotive materials that you've never known what to do with.

Things to Bring:

Household Cleaners

Drain openers
Oven Cleaners
Wood Cleaners & Polishes
Metal Cleaners & Polishes
Toilet Bowl Cleaners
Disinfectants

Home Maintenance

Chemicals

Paint Thinner
Wood Preservatives
Paint Strippers & Removers,
Adhesives
Oil-based Paint

Miscellaneous

Fingernail Polish Remover
Pool Chemicals
Photo Processing Chemicals
Medicines & Drugs
Reactive Materials
Aerosols
Compressed Gas
Mercury Thermostats
Mercury Thermometers
Fluorescent Light Bulbs
Needles/Sharps (in container)
Lead

Lawn & Garden

Chemicals

Herbicides
Pesticides
Fungicides
Fertilizers

Automotive Products

Fuel Additives
Grease & Rust Solvents
Air Conditioning Refrigerants
Starter Fluids
Body Putty
Coolants
Carburetor/ Fuel Injector Cleaners

NO Medical Waste, Infectious Waste, Radioactive Waste, Explosives, Ammunition, Electronics, Latex Paint, Motor Oil, Alkaline Batteries, or Any Empty Containers.

Waste from NON-household sources such as Businesses, Schools, Farms, Churches, Etc. will be accepted BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Call 615-643-3170 to request a price quote and schedule an appointment.

If you have questions or need additional information, please call 901-476-0254.

DSCC's Next Paramedic-to RN Program to be Held at Dyersburg Campus Fall 2018 and in Covington in 2019

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) will begin its Paramedic to RN fast track program at its Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County in spring 2019 with an application deadline of Sept. 1, 2018.

For more information, contact Jackie Cherry at 731-286-3390 or email cherry@dsc.edu.



DSCC to Implement Year-Round Pell Grant Beginning this Summer Semester

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) has announced that it will implement the **year-round Pell Grant** beginning this summer semester. Eligible students will receive a full Pell Grant for summer semester even if they received a full Pell Grant during the fall 2017 and spring 2018 semesters. Students must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours to take advantage of this opportunity.

To apply for the Pell Grant for summer 2018, students must complete the 2017-2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.gov. DSCC's School Code is 06835. Students must also complete the 2018 Summer Financial Aid Request – PELL form. To complete this form, students must log in to the MyDSCC student portal, click on the "Student" tab, click on "2018 Summer Financial Aid Request – PELL" under the "Student Quick Links" box, then follow the steps to complete the form.

Students who do not meet the eligibility requirements for the Federal Pell Grant may request a student loan to help pay for summer courses. Students must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours to be eligible for a student loan. To complete the Student Loan Request Form, students must log in to the MyDSCC student portal, click on the "Student" tab, click on the "2018 Loan Request Form – Summer" under the "Student Quick Links" box, then follow the steps to complete the form.

Registration for summer classes begins March 19. DSCC encourages all students to take advantage of the year-round Pell Grant and other financial aid opportunities this summer to finish your degree faster. The Financial Aid Office will begin posting summer 2018 awards to students' MyDSCC accounts in or around April 2018. Students must have all verification paperwork submitted to be considered for financial aid.

For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office at 731-286-3350 or financialaid@dsc.edu.

Covington Integrated Arts Academy
Kindergarten Registration



8 a.m.- 6 p.m.

March 8, 2018

April 5, 2018

May 15, 2018

Covington Integrated Arts Academy
760 Bert Johnston Avenue
Covington, TN 38019
901-840-9150

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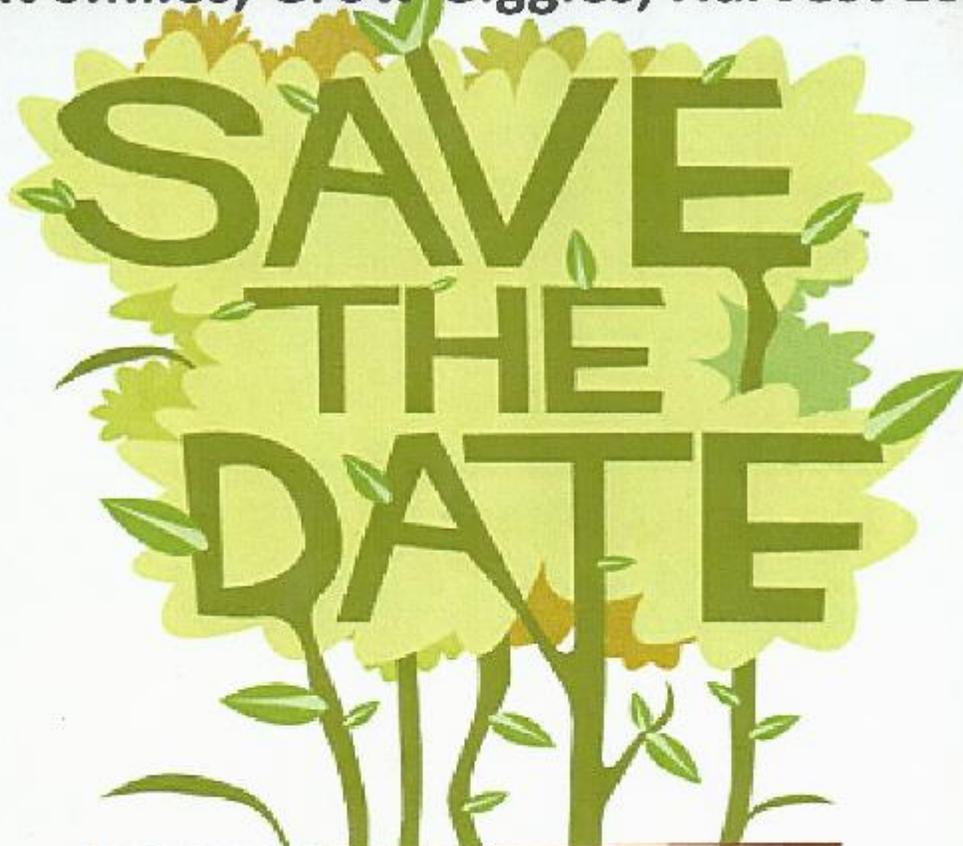
Artist Reception held at Dyersburg State in Covington

Monday night was the awards reception for the Tipton County Art Exhibit at Dyersburg State Community College in Covington. The food was good and plentiful, and Kreston Smith did a great job providing the music. Mike Elkins won Best of Show, Jean Wheeler won First Place, Kristy Harrington won 2nd Place, Cathy Kinney won 3rd Place, Debra Howze won Best Creativity, and Sharon Stubblefield won Best Use of Color. Honorable mentions were won by Lynda Davison, Richard Reed, Cindy Scott, Donna Rhodes, Sara Griffin, and Patricia McCorkle. The paintings will be on display and on sale through August 10.



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The Historic
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2018

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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!

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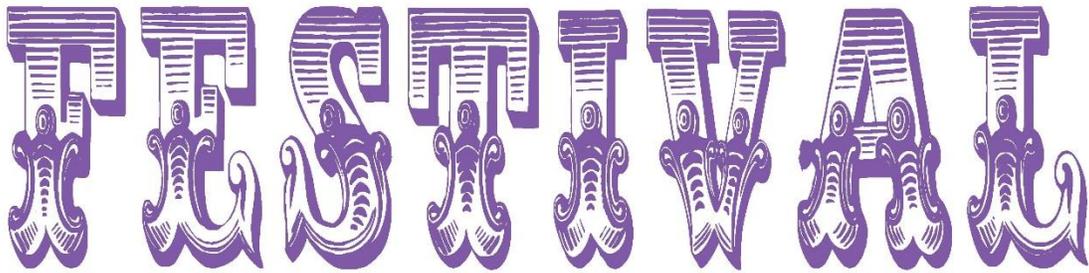


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Library Services Events Calendar



Tipton County Public Library

April



Adult Events:

Trivia Night – Disney Trivia *April 17th @ 2:00pm & April 23rd @ 6:30pm*

Adult Movies:

“Downsizing” - April 3rd @ 1:00pm

“Nights in Rodanthe” – April 10th @ 2:00pm

“Something Borrowed” - April 21 @ 10:00am

“The Commuter” – April 24th @ 1:00pm

Adult Book Club:

“Nights in Rodanthe” by Nicholas Sparks - April 10th @ 1:00pm

Adult Coloring Club – April 17th @ 2:00pm

Kid/Teen/Family Special Events:

Family: Jungle Family Storytime - *April 14th @ 10:00am*

Teen: Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (movie) & Life-sized Jumanji board game -
April 14th @ 12:30pm

NEW!

Parent-Child Book Club @ the Library!

“Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone” by J.K. Rowling

April 23rd @ 5:00pm

Facebook Book Clubs!

Check out our Tipton County Library Facebook and click our group’s page to join in.

Adults: Book 2 Movie - *“Something Borrowed” by Emily Giffin*

Questions? Please give us a call!

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Check out all the events on our Facebook page -

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Don't Miss these FUN Events at the Tipton County Library!

Movie Days

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Downsizing
April 3rd @ 1:00 PM [R] 125 Min.

Nights in Rodanthe
April 10th @ 2:00 PM [PG-13] 97 Min.

Something Borrowed
April 21st @ 10:00 AM [PG-13] 112 Min.

The Commuter
April 24th @ 1:00 PM [PG-13] 105 Min.

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Ages 18 & up

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April 17th @ 2:00PM

April 23rd @ 6:30 PM

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What's Happening at the Museum?

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

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Want to know background information about exhibits at the Tipton County Veteran's Memorial Museum? Check out their new section called "Beneath the Dirt" that explains all the back story! <https://beneaththedirtsite.wordpress.com>

[Read the Museum Newsletter by Clicking Here](#)

Museum Gets Outside Electrical Access for Events





Tipton County Museum

“Artist Series for Kids”

2018 Schedule

Saturday, February 10. 1 to 3 p.m.

Edouard Manet, “Two Pears”

Presented in Acrylic on Canvas



Saturday, June 2. 1 to 3 p.m.

Salvador Dali, “The Melting Watch”

Presented in Mixed Media on Canvas



Saturday, August 4. 1 to 3 p.m.

Wassily Kandinsky, “Color Studies 1927”

Presented in Oil Pastels on Canvas



Saturday, October 6. 1 to 3 p.m.

Auguste Renoir “Windy Landscape”

Presented in Chalk Pastels on Paper



Your child will be introduced to the famous artist, then paint one of their famous paintings. All materials are included. Program Fee is \$20 for Museum Members , \$25 for General Public. A Sibling Discount is available. A snack will be provided. Ages 10 and up. Preregistration is requested.

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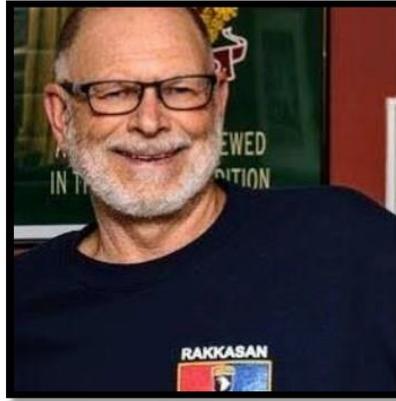
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Gioiello Featured Artist



William Van der Ven

Born in Pau, France, Bill grew up in San Francisco and joined the Air Force after high school. He attended Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base, then photography school at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colorado. During his Air Force career as a photographer he spent 1971 and 1972 in the Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base in Ubon, Tatchathani, Thailand. After the Air Force, Bill completed his education and taught in various schools in California for many years. He and his wife and four dogs moved to Tipton County recently where he continues to write and enjoy kayaking.

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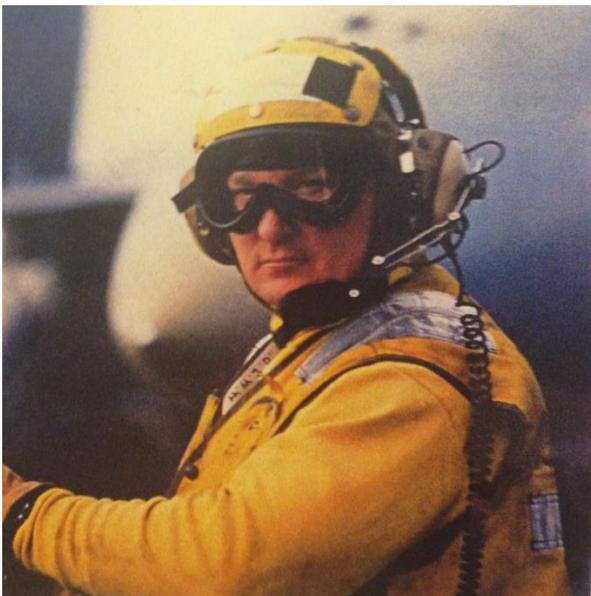
Veteran of the Month

April, 2018

Charles Lee Kennedy

Born on April 23, 1960 in Houston, Texas, Charles Lee Kennedy enlisted in the United States Navy at AFEES in Richmond, Virginia, after graduating from Liberty High School in Bedford, Virginia. He saw the world from his various duty stations: USS MIDWAY (CV-41), USS CARL VINSON (CVN-70), USS NIMITZ (CVN-68), USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72), and the USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65). He worked in one of the world's most dangerous jobs - the flight deck of aircraft carriers – where he served as both Fly Deck and Crash and Salvage Leading Petty Officer. Looking for a change, he jumped on an opportunity to change ratings to a less dangerous job - Master at Arms. Charles fought in Operation Desert Storm (also known as The First Gulf War) , Operation Praying Mantis (the retaliation for Iranian mine-laying operations that resulted in damage to and death aboard USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS (FFG-58), and Operation Earnest Will (the escort and protection of tankers in the Persian Gulf). For his exemplary service he was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal (2), Navy Unit Commendation (2), Meritorious Unit Commendation (2), Battle “E” (4), Good Conduct Medal (5), National Defense Service Medal (2), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (3), Southwest Asia Service Medal with Bronze Star, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (9), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), Overseas Service Ribbon, Navy Expert Rifle Marksmanship Medal, Navy Expert Pistol Marksmanship Medal, and the Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist Breast Insignia. Charles loved the time he spent in the Navy and comes from a patriotic heritage – his father served four years in the Marine Corps.

After retiring from the Navy in August of 2003, he spent twelve years at the Memphis Airport as a dispatcher for their in-house police force. In 2008 he opened his own business in Burlison, CK's Home and Office Maintenance, which has earned numerous high ratings from Home Advisor and the Better Business Bureau.



Charles and his wife Donna live in Burlison and are members of Beaver Baptist Church. Charles' stepson and two grandchildren live in Germantown. He leads a men's outreach basketball ministry on Monday nights. He was nominated for Veteran of the Month by his niece Angie Childers.



The Tipton County Veteran's Council along with the Tipton County Museum, Veterans' Memorial, and Nature Trail hosted a reception honoring April Veteran of the Month Charles Lee Kennedy. The conference room was full of fellow veterans, family, friends, and girl scouts, who provided refreshments.



The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial
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Veteran of the Month Reception

Every 2nd Tuesday Evening at 6:30

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