

May 19 – May 25 *



Thoughts and perceptions
from Mayor Justin Hanson

Dear Friends,

We are coming up on a three-day weekend - [Memorial Day](#). This is the holiday associated with the end of school and the beginning of summer. However, Memorial Day is a solemn day of remembrance for everyone who died serving in the American armed forces. The holiday, originally known as Decoration Day, started after the Civil War to honor the Union *and* Confederate dead. In the years following the Civil War, Memorial Day celebrations were scattered and, perhaps unsurprisingly, took root differently in the North and South. It wasn't until after World War II that the holiday gained a strong following and national identity, and it wasn't officially named Memorial Day until 1967. Covington City Hall and all offices will be closed to commemorate Memorial Day and show respect to all who have served this great country.

Although Memorial Day is a solemn day of remembrance, it does unofficially usher in summer and I must tell you how proud I am of the many wonderful summer opportunities we have throughout our fine city for our youth. Our Parks and Recreation department is offering all stages of swimming lessons for children *and* adults. They have also put together a summer camp schedule for kids with all kinds of interests – sports camps, including soccer, futsal, and lacrosse, and camps in the arts including art, band, and choir. The Tipton Arts Council is presenting The Wizard of Oz for their summer theater camp at CIAA – a childhood favorite! Dyersburg State is offering a wide variety of summer camps for kids and there's 4-H Camp offered by the TN Agriculture Extension office in Covington. Tipton County Schools offers School-Age Childcare throughout the summer and the Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region has a full summer schedule as well. What fabulous opportunities for our children! I hope you have checked all of these out and will take advantage of some of them. [Check out the listings in this newsletter](#) for more information and contacts. Enjoy your Memorial Day weekend and remember those who have served.

Justin

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.**

***Plans are underway for another exciting BBQ Festival. The festival will take place June 1-2 at Cobb Parr Park. We will have opening ceremonies, THE FunkMonsters, and a Corn Hole tournament - all on Friday night. Save the dates!**

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!**

***Check out the LARGE PAPER lawn and Refuse Bags at Home Depot! What a great way to be environmentally friendly while bagging up yard/lawn debris. They stand on their own, withstand a day or two outside, they are very affordable, and NOT PLASTIC!**

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.

***Report un-mowed, unkempt areas to CODES at 901-476-9613 ext 146**

PARKS AND RECREATION:

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 soon as these wonderful opportunities will fill up quickly!

COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT:

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.

COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT:

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

Public Safety Committee hears Reports from Fire and Police

Immediately following the called meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee, the Public Safety Committee held their regular monthly meeting in the lower level conference room at Covington City Hall on May 22, 2018.

Present were Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis, Covington Fire Department Assistant Chief Richard Griggs, Chairman Alderman Mac McGowan, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman CH Sullivan, Mayor Justin Hanson, and Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware. Also present was Alderman John Edwards.

Alderman McGowan called the meeting to order at 1:00 with a quorum present, and called on Chief Buddy Lewis to make his report.

CPD Chief Buddy Lewis:

- Officer Rushell Guarian has been promoted to corporal
- SRO Officer Brodie has turned in his resignation
- A new security system at the old CPD building has been installed and is working.
- Chief Lewis attended a session last week regarding training to assess school buildings for safety. Lewis believes there'll be monies available through the State of Tennessee to upgrade school building safety. There is another funding source Lewis believes will help fund the SRO (School Resource Officer) program in Covington, and hopes to get an additional officer for this purpose. Lewis stated there is also legislation in Tennessee to hire/pay off-duty and/or retired officers as school security guards. All of these possibilities are up-in-the-air and will be determined by votes by our representatives, Tipton County Schools' decision whether or not to participate, and Governor's programs offered in Tennessee. Lewis is hopeful these will be steps that will improve safety in our schools.

McGowan asked how much Tipton County helps with SRO officers in Covington schools, and the answer to that is *not at all*. McGowan stated there are 5 Tipton County schools in Covington and he feels Tipton County should at least *assist* with SRO officers. Chief Lewis stated further that the SRO officer is on same schedule as schools and Covington Police Department gets no additional work from them. Lewis stated being an SRO officer is totally different than being on the streets and requires different training and certification. Sullivan asked what is the cost for our SRO officer, and Lewis stated we get \$28,000 from Tipton County Schools (which is provided through the State), and the City of Covington provides the rest of the salary *and* benefits for the one SRO officer that services 5 Tipton County Schools in the City of Covington. Lewis stated he has tried to get additional help with SRO officer, but has been unable to do so. Lewis stated he will meet with Dr. John Combs, Director of Tipton County Schools, ASAP regarding this issue.

- CPD officers who are military personnel in training will return to Covington on May 26. Lewis stated these officers have been to the premier military training center in the *world* – it is Fort Irwin in the Mojave Desert in California, and is a tremendous training opportunity for not only American soldiers, but for the CPD police officers who have been part of this military training.
- Paperwork for new officers Taylor and Elkins has been submitted to the State training academy and hopefully they will get in soon and start working toward certification.
- CPD is accepting applications for officers at this time. There are 3 positions open.
- April statistics:

- 114 arrests
- 76 citations
- Responded to 2550 calls
- 17,843 patrol miles driven
- SWAT call last week on Sanford Street – SWAT activity and special training will continue – Nelson and Nacarato will be attending specialized training in Nashville at Tennessee Dangerous Drugs Task Force

Alderman McGowan asked Lewis if he has budgeted monies for a reserve officer program, and Lewis stated he has not because of the amount of money and time needed for training. There being no further questions for Chief Lewis, the committee voted to accept his report

McGowan then called on Assistant Chief Griggs for his report from the CFD:

- Landscaping at both stations is complete thanks to Tim Taylor with the City of Covington’s Grounds Crew and Sheryl Rose with the Tipton County Master Gardeners.
- ISO training event has been held and several from CFD attended
- Chief Naifeh is attending FEMA Advanced Academy in Franklin this week
- Griggs is completing West Star training and will graduate from the UTM program June 21 in Jackson
- Volunteer Firefighter update – graduation June 18 at 6:00 at Covington North Station
- Run Report was distributed to committee members, which included - but not limited to -
 - 30 sick parties
 - 23 breathing difficulties
 - 15 persons unconscious
 - 13 fire alarms and 13 medical alarms
 - 11 seizures

For a total of 286 calls from April 24 2018 to May 21, 2018.

- CARE report also attached to Griggs’ packet for committee members.
- Active shooter training is being planned with local industries in collaboration with Covington Police Department and Tipton County Sheriff’s Office.

Alderwoman Bommer motioned to accept Chief Griggs report and Alderman Sullivan seconded. Motion passed to accept CFD report. Bommer went on to thank the safety personnel in Covington and expressed her appreciation for the public servants in Covington.

Alderman McGowan asked for an update on paramedic training. Griggs said they are in clinicals now and set to graduate as licensed paramedics in September. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Hanson was guest reader at the Tipton County Public Library’s “Storytime”



Join us for Coffee with the Mayor



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

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
Tuesday, July 10 Little Jimmy's Lunch Box – 511 East Liberty
Tuesday, July 24 Little Jimmy's Lunch Box – 511 East Liberty
Tuesday, August 07 Little Jimmy's – 511 East Liberty
Tuesday, August 21 Little Jimmy's – 511 East Liberty
Tuesday, September 04 Little Jimmy's – 511 East Liberty
Tuesday, September 18 Little Jimmy's – 511 East Liberty



CLICK ON THE CHAMBER LOGO ABOVE TO READ THEIR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Governor Announces Opportunity Zones

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bob Rolfe announced last Friday that the U.S. Department of Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) have approved Tennessee's nomination of 176 Opportunity Zones.

The list and map of Tennessee's approved Opportunity Zones can be found [here](#), and includes the City of Covington and Tipton County.

"This is an exciting day for Tennessee as we announce the approved Opportunity Zones for our state," Haslam said. "As part of the Opportunity Zone benefit, communities across Tennessee will be better equipped to succeed. Tennessee's 176 Opportunity Zones are dispersed across all three of Tennessee's grand divisions, and I look forward to seeing how this program will transform our communities and Tennessee as a whole."

"We are pleased to announce the 176 approved Opportunity Zones in Tennessee," Rolfe said. "The State emphasizes attracting and expanding businesses to Tennessee's low-income communities, and with the assistance of the Opportunity Zone benefit, these communities will have another advantage to grow and create more jobs and opportunities."

Investors choosing to re-invest their capital gains in opportunity zones can earn federal capital gains tax benefits. Qualifying investments include multifamily housing, industrial development, brownfield redevelopment, retail development and a variety of other investments.

Called F & A Meeting Hears United Way and Department Head Budgetary Requests

The Finance and Administration Committee met in a called meeting to hear budget requests Tuesday, May 22 at Covington City Hall at 1:00 in the Lower Level Conference Room. Present were Chairman Alderman C.H. Sullivan, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman John Edwards, Alderman Mac McGowan, Recorder-treasurer Tina Dunn, Building Inspector and Codes Enforcement Officer Lessie Fisher, Public Works Director David Gray, Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis, Covington Assistant Fire Chief Richard Griggs, Human Resources Director Tiny Barton, Parks and Recreation Director Joe Mack, Mayor Justin Hanson, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, and Mary Sexton and Stacey Zebb with United Way

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 1:00 with a quorum present and called on Mary Sexton and Stacey Zebb to make their presentation from United Way.

- Not your grandfather's United Way – reorganized and reinvigorated
- Support 8 counties, including Tipton County.
- Support high-performing agencies – lists provided – that provide programs (over 200) through those agencies
- Allocations committee (Tipton County) determine where funds go.
- 600,000 individuals were served in 2016 through United Way agencies
- UW is a non-profit that focuses on the human services sector – health, wealth, and
- You, as a donor, have the ability to determine where your donations are used.
- Here to talk about how we can be your administrator for allocations to non-profits.
- \$32,000 was donated to non-profits in Tipton County in 2017 via United Way.

Mayor Hanson stated there are two issues here – employee donations via payroll deduction and the City of Covington allocating our non-profit donations through United Way. Non-profits will present an application to United Way for support and *their* Allocations Committee would then determine how funds will be distributed. Sexton stated United Way is always looking for volunteers to serve on their Allocations Committee and welcomes interested people to contact her. Alderwoman Bommer stated getting assistance via United Way is not an easy process, but it is a dependable resource for non-profits. United Way provides assistance to credited non-profits, but not churches, schools, or universities.

No decision was made – this was simply an opportunity for United Way to present information to the committee. However, committee members did continue with a discussion regarding the services provided by United Way and how those might be utilized by the City of Covington. Alderwoman Bommer stated she feels we need to get out of the business of “allocating” and allow the United Way to do this. Chairman Sullivan encouraged committee members to do some research and come prepared to discuss this further at the next meeting, which has been scheduled for Thursday, May 24.

Chairman Sullivan continued the meeting by calling on Police Chief Buddy Lewis to make his budgetary presentation.

Chief Lewis:

- Will be hiring 3 officers who may need training./certification. Can also use V Academy, which is online training. Many officers request specialized training, which will most likely be out-of-town. These kinds of things brought an increase to training budgetary requests.

- Telephones and communication services increased due to operating out of 3 different locations
- Maintenance for vehicles and buildings line items also increased
- Clothing and uniforms line item also increased due to costs for these items increasing
- Firing Range increased due to fact CPD uses Tipton County range and may need to assist with upkeep
- Janitorial Services – need assistance with cleaning – also increased
- Price of gas and diesel going up – also increased.
- Lewis wants to utilize monies available via USDA to assist with department – wants to use this to directly address and prevent crime. If we can do this, city would be responsible for 45%
- Additional \$12,000 to pay for lease of vehicle.

Alderman Edwards asked Lewis if we can use COPS grant, and Lewis stated he has looked into that, but has discovered there is no money for manpower. Lewis went on to say he will continue to explore COPS grant opportunities. Edwards asked Lewis to get Memphis PD reps up here to talk to him about their grants via COPS. McGowan asked Chief if he feels good about budgetary requests and Lewis stated he does. However, Lewis stated 4 officers will be deployed for over a year (and up to a year and a half) in the next year and that concerns him. These soldiers are specialty trained and will hurt the department – he expects overtime to go way up. Alderman Sullivan asked about officer training and canine training, and Lewis stated officer training is \$3500 at State academy and canine training is about \$2500.

Chairman Sullivan then called on Public Works Director David Gray to present his budget

David Gray:

- Street Department lists include
 - annual lease for new truck (former one was wrecked)
 - air hammer
 - new salt shed
 - new car lift and tire changer in city garage
 - increases in building maintenance line item for repairs at city garage
- Grounds maintenance – chemicals
- Sanitation – needs knuckleboom truck and leaf machine
- Water transmission and distribution – increased tank maintenance line item
- Sewer Plant – software upgrade and disinfectant system upgrade and backup generator
- New truck and air-hammer for sewer department
- Training and education line item increased by \$1100 in *each* department for new safety meeting programs.

After a few questions and brief discussion, Chairman Sullivan asked if there were any further questions. Mayor Hanson stated all department heads have presented their requests and the only other thing to consider was whether or not to utilize United Way. Alderman Edwards asked if there was money in budget for cameras at Frazier Park, and Director Mack stated that while this had been approved through his department, there is no money for installing them at this time. They also discussed approving Mr. Mack's request for additional \$50,000 for sports manager in Parks and Recreation Department.

Alderman McGowan stated while all nonprofits do good work, and they need funds for their patrons, he believes we should consider using tax dollars for our departments and their services rather than giving it out. He stated all nonprofits do great work, but they have a Board of Directors and abilities to raise their own funding. Mayor Hanson stated the budget he has presented contains about \$34,000 for nonprofits. McGowan said he has had constituents tell him that if the city supports certain nonprofits, they choose to support others

because those the city supports are already taken care of. McGowan stated he supports using the United Way for distribution of funds for nonprofits rather than the City of Covington doling that out. He went on to say our money is tight and our citizens have no choice in giving us tax monies (property taxes) to the city. However, that is supposed to be used to provide services for our citizens. Alderwoman Bommer stated what is given to nonprofits is a very small amount. McGowan stated he wants to provide Director Mack the position he has asked for and believes that will be a sound investment.

Sullivan stated he feels we need to utilize the funds available through USDA for police department. Alderwoman Bommer asked about monies from hotel-motel user fees or a prepared food tax, as this would bring in much needed funds to the city. Mayor Hanson stated he is still investigating and researching this.

Alderman McGowan asked to get some comparisons from tax rates for Covington as compared to other comparable towns and stated a tax increase would be another resource for getting the funds we need to provide services. Mayor Hanson said the last time taxes were raised in Covington was about 8 years ago and was for 4 corporals in the police department and equipment.

Alderman Sullivan asked about possibility of selling Anderson Park as a means by which to add monies to the budget. Director Mack said the concession stand/restroom facilities cannot be used although they have been cleaned up some – they will not pass inspection for public use. Alderman McGowan asked if Anderson Park could be considered a possibility for police facility. David Gray stated there is a rectifier bed on that property and a sewer main that goes down the middle of that property. Alderman Edwards asked to take another look at all vehicles requested to be purchased this year out of general fund and determine necessity. Mayor Hanson stated the only vehicle scheduled to come out of general fund is the fire department Tahoe. The lease for this was \$11,000 a year for 3 years. McGowan suggested moving vehicles around interdepartmentally rather than purchasing new. Discussions continued with various suggestions, but no decisions were made. Alderwoman Bommer stated utilizing United Way is one of the best things the City of Covington could do, and she wants the City to donate the monies we have given to nonprofits in the past to United Way, in addition to offering payroll deduction to employees. Mayor Hanson stated he had very positive interaction with United Way in the past.

There being no further items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Called F & A Meeting Approves Additional Funding for Chamber – No Decisions on Non-Profits

Mayor Hanson called Finance and Administration Committee together for the second time this week in an effort to finalize budgetary concerns. That meeting was held Thursday, May 24, at 1:00 at Covington City Hall in the Lower Level Conference Room.

Present were Chairman Alderman CH Sullivan, Alderman John Edwards, Alderman Drew Glass, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Mayor Justin Hanson, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Mack, Assistant Fire Chief Richard Griggs, Police Chief Buddy Lewis, Public Works Director David Gray, Personnel Director Tiny Barton, Building Inspector and Codes Enforcement Officer Lessie Fisher, Echo Day from The Leader, Maleia Evans, Director of the Covington-Tipton Chamber, and Historian David Gwinn.

Chairman Alderman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 1:00 with a quorum present. He began the discussion referring back to the United Way presentation that was made at Tuesday's called meeting. Members had some forms that had been emailed from United Way to consider as discussions took place. Maleia Evans spoke up and said she has served on a United Way Allocations Committee before and helped to clarify how distributions are made through them. Director Evans stated that in her experience with United Way, she observed that many of the non-profits received more in donations than they would have if they were just being supported from one agency.

Alderman Glass asked that before determining nonprofit giving, he wanted to make sure all city departments had been funded as requested. Mayor Hanson asked Director Joseph Mack to address the committee concerning his hopes for additional staff for baseball/softball.

Mr. Mack stated there is an employee in Parks and Rec who has taken on caretaker duties for a family member and perhaps needs part-time scheduling at this time. He hopes to be able to shift that person to part-time and still be able to hire another part-time position. This position will work hand-in-hand with sports coordinator. Alderman Glass asked what would this person do during the "off season", and Director Mack said he needs these people for ongoing maintenance of parks and facilities. Glass stated he feels the money would be better allocated in grounds maintenance, but Mack said he can't tackle everything at one time, but plans to get things accomplished one-thing-at-a-time, which will include maintenance and upkeep to facilities. Glass said without the tools to do the work, the people can't do the job. Mack said he is working to get tools and machines via other avenues, however if he has machines, tools, equipment, and supplies, he will need people to utilize those.

Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn said she was contacted by Kerry Overton, Director of the Tipton County Commission on Aging, asking for funding. Dunn said that all non-profits were mailed letters in March and the deadline for applying for assistance was May 1st. Mayor Hanson stated the line item in this year's budget for nonprofit donations is \$34,600. Dunn said requests received as of May 1 total \$53,000. Chairman Sullivan suggested funding all requests by ½ and putting any surplus into a "miscellaneous" account that could be used for requests that pop up throughout the year, such as from local school bands, sports teams, and other organizations that come to the city for assistance.

Alderman Glass reiterated again his concern for determining city departments and services and then determine how to fund non-profits.

Chairman Sullivan asked Chamber Director Maleia Evans to address the committee and she explained that Covington is up for a Tennessee Main Street designation. She stated that if Covington receives this prestigious designation, it will open up significant grant opportunities and will also open up a full time Main Street Director position. The recommended budget for a successful main street project in any Tennessee small town is

\$100,000. Evans is working on the Chamber budget and Chamber event profits to make real *and* in-kind contributions for this. The Main Street District has been determined to be from the Covington Depot to College Street and north to Ripley Street and South to Sherrod Street – a very large area of potential. Our proposal has been submitted, Main Street directors have visited Covington, and Evans is working on the funding for this project. Evans is asking for \$7500 for this financial request and apologized for the late request, but because this is an “on-going” process, she has just recently learned of the amount needed to complete her budget submission. Mayor Hanson told the Committee that HB 1914 was passed in the Tennessee State Legislature and this allows Chambers of Commerce to be funded via gas utility funds, which takes a huge debt off the city’s general fund. Mayor Hanson asked Evans if Tipton County is also assisting in this endeavor, and she said this is a City of Covington designation and she doesn’t feel comfortable asking them to help support this particular item. Evans went on to say it must be a 3-year commitment for her to submit her final budget proposal. Alderman Edwards stated he fully supports this and encouraged the committee to find means by which to make this happen for our Chamber. Evans stated should Covington receive the Main Street Designation, she will be working very hard to create opportunities for the Chamber to raise monies and self-support the program in the future. Mayor Hanson stated with the approval of the Blight Grant, and the setting of the TIF zone, and perhaps now a Main Street designation, these are exciting times for Covington and all together, this has the potential to catapult us onward and upward.

Sullivan motioned to fund the \$7500 requested by Director Evans as a separate item though the gas fund and make a 3 year commitment to do so. Alderman Edwards seconded. Motion passed. Sullivan stated he is 100% behind it and Evans reiterated her commitment to find funding for the Chamber to support this themselves in the future.

Sullivan then stated to committee members that they are still left with a deficit of about \$12,000 to support Director Mack’s request for another staff member, and they also need to decide how to handle non-profits. Discussion also took place about upping the miscellaneous fund. With 3 committee members absent (Alderman Bommer, Alderman Hadley, and Alderman McGowan), Sullivan stated he is hesitant to move forward at this time in determining whether or not to utilize United Way for the allocations of City donations to non-profits. Sullivan also stated, however, that using the United Way would take a lot of angst and pressure off the Board to determine nonprofit donations, and he knows Alderman Bommer supports doing this.

Lessie Fisher asked if there was any money for ADA improvements in this year’s budget, and Director Gray said there is an extra \$15,000 in the fund from which we will pay for ADA improvements, but we don’t have a plan submitted yet for doing this. Fisher said inspections are wrapping up and her department will have an ADA improvement plan submitted to this committee before the end of this fiscal year. Hanson stated the end of 2019 is a current deadline for implementing plans for ADA improvements. Fisher stated we must show we are making attempts to address these needs, although daunting, and that some communities are submitting 75-year plans for getting all ADA items addressed.

Chief Lewis told the committee that the CPD has received new bullet-proof vests, which were paid for through a grant and funding from the 2017-18 budget. He thanked them for their support in this endeavor. Lewis went on to say he has secured in-vehicle laptops and shotguns in the 17-18 budget, as well. He is looking for cameras and perhaps an additional vehicle using a USDA grant and matching funds that have been requested in the 2018-19 budget.

Lewis also reiterated that CPD will lose 4 officers to active military duty this next fiscal year and that will most certainly require much overtime. Lewis stated that the \$200,000 allocated for salaries will most certainly not address all these needs. It was suggested that the addition of more officers might alleviate the need for and costs of overtime. Hanson suggested using his budgetary request for officers and perhaps seek USDA funding for vehicles. These things are under consideration.

Chairman Sullivan suggested that since 3 aldermen (Hadley, McGowan, and Bommer) were absent today, decisions that are unsettled should be tabled until the next called meeting on May 29th. After brief discussion, Alderman Edwards motioned to table discussions on 501C-3 organizations and United Way until next meeting. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned. The next called meeting will be Tuesday, May 29 at 1:00 at Covington City Hall.



**Doctor Zarr's Amazing Funk
Monster is coming back to
the Covington BBQ Festival
June 1st from 8PM –
Midnight on stage at Baltzer
Field. Come join the fun at
Cobb Parr Park - \$5.00**



UT EXTENSION
INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

 **TENNESSEE**
STATE UNIVERSITY
Cooperative Extension



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!](#)**

**4-H
YOUTH
IN ACTION** 

Covington Car Show Great Success

This year's show hosted over 160 entries that were parked all the way around the square and on several of the side streets. It was a beautiful morning and people attended from all across the Mid-South. It was a busy day on the historic Covington Square, and a great opportunity to visit, mingle, see, learn, shop, and enjoy our community!



People perused around the square and adjacent streets where over 160 antique vehicles were on display. Mayor Hanson took a moment (R) to thank event organizers Burt and Lynn Milam for their work in bringing the show to Covington.

Car Show Winners included:

- Best Paint: Wayne Ellis with a '74 Plymouth 'Cuda
- Best Engine: Geary and Mary Riley with a '66 Chevy Nova
- Best Interior: Zane Fisher with a '35 Ford Sedan
- Chuck Hutton Choice: Joe Cappadona with a '67 SS Chevelle
- Chamber of Commerce Choice: Ricky Muirhead with a '77 Ford Bronco in Pink for Breast cancer awareness
- Mayor's Choice: Ed Timberlake with a '52 Hudson Hornet

Several area businesses donated products or services that were given away: NAPA, Mr. Tire (Co-op), O'Reilly's, Autozone, Advance Auto Parts, and Ted's Glass. There were more than twenty \$25 cash awards provided by the merchants that were distributed to participants,. At each giveaway the merchant's info was shared to promote that particular business.

Special thanks go to The Ruffin, Gateway Church, and Tipton County for making restrooms available to the public.

Mayor Hanson attended West Tennessee Mayor's Association Meeting in Jackson

Mayors from municipalities across West Tennessee were in Jackson this week for legislative updates, a presentation on workforce development, and reports from latest developments with Tennessee Municipal League.



Stanton, TN Mayor Alan Sterbinsky, President of the West Tennessee Mayor's Association, called the meeting to order and led the agenda.



Tennessee Municipal League (TML) Executive Director Margaret Maharry (R) updated mayors on legislative issues facing small cities across Tenn.



Bartlett Mayor Keith McDonald shared ideas and concerns with the group regarding upcoming legislation effecting cities and small towns.



Mayor Hanson (C) sat with with Bill Rawls (L) , Mayor of Brownsville, and Julian McTizic (R), Mayor of Bolivar, and discussed local issues such as industrial recruitment, workforce, as well as potential solutions.



VETERANS BENEFITS SEMINAR

The Tipton County Veterans Service, in conjunction with the Vietnam Veterans of America, will be conducting a Veterans Benefit Seminar for Tipton County Veterans, Widows of Veterans and/or Family Members.

Date: June 7th, 2018
Time: 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Presentation
Questions and Answers session to follow
Location: Gateway on the Square
101 W Court Square
Covington, TN 38019

Topics will INCLUDE Service Related disability compensation, Wartime Veterans pension benefits, Widows of Wartime Veterans pensions, Dependent Compensation, Veteran Health Benefits, and Burial Benefits. If you have been curious about VA Benefits, then this is the seminar you should attend.

Representatives from the Tipton County Veterans Council, Tipton County Veterans Service Office, VAMC MEMPHIS Minority Veterans Program, Vets Center, VA MEMPHIS Eligibility VA MEMPHIS Home Based Primary Care, VA MEMPHIS Customer Service, and West TN Homeless Solutions will be present.

If you have any questions, please call the Tipton County Veterans Services Office at (901)-476-2456 or email at gcritelli@tiptonco.com



Hug a Mug Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening

Saturday, June 9, 10:00 am
825 Highway 51 South
COVINGTON
901-296-5288

Covington Receives Notice to Proceed for Connectivity Project in Frazier Park

After over two years in progress, Covington has finally received a notice to proceed for this grant of nearly \$900,000 that will provide improved drainage, sidewalks, lighting, safety, and connectivity from the Community Center on Jackson Street to Head Start & Boys & Girls Club. See proposed timeline below.



ENGINEERS • ARCHITECTS • PLANNERS

Memphis, TN Jackson, TN Nashville, TN

CITY OF COVINGTON
FRAZIER PARK CONNECTOR
(TDOT PIN #114986.00)

ANTICIPATED PROJECT SCHEDULE

MILESTONE	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
• TDOT Notice-to-Proceed with Construction (Federal grant funds obligated)	Thursday, May 10, 2018
• Clean Bid Book (with 3/9/18 for 8-1)	Tuesday, May 22, 2018
• Bid Advertisements Submitted (TDOT website 24 day min)	Thursday, May 24, 2018
• Bid posted at TDOT website	Thursday, May 24, 2018
• Bid posted in Newspaper (Optional)	Thursday, May 24, 2018
• Pre-Bid Meeting (10 am)	Thursday, June 7, 2018
• Deadline for Bidders' Questions (close of business)	Friday, June 15, 2018
• Last Bid Addendum (Actual deadline would be June 22 midday)	Wednesday, June 20, 2018
• Bid Opening (10 am)	Tuesday, June 26, 2018
• Consultant (A2H) Bid Concurrence	Thursday, June 28, 2018
• TDOT Bid Concurrence	Wednesday, July 11, 2018
• BMA approves Bid Contract (subject to TDOT approval)	Tuesday, July 24, 2018
• Pre-Construction Meeting	Thursday, July 26, 2018
• Town issues Notice to Proceed to Contractor (at Pre-Construction)	Thursday, July 26, 2018
• TDOT's Current Completion Deadline	Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Covington Celebrates National Public Works Week

“The Power of Public Works” theme for the 2018 National Public Works Week gives voice to the impact the many facets of public works have on modern civilization. From providing clean water to disposing of solid waste, to building roads and bridges or planning for and implementing mass transit, to removing snow on roadways or devising emergency management strategies to meet natural or manmade disasters, public works services determine a society’s quality of life. National Public Works Week was celebrated with employees at the city’s maintenance shop with “Oscars” awarded for various categories and voted on by employees. They then enjoyed a fish-fry lunch prepared by CPW employees.



Otis Manley (C) was voted Employee of the Year by his peers in the department. He was congratulated by Director David Gray (L) and Mayor Justin Hanson (R).



The maintenance shop took on a festive mood as National Public Works Week was celebrated with employees In Covington



Mayor Hanson Guest at Kindergarten Graduation

Mayor Hanson shared some words of wisdom with the 2018 kindergarten graduating class at Covington Integrated Arts Academy and asked them to stand up and applaud their parents & supporters for helping get them through this first year of school.



Dr. Bonnie Wright (L) and teacher Heather Daniel (above) were two of the CIAA staff who welcomed families and honored students at this year's kindergarten graduation.



**All I really need to know...
I learned in Kindergarten**

Share everything. Play **fair**. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. **Clean** up your own mess. Don't take things that are not yours. **Say you're sorry** when you hurt somebody. **Wash** your hands before you eat. **Flush**. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. **Live** a balanced life- **learn** some and **think** some and **draw** and **paint** and **sing** and **dance** and **play** and **work** every day some. **Take a nap** every afternoon. When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together. Be aware of **wonder**. **Remember** the little seed in the Styrofoam cup" The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows **how** or **why**, but we are all like that. Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even **the little seed** in the Styrofoam cup- they all die. So do we. And then **remember** the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned-the biggest word of all-**LOOK**.

author ©Robert Fulghum
KinderAlphabet.com



Tyrese Winfrey brings home 1st for the Chargers at State



Taking the center podium for first place while representing Covington High School, Tyrese Winfrey won the 300 meter hurdle at the TSSAA state track finals in Murfreesboro

Collaborative Effort brings Baskets back to Square

Those big, beautiful flower baskets have been placed on the square again this year through a collaborative effort with the CEDC (Covington Economic Development Corporation), Judy and Ken McCool, and Covington Public Works. CPW provided the pretty new “summer” banners.



The Association for the Preservation of African American History and Culture in Tipton County Presents Free Historical Event

All History begins with local history. Share yours.



Protecting the Legacy: African American Women in Tennessee Before 1930

Protecting the Legacy is a project that seeks help from the public to uncover local stories about Tennessee African American women. We are digitizing family and local history related to African American women's political history in Tennessee before 1930. This is an effort to expand the narrative of suffrage, voting, and political activity; and to preserve the contributions and experiences of African American women during this time period. We are looking for family and community history about: suffrage, voting, political activity, Club and Church women, community work, nurses, teachers, and racial uplift.

Please join us on May 31, 2018 to learn more.

There will be a presentation by Dr. Earnestine Jenkins of the University of Memphis. The presentation includes how to begin looking through your family and community memorabilia for this type of history (photographs, letters, scrapbooks, etc.)

11:00am - 1:00pm

Canaan Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 211 N. Main St., Covington, TN 38019

**The event is free. Please bring a Brown Bag Lunch.
More info: www.protect.chickhistory.org**



Image: African American Woman, Memphis, 1890s; Gebhardt & Co., Cottage Gallery Photographers, Beale Street & Mulberry, Memphis, TN; Courtesy Earnestine Jenkins Collection



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





BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE HATCHIE RIVER
REGION

Character Counts Leadership Service Award Luncheon

Tuesday, June 19, 2018, 11:30 a.m.

Covington Civic Center

100 W. Washington Avenue - Covington, TN 38019

Sponsorship Opportunities. Please Check.

<p>____ Please count on us as a GOLD LEVEL SPONSOR (\$1,000 & Above)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 VIP table up front for 8 guests • Listing as "Gold Sponsor" in the luncheon program • Company name & logo on luncheon table • Sponsor of Summer Camp fees for 5 Club Members 	<p>____ Please count on us as a SILVER LEVEL SPONSOR (\$750)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 table with preferential seating for 8 guests • Listing as "Silver Sponsor" in the luncheon program • Company name & logo on luncheon table • Sponsor of Summer Camp Patriotic Week
<p>____ Please count on us as a BRONZE LEVEL SPONSOR (\$500)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 table for 8 guests • Listing as "Bronze Sponsor" in the luncheon program • Company name & logo on luncheon table • Sponsor of 10 Club Members for Project Learn program 	<p>____ Please count on us as a PATRON LEVEL SPONSOR (\$250)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 table for 4 guests • Listing as "Patron Sponsor" in the luncheon program • Company name & logo on luncheon table • Sponsor of Summer Camp Snacks

LUNCHEON INDIVIDUAL TICKET PRICE: \$30.00

ACCEPTANCE

On behalf of _____, I accept this proposal as indicated.

Signed _____ Position/Title _____ Date _____

Company Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

Information concerning the event should be sent to: (if different from above) _____

Please RSVP by June 1, 2018

Make check payable to: Boys & Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region

Mail or Email: Boys & Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region
P.O. BOX 384
Covington, TN 38019
Office: (901) 476-0180 or Email: jamesmoore@bochrr.com

Table Sponsorship Application above – individual tickets are \$30. Please contact Mr. James Moore of the Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region for more information. Join the entire community in honoring the career of Dr. Buddy Bibb.

Don't Miss these Excellent Opportunities for your kids.....

Tipton Arts Council and Covington Integrated Arts Academy Announce Summer Theater Camp

Summer Theater Camp Presents

Auditions
June 2nd & 9th
10:00-2:00
@ CIAA



June 18th - 22nd @ CIAA

Theater camp is open to any student in 2nd- 8th grade. Students will act, sing, dance, design sets and costumes. Camp is everyday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Our performance takes place Friday night at 6:00 p.m. Breakfast and lunch provided. Camp tuition is \$125.00 and includes a t-shirt and dvd of the performance. The camp takes place at Covington Integrated Arts Academy 760 Bert Johnston, Covington, TN

Scholarships are available for those in need, please contact Barbara McBride 901-237-4006 or 901-476-9706

Camper's Name _____

Age: _____ Grade for 2017-2018: _____

Caregiver's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #1: _____ Phone #2: _____

Camper's t-shirt size:

Youth Sm. ___ Youth Med. ___ Youth Lg. ___ Adult Sm. ___ Adult Med. ___ Adult Lg. ___

If you would like to order another shirt, they are \$12.00 each.

Please list any concerns, allergies, or medical problems that the staff should know about: _____

Price of camp is \$125.00, Please make checks payable to *Summer Theatre Camp*

Pick up applications at CIAA or call BARBARA McBRIDE at 901-237-4006




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

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

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
\$45 or an entire Camp
for ONLY \$500



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

Dyersburg State Community College

Summer programs for kids in kindergarten through high school!



June 4-8 Minecraft (Trenton)
June 11-15 Minecraft (Dyersburg)
June 18-22 Minecraft (Covington)
June 18-22 College for Kids (Dyersburg)
June 25-29 College for Kids (Covington)

For more info, call 731-286-3267

June 4-9 Varsity Hoopfest (Dyersburg)
June 11-15 Basketball Camp (Dyersburg)
June 18-22 Basketball Camp (Dyersburg)
June 15-29 Basketball Camp (Dyersburg)

For more info, call 731-288-7742



DYERSBURG STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dyersburg • Covington • Trenton
1510 Lake Road, Dyersburg, TN 38024
731-286-3200 / www.dsc.edu / enroll@dsc.edu

Ribbon Cutting held for Woodmen Life in Covington



Agent Neil Bringle celebrated with his family and staff at the Chamber “Ribbon Cutting” for his Covington location on West Pleasant Street.



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.

Real. Life. Solutions.™

U|EXTENSION
INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE
STATE UNIVERSITY
Cooperative Extension





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.





“A teacher who is attempting to teach without inspiring the pupil with a desire to learn is hammering on cold iron.”

Horace Mann

*it always
seems
impossible
until it
is done.*

- NELSON MANDELA

Never
regret a day
in your life.
Good days
give you
happiness
and bad days
give you
experience.

@FEARLESS_SOUL

CREATE THE HIGHEST, GRANDEST
VISION POSSIBLE FOR YOUR LIFE,
BECAUSE YOU BECOME WHAT YOU

believe

*“Comfort,
the enemy of
progress.”*

.....
P.T. BARNUM

life is like
photography
you use the negatives
to develop

Free cooking class!

Food samples!

Try vegetarian & vegan:
This class helps with weight loss, diabetes,
cancer & heart disease.

Tipton County Public Library
Tuesday, June 19th from 5:00-6:00pm

Questions?

Call Susan at library: 901-476-8289 or
Leslie Caza(teacher): 731-798-1106





- May 26 - Me & Ce plays for [Music on the Square](#) – 7:00
- May 31 – St. Luke Career Day – [click here to learn more](#)
- May 31 – [African American Women in Tennessee](#) – 11:00 – Canaan Baptist Church
- June 1-2 – COVINGTON BBQ FESTIVAL!
- June 02 - [Artist Series for Kids](#) – Salvador Dali – 1:00 – 3:00 - Museum
- June 05 – [Story Time in the Park](#) - 10:00 – Cobb-Parr Park in Covington
- June 07 – [Veterans’ Benefits Seminar](#) – 6:00 – 7:00 – Gateway on the Square in Covington
- June 19 - [Story Time in the Park](#) - 10:00 – Cobb-Parr Park in Covington
- June 19 – Character Counts Leadership Luncheon honoring Dr. Buddy Bibb 11:30 [click here](#)
- June 19 – FREE Cooking Class – Tipton County Library – 5:00 – 6:00
- July 09 – Bloodmobile at Covington City Hall
- July 10 - [Story Time in the Park](#) - 10:00 – Cobb-Parr Park in Covington
- July 24 - [Story Time in the Park](#) - 10:00 – Cobb-Parr Park in Covington



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

[City of Covington](#) 901-476-9613

[Tipton County](#) 901-476-0200

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

The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer



[REPORT LITTER BUGS](#)

Citizen’s Litter Prevention Hotline

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

The Tipton County Museum Presents
Artist Series for Kids
Salvador Dali

Saturday, June 2, 2018

1 p.m.—3 p.m.

Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington

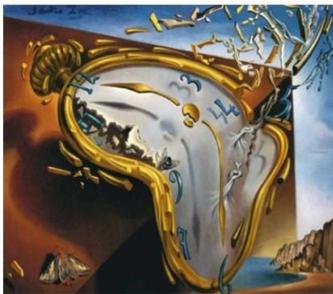
\$20 Museum Members, \$25 General Public



TIPTON COUNTY
M·U·S·E·U·M

VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER

Museum Director and Professional Artist Barrie Foster will introduce Salvador Dali to your children. They will learn that he was born and raised in Spain, and he was a surrealist. They will then paint one of his paintings in mixed media. All materials will be supplied. A snack will be provided and a sibling discount is available. Children 10 and up.



Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-0242



Quotable Quotes

THE ONLY TIME
YOU SHOULD EVER
LOOK BACK,
IS TO SEE HOW
FAR YOU'VE COME.

Good, better, best. Never let it
rest. 'Til your good is better and
your better is best.

St. Jerome

Everybody is a genius.
But if you judge a 
by its ability to
climb a 
it will live its whole life
believing that it is stupid.

-Albert Einstein

Life is like a camera...

Focus on what's important,
Capture the good times,
Develop from the negatives,

And if things don't work out,

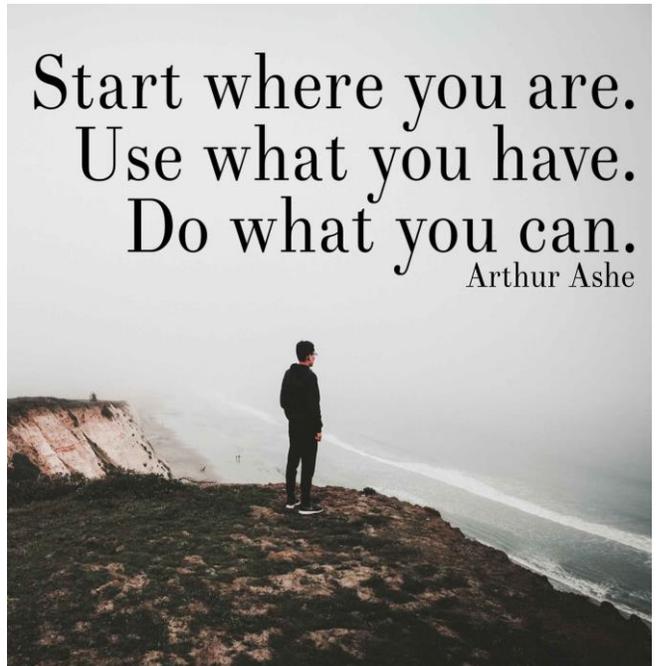
Take another shot.

Start where you are.
Use what you have.
Do what you can.

Arthur Ashe

OPPORTUNITY IS
MISSED BY MOST
PEOPLE BECAUSE IT IS
DRESSED IN OVERALLS
AND LOOKS LIKE
WORK

- THOMAS EDISON



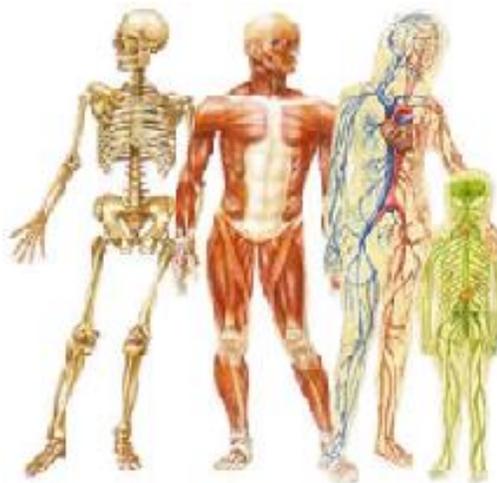
DSCC Summer Offerings Include Organic Chemistry and Anatomy & Physiology

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) will offer a variety of high-demand summer classes including Anatomy and Physiology I and II, Astronomy, Biology I and II, and Organic Chemistry I and II. Students attending other colleges and universities returning home for the summer are encouraged to take advantage of these courses.

DSCC will offer additional summer classes including Accounting, Advanced Integrated Industrial Technology (AIIT), Art Appreciation, Agriculture, A+ Hardware and Software, Business, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, English Composition I and II, Information Systems, Mathematics, Networking, Pre-Calculus College Algebra, Psychology, Speech and World Literature I. For a full list of summer classes offered on-site and online, visit www.dsc.edu, click on 'Future Students' and select 'Class Schedule.'

Advising and registration for all summer sessions is taking place now. **Full-term summer session will begin June 4 and end Aug. 8.** First-session summer classes will begin June 4 and end July 6. Second-session summer classes will begin July 9 and end Aug. 9.

Students are encouraged to go online to make an appointment with an advisor before registering for summer classes by visiting www.dsc.edu and clicking on 'Future Student' and 'Make an Appointment.' An appointment can also be made by contacting a One Stop Center at the Dyersburg campus at 731-286-3350, the Gibson County Center at 731-855-1419 and the Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County at 901-475-3100



BLOOD DRIVES

A Reference for Coordinators

HOSTING A BLOOD DRIVE
SAVES LIVES!



Lifeblood
A BLOOD SYSTEMS  BLOOD CENTER

Make your appointment today at www.clublifeblood.org
or call Lifeblood at 1-888-543-3256

MY BLOOD DRIVE:

Day/Date: _____ Time: _____

Location/Room: _____

Time LB Arrives: _____

Overall Goal: _____ Appt Goal: _____

Dyersburg State Lady Eagles to Host Varsity Hoopfest and Junior Eagles Basketball Camp

The Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) Lady Eagles basketball team plans to host two exciting summer events for local children in kindergarten through high school.

A Varsity Girls and Boys Summer Hoopfest will be held June 4-9 beginning at 12:30 p.m. daily inside the E.H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium on the Dyersburg campus. **This event is open to all high school varsity teams.** The fee is \$10 per game with a limit of two games per day. Optional game scheduling is available. Admission to watch the games is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Children five years and under will be admitted free. Concessions will be available.

A Junior Eagles Coed Basketball Camp will be held June 11-29 from 8-11 a.m. daily inside the E.H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium on the Dyersburg campus. This camp is offered to children entering kindergarten through eighth grade this fall. It is designed for players who are exploring their interest in basketball or for those who want to develop additional skills. The cost is \$25 per week per child. A family discount will be offered to those who have three or more children attending at a rate of \$65 per week per family.

To register your child or for more information, email Coach Charles Taylor at cmtaylor@dsc.edu or call 731-288-7742.

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.



Dyersburg State Announces Dates for College for Kids Summer Program

The Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) Division of Continuing Education will offer its annual College for Kids summer program in Dyersburg and Covington from 9 a.m. - noon each day. This year's theme will be 'College for Kids: Limitless Summer,' and will consist of stimulating and educational classes for children entering kindergarten through fifth grade this fall. Detailed program information can be found at www.dsc.edu/c4k.

Due to major renovation of the Dale F. Glover Education Center on the Dyersburg campus, the program will be held at the Dyersburg Intermediate School June 18-22. It will also be held at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County, June 25-29. The registration deadline is June 8. The cost is \$85 per child and includes supplies, snacks and a T-shirt.

Registration is available online at <http://www.dsc.edu/c4k>. Those who wish to register in person may do so by visiting the Division of Continuing Education located inside the Security Bank Community Learning Center on the Dyersburg campus. For more information, contact Becky McCaslin, continuing education specialist, at 731-286-3265 or rmccaslin@dsc.edu

DSCC Announces Minecraft Camps in June



The Division of Continuing Education at Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) will hold Minecraft Camps for children ages 9-15 during the month of June at each location.

The camp will be held at the DSCC Gibson County Center June 4-8, from 12-4 p.m. daily; at the DSCC Dyersburg campus June 11-15, from 1-5 p.m. daily; **and at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center in Covington June 18-22, from 1-5 p.m. daily.**

The camps will teach basic skills such as controls, crafting, building, digging and attacking, along with advanced skills such as building villages and using critical thinking and problem-solving skills to survive challenging obstacles.

The cost is \$125 per child and includes supplies and snacks. Registration is available online at <https://registration.xenegrade.com/dsc>. The deadline to register is May 24. Those who wish to register in person may do so at the Security Bank Community Learning Center on the Dyersburg campus. For more information, contact Mandy Fisher at 731-286-3265 or mfisher@dsc.edu



TIPTON COUNTY
M·U·S·E·U·M
VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER

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 Library Corner

Library Services Events Calendar



www.tiptoncountylibrary.com

www.facebook.com/tiptoncountylibrary



MAY

CLOSED

May 26-28th

SUMMER HOURS May 29th -Sept 3rd

Mon-Thur 8:00-6:00pm

Fri 8:00-5:00pm & Sat 9:00-3:00pm

BOOK CLUB

Before We Were Yours

By Lisa Wingate

May 8th 1:00-2:00pm

Copies are available @ the front desk.



STAR WARS TRIVIA

MAY 24TH

Teens 13-17

5:00-6:00 PM



Adults 18 & up

6:30-7:30PM

Did you know that you can help support our Library and Friends group by shopping at Kroger & Amazon?

amazon

smile

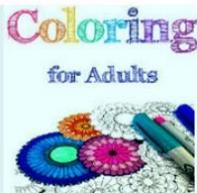
Use this link when shopping on Amazon and the library will receive a percentage of your purchase

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-5537698>



Register your Kroger Plus card

at Kroger.com and select the Friends of the Tipton County Public Library #19657.



May 15th

1:00—2:00p.m.

MOVIE DAY

(Ages 18 & up)

Pitch Perfect 3

May 1st [PG-13] 93 mins. 1:00PM

Forever My Girl

May 19th [PG] 108 mins. @ 10:00AM

May 22nd [PG] 108 mins. @ 1:00PM

12 Strong

May 29th [R] 120mins. 1:00PM



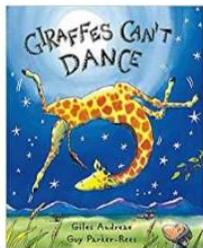
ANCESTRY

is available @ your Library

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

STORY WALK

@ the Tipton Co. Veterans Museum & Nature Center



Come anytime between

10:00—12:00

Read the story and complete activities as you walk the trail

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM SUMMER READING KICK OFF

May 31st

3:00-5:00pm

Ages 11 & Under

Check out **FREE e-magazine** with your library card!

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



Star Wars: The Last Jedi

AGES 13-17

[PG-13] 152 mins.

May 5th @ 10:00am

PRESCHOOL

STORYTIME

THURSDAYS @
10:00am & 2:00pm



Stories, Crafts, @yourlibrary™

Parent & Child Book Club May 1st @ 1:00pm



Harry Potter & the Chamber of Secrets
by JK Rowling

GENEALOGY HELP

May 14th 9:30-11:30AM

The DAR will be here to help you with your research

READ BOOKS, WIN PRIZES!



Ages 0-Pre-K

Sign-up at the Library!



Homeschool Book Club

May 17th

1:00—1:30

Two and Two are Four
By Carolyn Haywood

FAMILY STORY TIME

Picnic—May 5th

@ 11:00am

Color Play—May 19th

@ 1:00pm



LEGO CLUB

May 3rd 1:00-2:00pm
May 10th 4:00-5:00pm
May 12th 11:00-12:00pm



Story Time in the Park

Cobb-Parr Memorial Park
Covington, Tennessee

Join us for an outdoor story time experience.
Stories will be read near the playground.
All are welcome to attend!

10:00-10:30AM

June 5th

June 19th

July 10th

July 24th



What's Happening at the Museum?

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

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

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



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.

Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-0242



**The Tipton County Veterans Council and the Tipton County Museum,
Veterans Memorial and Nature Center
Veteran of the Month for May 2018**

John Allen Clark

Born on 14 May 1947 in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, John Allen Clark enlisted in the U.S. Navy on June 10, 1965. He was honorably discharged in December 1968 then attended Boyce Community College to study computer science. Bitten by the travel bug, he moved to Australia where he spent 5 years working in the printing business. While there, he enjoyed an extended 3 month African safari. In 1975 he returned to the United States and reenlisted in the Navy. This time he worked as a submariner where his duties included sonar watches, admin, and radio. He earned his submarine qualification pin onboard USS Von Steuben (SSBN 632) in 1978. Fortunately, his career in the Navy fed his love of travel: he spent his 40th birthday at the North Pole in 1987 where it was a balmy 3 degrees, and he was stationed at McMurdo Station, Antarctica in 1991. To this day, he remains one of the few to earn both the Arctic and Antarctica Service Medals. In 1993 he retired out of Charleston, South Carolina after 23 years of service. In addition to the aforementioned pin and medals, he also earned the following: the Navy Achievement Medal w/Gold Star, 4 Good Conduct Medals, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal w/Device, National Defense Service Medal w/Bronze Star, Navy Unit Commendation Medal, 2 Navy "E" Ribbons, SSBN Deterrent Patrol Pin w/Silver Star, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Humanitarian Service Medal, Expert Pistol Medal, Expert Rifle Medal, and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon w/2 Bronze Stars.

After his retirement he enjoyed an 11 year career as a license examiner at the Department of Motor Vehicles in South Carolina. To be closer to family, he moved to Montana and drove a school bus for a year. After reuniting with Carla, the love of his life, who worked as a civilian on the Millington Navy Base, he moved to Atoka in 2013; and they were married. They attend First United Methodist Church in Millington.



John is a Life Member of VFW Post 4840, a member of the American Legion Post 67 in Atoka, and a Life Member of the Submarine Veterans in Millington. John was nominated for Veteran of the Month by Sharon Stubblefield, a fellow line dancer at the Tipton County Commission on Aging

May Veteran of the Month Reception Held at Museum

Family, friends, fellow veterans, and citizens gathered at the Tipton County Veterans Memorial for a reception honoring John Allen Clark – May's Veteran of the Month



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



TIPTON COUNTY
M·U·S·E·U·M
VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER



A Special Thanks to Our Program Sponsors:

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4840

Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Unit 116

Woodmen Life, Neil Bringle