

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WEEK OF

May 26 – June 01 *



Thoughts and perceptions from
Mayor Justin Hanson

Dear Friends,

It is crunch time – at least in terms of preparing next year’s budget and getting it ready for three readings by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. As your Mayor, I feel this is one of most important parts of my job – to ensure your tax dollars are being utilized wisely for services, protection, and a good, sound quality of life in our fine city. I started the budgeting process soon after 2018 began. I asked our seven department heads to prepare budget requests for their respective departments and met with them in my office throughout the spring to prepare a balanced budget to submit to the Board. In an effort to have a budget passed by the beginning of our new fiscal year (July 1st), I have called several special meetings of the Finance and Administration Committee to discuss details, negotiate changes, and present a balanced budget that serves the people of Covington in the best possible manner using taxpayer dollars to provide the very best services.

These are the facts: The City of Covington is paying out on things that aren’t bringing us any return – we have to fix that; we have important issues and concerns that should be met – this is our responsibility; and there’s quite a balancing act that must go on in between which requires give-and-take and tough decision-making. I’ve made some tough choices in this budget proposal, and I’ve taken the responsible, prudent path to fiscal stability, economic growth, and continuous improvement for our city. One major decision is my recommendation not to fund any nonprofit requests this year. Every 501c3 organization has a Board of Directors whose job it is to raise needed funds for that organization and then allocate those funds to run their operations. Nonprofits also benefit from charitable giving through The United Way, personal donations, and other resources. The only income the City of Covington has is taxpayer dollars, and it is my belief that we should use those dollars in a manner that best serves **ALL** the citizens of Covington through our police and fire services, our parks and recreation offerings, to ensure safe and reliable water and sewer services, and for sound, reliable employee care and benefits.

Personally, I give to charitable organizations quite often, as I know many of you do as well. Many times I have been the guest speaker or emcee for charitable events, and I’m happy to continue to do so. I really do appreciate the work they do, but I don’t feel the City of Covington should offer financial support to outside agencies until we are comfortable and satisfied with what we have to offer our citizens through our own municipal departments. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen is indeed the Board of Directors for the City of Covington, and we have many important needs to be met this upcoming year and in the years to come. It’s my **job** to make decisions that will provide the best services to our citizens – indeed, this is what you pay taxes for. I will continue to support charitable organizations and encourage us all to do the same. However, I stick by my decision to put the \$60,600 into the police department this year. We need them – and they need our support. As a reminder, our Board of Mayor and Alderman meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month at 5:30 pm at Covington City Hall. You’re always welcome because we want everyone to be informed and have a voice in city government. My door is open and I welcome your thoughts and perceptions!

Justin

Finance and Administration Committee Votes to Move Non-Profit funding to Police Dept.

The Finance and Administration Committee met in a 3rd called meeting at Covington City Hall Tuesday, May 29, at 1:00. Mayor Hanson scheduled several called meetings this month in an attempt to finalize the 2018-19 budget proposal.

Present were Chairman Alderman C.H. Sullivan, Alderman Drew Glass, Alderman John Edwards, Alderman Mac McGowan, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Personnel Director Tiny Barton, Police Chief Buddy Lewis, Public Works Director David Gray, Fire Chief Michael Naifeh, Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Mack, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware.

Also present were Tipton County Commission on Aging Director Kerry Overton and Covington resident Margaret Fleming.

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 1:00 and called on Kerry Overton of the Tipton County Commission on Aging to address the committee. Mrs. Overton stated she did receive the donation check from the City of Covington for the 2017-18 charitable contribution. However, she did not receive the letter stating all charitable donation requests to the City of Covington were due by May 1st, and therefore did not make a request. Mayor Hanson stated he double-checked with senior accountant Kristin Mathis, and she stated she included letters outlining the procedures for 2018-19 requests with the checks she mailed out in January. Overton said there wasn't a letter in her envelope with the check. Mayor Hanson stated the decision to include TCCA in this year's charitable requests will be up to the F & A Committee. Hanson went on to say that if the City decides today to utilize The United Way as our distributor for local charities, TCCA is already a recipient from United Way and therefore will get funds from the City via them, so perhaps the committee should decide on that first. Alderman McGowan stated he likes the boxing club and they are not recipients from United Way.

Mayor Hanson suggested beefing up our miscellaneous fund for groups in the area that request assistance from time to time. Director Joseph Mack said the Boxing Club is really no different from the swim team or our softball and baseball teams, so their monies *could* be allocated through youth sports budget. Mayor Hanson then steered committee discussion back to TCCA Director Kerry Overton's request for funding. Alderman Edwards stated he feels the committee needs to consider her request. Hanson asked Overton to continue with her presentation and asked what her request actually is. She stated she is requesting \$5111.50, but she will settle for \$5000. McGowan stated he is not against *any* 501c3 organization, and feels they all do good work, but the city is just limited on cash as we are still trying to fund our own departments. He asked Chairman Sullivan to decide on the United Way issue first, as this would give TCCA and other charities in Covington access to funding through them. Mayor Hanson read a list of 10 organizations in the City of Covington that currently receive United Way assistance – and that includes TCCA. Alderman McGowan asked if the city has received requests for funding *other* than those supported by United Way, and Mayor Hanson read off several local organizations that are not currently listed with United Way, but have asked the City of Covington for financial assistance. McGowan then made a motion to table United Way consideration until next year, and Glass seconded. Motion passed.

Glass then stated he is still not clear how Director Mack will fund the requested position at Parks and Rec. Mayor Hanson stated Mr. Mack has been creative with his budget, moved things around, and has found funding for all but about \$12,000. While having the floor, Mayor Hanson went on to say that Chief Buddy Lewis requested the \$30,000 that is in the current budget for building loan interest be moved into overtime – particularly because the city did not take a loan for the police building *and* four officers in key positions will be deployed on active military duty for over a year. Chief Lewis stated officers on the streets are important, and while he wants cameras and other equipment, he feels having people on the streets is *more* important. Chief Lewis stated the cost of the position Mack is requesting is more than what beginning officers make. Alderman Edwards spoke up and said

the request by Director Mack is for total salary package, including insurance and benefits. Mayor Hanson stated there is also a big difference in the salary of a starting officer and an officer who becomes certified – which boosts their salary significantly. Alderman McGowan stated he is convinced that Director Mack's requested position will save the city *more* than trying to operate without it, which would cost us in out-sourcing and the possible loss of participants. McGowan then motioned to allocate 501c3 organizations the amount the Mayor has set aside in his budget proposal, (34,600) but **not** to include requests made after the May 1st deadline. Alderman Edwards stated TCCA is an amenity for the City of Covington, and is important for our senior citizens, therefore they should be considered. Chairman Sullivan then made a motion to fund ½ of the requested amount for nonprofits, including TCCA's late request, and also to fund Director Mack's requested position. McGowan seconded that.

During discussion of Chairman Sullivan's motion, Alderman Glass asked Chief Naifeh if there are needs in his department that have not been funded. Naifeh stated there were things that were changed to save money. For example, CFD asked for 2 Chevy Tahoes and settled for one, which will be leased, and also requested a demo extraction tool set rather than a new one. However, Naifeh stated, it is very frustrating how this budget process works, and now at the end of this process, someone comes to make a late request and we look for money for them when our own city departments aren't funded as requested. McGowan reiterated that we just don't have extra money – it's all being used by city departments in important areas. Alderman Edwards stated that 501c3s have been cut by about 40% from what they were allocated several years ago, and no city department has been cut that much. Director Joe Mack stated Parks and Recreation department HAS been cut, and Edwards acknowledged that apologetically. Discussion continued among department heads regarding overtime allocations and requests submitted for city departments. Alderman Glass said he would not vote for a budget that would most certainly cause us to dip into reserves. Alderman McGowan stated we are trying to make this work on our previous tax base, and went on to say that while he doesn't *want* to pay more taxes, another way to alleviate the problem is to raise taxes to help meet the needs of our departments - particularly in light of 4 police officers going into active military duty.

Glass asked for the needs in the City of Covington be considered first before addressing the needs of outside agencies, such as nonprofits. Sullivan stated there is still a motion on the floor – to allocate 501c3 donations at 50% of the requested amounts, and to fund Director Mack's position request. Chairman Sullivan then called for a vote on that. Motion passed with a vote of 3-2 – Sullivan, McGowan, and Hanson voted for and Edwards and Glass voted against. In light of his nay vote, Alderman Glass asked again how will we address this issue (overtime) when it comes up - are we just going to dig in reserve funds?

Mayor Hanson stated that Margaret Fleming had told him (at the table) that if the City of Covington donates \$2500 to TCCA, she will match that with a \$2500 donation of her own. Director Overton then addressed the committee by saying she feels the \$5000 she requested *is* available, stated it wasn't her fault TCCA missed the request deadline, she doesn't think this is fair, and she doesn't want to accept an individual's donation to make up the difference. Mayor Hanson asked how many other municipalities in Tipton County give financial donations to the Tipton County Commission on Aging, and Overton said Tipton County government donates to TCCA. Alderman McGowan then stated that the citizens of Covington also pay Tipton County taxes, therefore contributing to the agency through Tipton County, as well. Hanson pressed for answers if other municipalities donate separately, and Overton stated that no individual municipality has donated to TCCA other than Covington. Mayor Hanson stated he felt her remarks were extremely disrespectful, particularly in light of the fact that the committee had approved a \$2500 donation and also after her listening to the discussions of the financial constraints the City of Covington is facing. He stated the TCCA is housed in a \$1.7 million dollar facility the city provides for them rent-free. He went on to say her comments make him feel we should move the \$30,000 that was set aside in the proposed budget to pay loan interest on police department (which we did not take) along with \$34,600 he had budgeted for nonprofits, to overtime in the police department, particularly under the current (military) circumstances. Hanson then stated that as a motion and Alderman Glass seconded. Edwards asked if we are going to make this decision out of anger and not fund any 501c3 organizations. Mayor Hanson stated that's the motion on the floor. Alderman Glass stated that nonprofits have Boards of Directors to raise funding

for their organizations and those Boards then allocate where and how monies are used; therefore, he doesn't feel he can vote to spend *a dime* of taxpayer dollars on nonprofits when we aren't meeting our own operational needs. Alderman Edwards stated that our city needs will not be fully met and the 501c3s will not be fully met - *ever*. Glass stated tax payer dollars should be spent specifically on city department needs first. Glass stated he is not against supporting other agencies, but he feels it is almost impossible to go forward with nonprofit funding until we have a better understanding of our own issues – and the projected police department overtime is a big issue for us.

Chairman Sullivan then asked for a vote and the motion passed 3-2 with Hanson, McGowan, and Glass voting for and Sullivan and Edwards voting against. Fleming stated she had never had a donation refused, but Overton stated she didn't want to take it because she doesn't feel it is fair.

There being no further business, Alderman Glass motioned to adjourn the meeting and Hanson seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

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.**

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**

***CALL before you DIG!**

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Summer hours have started at the Aquatic Center. We are open weekdays for Open Swim starting at 1:00 pm. We will close at 5:00 pm. Admission is \$7.00 per person, for those with Parks and Recreation memberships. Any child under the age of 18 **MUST** have a completed "consent to swim" form on file in the Aquatic Center office. Children ages 10 and under **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. For more information regarding times, fees, or regulations please contact the pool at (901) 476-9178. You can also follow the Aquatic Center on Facebook Covington Aquatic Center.

Summer Camps have started! Don't miss out!



June 4-8



Art



Baseball, Softball & Soccer



**Not too late
Signup NOW!!**



<http://www.covingtontn.com/summer-camp-series.html>

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

Join us for Coffee with the Mayor



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

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

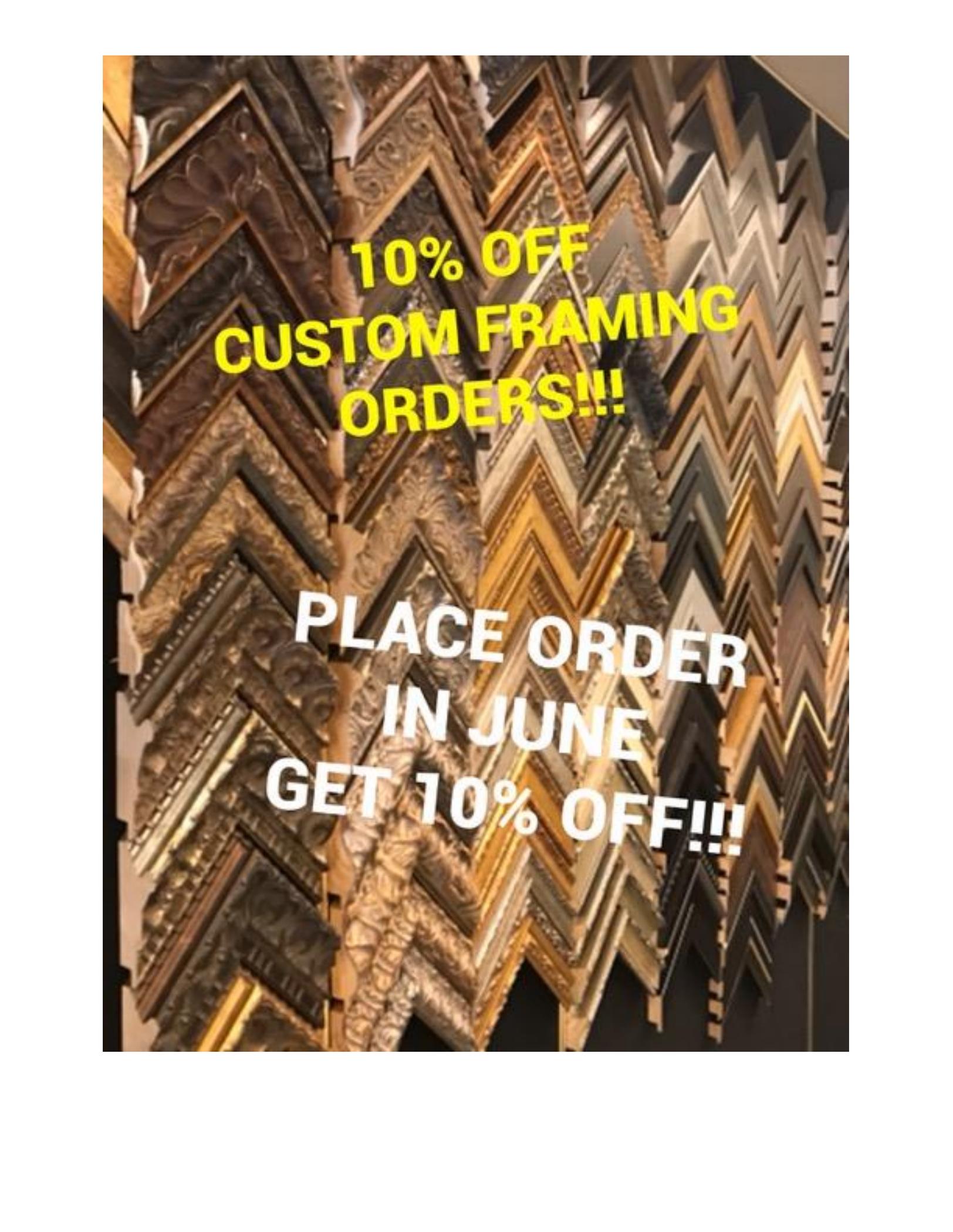


**COVINGTON BARBEQUE
FESTIVAL THIS WEEKEND
AT COBB-PARR PARK!**

DON'T MISS THE FUN!

Downtown Merchants' Association Corner





**10% OFF
CUSTOM FRAMING
ORDERS!!!**

**PLACE ORDER
IN JUNE
GET 10% OFF!!!**

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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!](#)

4-H YOUTH IN ACTION

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

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



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.

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| <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.

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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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.





THE MORE YOU LEARN,
THE MORE YOU EARN

- WARREN BUFFETT -

CHALLENGES ARE
GIFTS THAT FORCE US
TO SEARCH FOR A
NEW CENTER OF
GRAVITY. DON'T FIGHT
THEM. JUST FIND A
NEW WAY TO STAND

- OPRAH WINFREY

PUSH YOURSELF
BECAUSE, NO ONE
ELSE IS GOING
TO DO IT FOR YOU.

If it doesn't
challenge you,
it won't
change you.

FAILURE DOESN'T MEAN THE
GAME IS OVER,
IT MEANS TRY AGAIN WITH
EXPERIENCE

It's hard to
beat a person
who NEVER
GIVES UP.

— Babe Ruth

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





- June 1-2 – COVINGTON BBQ FESTIVAL! Cobb-Parr Park – Y’ALL COME!
- 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 09 – [Storywalk](#) at the Tipton County Museum.
- June 14 – [Girls Night Out](#) on the Historic Square in Covington – 5:00 – 8:00
- 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

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[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

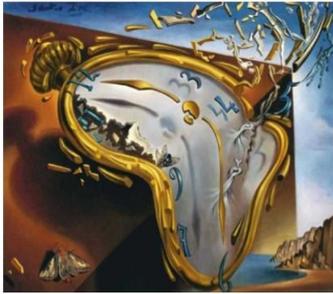
\$20 Museum Members, \$25 General Public



TIPTON COUNTY
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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



Career Day at St. Luke

Many different types of jobs and careers were represented at the St. Luke Career Day May 31st



Careers and services were explored..... and some were demonstrated



The City of Covington was well represented by Public Works, the airport, the museum, and police and fire departments.

Mayor Hanson thanked Covington employees for sharing their career information with participants.





What in life could be more meaningful than giving a sick child a “second chance” at life?

Give Blood

Every minute, each day, someone in our community depends on volunteer donors for blood products. The need for blood, platelets, white cells, and plasma is continuous throughout the year. At St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, many patients with catastrophic diseases like leukemia need blood products daily. You can help by volunteering to donate blood or a blood component at St. Jude's Blood Donor Center. This will help our blood bank maintain an adequate supply of blood products.

Hours of operation are: Monday – Friday 8am until 4pm, with the exception of Tuesday start time is 9:15am. Platelet donation takes 1½ to 2 hours. A blood donation takes 30 – 45 minutes. The Blood Donor Center does not have a mobile, so donors will have to visit St. Jude to donate.

Call 901-595-2024
to schedule an appointment

[St Jude](#)

[Finding cures. Saving children.](#)

Quotable Quotes

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.

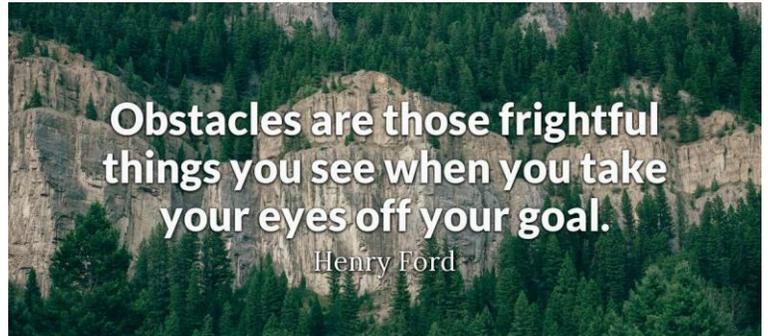
Thomas A. Edison



**IF IT IS
IMPORTANT
TO YOU, YOU
WILL FIND A
WAY. IF
NOT, YOU
WILL FIND
AN EXCUSE.**

**WHEN ONE DOOR
CLOSES, ANOTHER
OPENS; BUT WE OFTEN
LOOK SO LONG AND SO
REGRETFULLY UPON
THE CLOSED DOOR
THAT WE DO NOT SEE
THE ONE THAT HAS
OPENED FOR US.**

Alexander Graham Bell

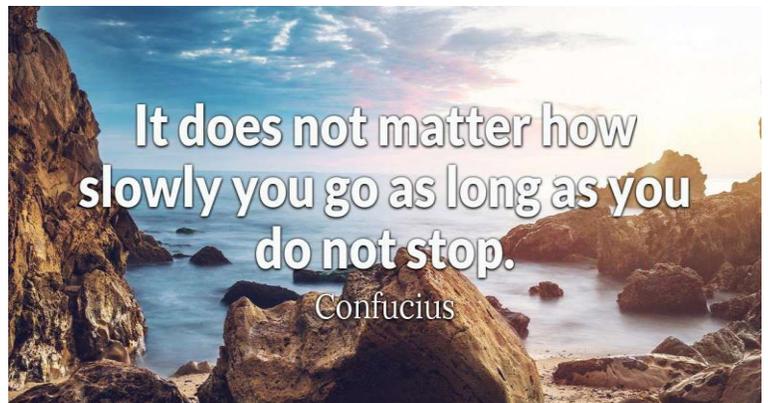


**Obstacles are those frightful
things you see when you take
your eyes off your goal.**

Henry Ford

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

- THOMAS EDISON



**It does not matter how
slowly you go as long as you
do not stop.**

Confucius

GET INVOLVED

**the world is run by
those who show up**

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: _____

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**LIFEBLOOD AT COVINGTON CITY HALL
JULY 9**

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



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
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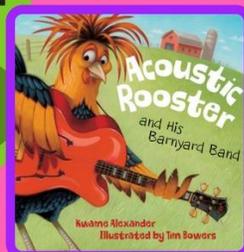
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READ A STORY WHILE TAKING A WALK

**Bring the whole family and discover a story page-by-page with
activities along the way on the grounds of:**

**Tipton County Museum Veterans Memorial and Nature Center
751 Bert Johnson Ave.
Covington, TN 38019**

JUNE 9TH



**COME ANYTIME BETWEEN
10:00-12:00PM**

FREE EVENT!!!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE LIBRARY
@ 476-8289**



The Library Corner

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

Library Services Events Calendar

TWEEN MAKERSPACE



AGES 8-13

Every Wednesday
During June & July
1:00-2:00PM

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WHO DID IT?



MURDER MYSTERY GAME FOR TEENS

AGES 13-17

JUNE 4TH @ 5:30PM



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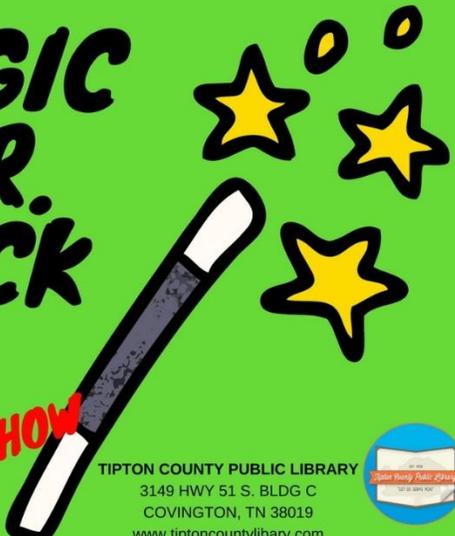
JUNE 12th @ 2:00PM

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MAGIC SHOW

JUNE 12th
10:00am

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Fairy Tales

BREAKOUT BOX AND ACTIVITIES BASED ON THE 3 LITTLE PIGS & LITTLE RED RIDDING HOOD

Ages 11 & under

June 14th
10:00am



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SUMMER HOURS

May 29th - Sep. 5th

Mon-Thu 8:00am - 6:00pm
Fri. 8:00am - 5:00pm
Sat. 9:00am - 3:00pm



STORY TIME: DONUTS WITH DAD



JUNE 16th
10:00 am

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DISNEY TRIVIA NIGHT

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Family Trivia
June 16th @ 1:00PM

Teen Trivia
June 18th @ 1:00PM

Adult Trivia
June 19th @ 2:00PM



FREE Vegetarian & Vegan Cooking Class

June 19th
5:00-6:00 PM

FREE Samples!

For more information
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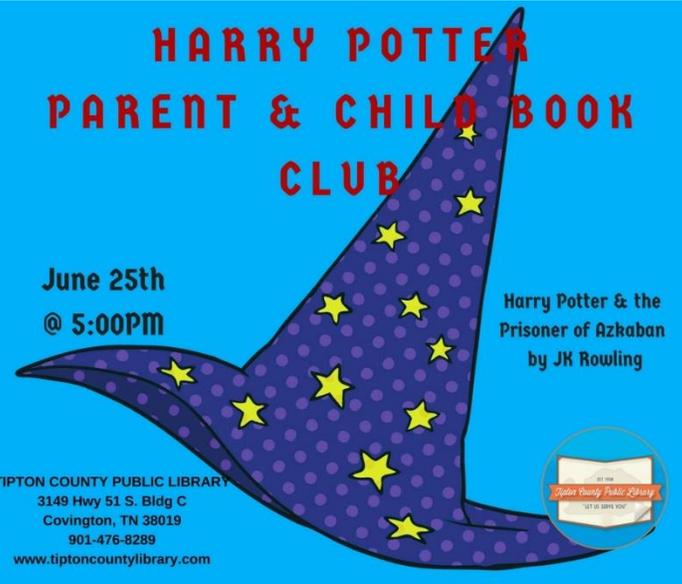


HARRY POTTER PARENT & CHILD BOOK CLUB

June 25th
@ 5:00PM

**Harry Potter & the
Prisoner of Azkaban**
by JK Rowling

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THE GREAT GATSBY BREAKOUT BOX

JUNE 30th @ 1:00pm

AGES 18 & UP

Solve the clues and unlock the box

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Movie Days

- Jailhouse Rock**
June 1st @ 1:00 PM [NR] 96 Min.
- Pure Country**
June 5th @ 1:00 PM [PG] 115 Min.
- In the Good Old Summertime**
June 8th @ 1:00 PM [NR] 103 Min.
- Newsies**
June 15th @ 1:00 PM [PG] 121 Min.
- Phantom of the Opera**
June 22nd @ 1:00 PM [PG-13] 141 Min.
- Jersey Boys**
June 26th @ 1:00 PM [R] 134 Min.
- Footloose (1984)**
June 29th @ 1:00 PM [PG] 107 Min.
- The Great Gatsby (2013)**
June 30th @ 1:00 PM [PG-13] 142 Min.



Ages 18 & up

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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

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2018 SUMMER CAMPS

*Art - June 4-8

Dance - July 9-13

Band - June 18-22

+Choir - June 25-29

*Museum - June 25-29

*Ages 10-17

+Ages 5-11

CAMP INSTRUCTORS

Art/Museum - Barrie Foster

Dance - Deborah Walker

Band - Kreston Smith

Choir - Holly Wolfe



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**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

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