

## From the Mayor's Desk

## Thoughts and perceptions from Mayor Justin Hanson

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am in mourning. This week, one of my favorite people passed away – Mr. Bill Jim Davis. I was a neighbor and friend to Mr. Bill Jim for many years and remained close to him and his family until his death. Looking back on his life as I knew it, it reminds me of how important it is to keep your legacy in mind on a daily basis, for indeed, what we do with our life is noticed and catalogued by others and are the building blocks of our reputation, our respectability, and becomes our legacy. Maya Angelou is known for the saying that people may forget what you say, and may forget what you do, but people will never forget how you make them feel. I find this to be profoundly true – especially as I reflect on my friendship with Mr. Bill Jim. Even though he lived a hero's life from being on the USS Helena in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, to serving twelve years as a State Senator, to owning and managing his own business in Covington – he always welcomed others and made people feel important. He did the right things even when nobody was looking – the true definition of integrity. He served in his Church, he was a founding father for the Tipton County Museum, and he was instrumental in getting the first Veteran's Day parade started in Covington. He embodied the belief that success is nothing more than a few simple disciplines practiced every day. Aristotle said that you are what you repeatedly do, therefore excellence is not an event – it is a habit. As I remember Mr. Bill Jim Davis, I see this clearly and I want to make sure that I learn from his life so well lived so I can be sure to make excellence a daily routine, be cognizant of how I make others feel, and be acutely aware that *every* day, I am building my legacy. I was so very blessed to have had people like Mr. Bill Jim in my life – including both sets of my grandparents who helped to raise me. Some people say these people are a dying breed, but I beg not only to differ but also am determined not to let it be so. I believe we have a responsibility to live with honor and to pass along to the next generations the importance of integrity, trust, loyalty, and all those things that become the building blocks of our legacies. The greatest treasure I could possibly hope to achieve in life is to set an example and leave a legacy that inspires others like I have been inspired, molded, and developed. Country Music star Willie Nelson said that when he started counting his blessings and thinking positive, his whole life changed. This is so true and I strive to do the same daily. Indeed, it is my goal to keep this city moving in a positive direction, to seek positive outcomes, and to create a positive environment for growth and development and an improved quality of life for all our residents. I'm sure if I can live as my role models have shown me, we will get there. With all of this in mind, I want to publicly thank people like Mr. Bill Jim Davis, my grandparents, and all people who live with integrity, honesty, loyalty, and truthfulness and who get involved to make good things happen for others. I believe [Fred Rogers](#) summed it up best when he said, "We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say, 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes."

*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. They can be reached by phone (901) 475-7170. For reservations, scheduling, or information about special events, please call 901-475-7139

- Applications are accepted ONLY during the time of a posted vacancy.
- Applications can be obtained at the Personnel Department or online, with the exception of Police Department postings which are done through that department.
- Job postings can be found on this site as well as on the main bulletin board located outside the Personnel office. Additionally, vacancies requiring special skills are advertised in the local paper.
- 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.

## Career Opportunities

[Lifeguard](#)

[Police Dept](#)

[Utility Repairman](#)

[Posting Brush Loader Asst](#)

[GIS-IT Coordinator](#)

## **PUBLIC WORKS AND STREETS:**

**Covington Fire Department CARE officer Mark Heaston (far right) conducted OSHA annual fire extinguisher training/use with the Covington Public Works Department this week.**



## **COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- Keep up with CFD on our [Facebook Page](#).
- Please report ANY fire safety concerns you have to the Covington Fire Department at 901-476-2578. For emergencies, dial 911. To learn more about CFD operations, [click here](#).

## **PARKS AND RECREATION:**



**CALLING ALL GIRLS AGES 4 – 15....**

### **Play FALL SOFTBALL in Covington!**

- **It will be COOLER**
- **Play for fun and experience**
- **No All-stars**
- **No opening-closing ceremonies**
- **Open to girls from throughout Tipton County**

**Call 901-476-3734 to sign up!**

## **COVINGTON AQUATIC CENTER:**

The Covington Aquatic Center offers a six-lane 25 meter recreational and competition covered pool. The pool depth is 3 feet in the shallow end and 12 feet at the deep end. The deep end of the pool houses 2 spring boards for recreational use. We offer multiple levels of swim lessons for young children through adults. Water aerobics and other fitness classes are offered, and it is available for swim fitness. The pool is available for those with mobility issues by way of an ADA-compliant fixed lift.

The Aquatic Center also offers a 1.5 feet deep wading pool for children age 6 and under. This pool is covered, heated, and open all year.

Covington Aquatic Center is available for private rentals for a variety of activities: scout swim check, birthday parties, company outings/parties, and church events. Cost for pool rental is \$125.00 for 2 or 3 hours. For more detailed rental information, contact Director Mack at (901) 476-3734

## **COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- Covington Police Department urges all residents to report suspicious activity. Allow trained safety personnel to decipher information and handle potentially dangerous situations – better yet, *prevent* them from happening! **HELP US HELP YOU!** Here are contacts for your convenience:
  - Covington Police Department – 901-475-1261 or 901-476-0243 [blewis@covingtontn.com](mailto:blewis@covingtontn.com)
  - Tipton County Sheriff's Dept. - 901-475-3300 [sheriff@tiptonco.com](mailto:sheriff@tiptonco.com)
  - Central Dispatch – 901-475-4300
- CPD has applications open for an officer. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.
- The new School Resource Officer (SRO) at Covington High School is CPD Officer James Robertson, who began his duties there this month. He will serve as the SRO for *all* Tipton County Schools in Covington.
- Chief Lewis reminds everyone there is a Tennessee law prohibiting the use of cellphones in school zones. Some of our school zones have been moved, and a new one was added in the vicinity of Tipton Christian Academy. Covington police will monitor all our school zones.

### **TBI Tips:**

**We welcome tips about possible criminal activity in Tennessee. Our employees will review tips as soon as possible and, if appropriate, forward them for further follow-up. Please include your contact information in case we have questions or would like to contact you. Please note: You may remain anonymous, but information received may be incomplete for follow-up and investigative purposes. Tips that result in the capture of any of [TBI's Top Ten Most Wanted](#) may be eligible for reward money. **BY PHONE: 1-800-TBI-FIND**  
**BY EMAIL: [Click Here](#)****

## **CODES:**

- 13-104. Overgrown and dirty lots. (1) Prohibition. Pursuant to the authority granted to municipalities under Tennessee Code Annotated, 6-54-113, it shall be unlawful for any owner of record of really property to create, maintain, or permit to be maintained on such property the growth of trees, vines, grass, underbrush and /or the accumulations of debris, trash, litter, or garbage or any combination of the preceding elements so as to endanger the health, safety, or welfare of other citizens or to encourage the infestation of rats and other harmful animals.
- If you have complaints of the above nature please contact the Department of Code Compliance: (901) 476-7191 ext. 146 or [planning.building@covingtontn.com](mailto:planning.building@covingtontn.com)

## **BE IN THE KNOW!**

[Click here to learn more about applications, fees, and policies.](#)

[Click here to learn more about zoning maps and regulations](#)

[Click here to read our sidewalks ordinance](#)

## **MUSEUM:**

Click on the word **MUSEUM** above and keep up with the latest news and information on our website.



The Tipton County Museum and the  
Tipton County Master Gardeners  
Present the  
3rd Annual

*Party with the Pollinators*



## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Party with the Pollinators  
will be Friday, September  
14 at 6:00 at the Tipton  
County Museum. You  
haven't *partied* until you  
have *partied* with the  
pollinators!**

**When: Friday, September 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Where: Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN**  
**Fee: FREE!**

Project coordinator Sherl Rose will give a brief lecture on the importance of pollinators and those we have in our area. She will also give an in depth tour of the herb garden, and herb themed refreshments will be served. This is a free event and everyone is invited!



The Tipton County Museum,  
Veterans Memorial & Nature Center  
751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019  
(901) 476-0242



A reception for young artists in Barbara Flowers McBride's art classes will be held Tuesday, August 28 from 6:30-8:00 at Dyersburg State Community College/ Jimmy Naifeh Center in the main hall of the LRC/Tipton County Library.

The public is invited.

The exhibit will be showing until Friday,  
August 31

# Finance and Administration Committee Hears about Opportunity Zones and Discussed Fireworks Ordinance and Police Cameras

The Finance and Administration Committee met at Covington City Hall on August 21, 2018, for their regular monthly meeting. Present were Chairman Alderman C.H. Sullivan, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman Drew Glass, Alderman John Edwards, Alderman Mac McGowan, Building Inspector and Codes Enforcement Officer Lessie Fisher, Public Works Director David Gray, Gwyn Fisher of the Tennessee Economic and Community Development Department, Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis, Covington Police Assistant Chief Allen Wilson, Covington Fire Department Assistant Chief Richard Griggs, Recorder-treasurer Tina Dunn, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, Pat Harcourt and Joni Bailey of A2H Engineering, Special Events Coordinator Karen Griffin, Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce Interim Director Lauren Fletcher, Lorraine Graves of THDA, Randy Cooper, Justin Little, John Hatler of Martin United Methodist Church, Marie Nichols of SkyCop, and Echo Day of The Leader. Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 1:00 with a quorum present.

Chairman Sullivan called on Gwyn Fisher, Regional Director of Tennessee Economic and Community Development Department, to discuss the Opportunity Zone program. Opportunity Zones are geared to drive long-term private sector investment to rural and low income communities by using Federal tax incentives. Tipton County received two opportunity zones – one in Covington along Highway 51 North, and another in southeast Tipton County in vicinity of the Tennessee Megasite. The Megasite itself is also an Opportunity Zone. This is not a program we will administer, but a designation identified to spur new economic growth in areas that already have momentum, and encourages investors to hold on to the asset. The longer the investment is held, the greater the tax benefits become. With this designation, we are encouraged to make this a part of our goals and strategies for attracting investments, and connect projects to our opportunity zones. Investors must be approved through an opportunity zone fund monitored by the Federal Government and Fisher stated they are waiting on clarification on much of these guidelines. Excluded for participation in Opportunity Zones are “sin” businesses and golf courses. Alderman Edwards asked Fisher what she recommends for Covington in terms of infrastructure to prepare for investment, and she suggested looking at zoning, transportation plans, and make sure to include this designation in our regular conversations to spur ideas in and around the OZ. Fisher encouraged private investors to start looking for an Opportunity Zone Funds, and many banks are seeking Federal approval for making OZ funds available. Fisher hopes to see more details on OZ in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter this year and stated the TN Department of Economic and Community Development will put out press releases ASAP.

Chairman Sullivan went over a memorandum from City Attorney Rachel Witherington regarding the conversion process of the land at the old Covington Grammar School, which is tied up in a LPRF grant that was used over 30 years ago to build the tennis courts on the northeast corner. According to LPRF guidelines, once State funds are used to set aside land for recreational purposes, it cannot be changed unless the recreational facility is relocated to a new area of equal or greater value. The old grammar school property has been surveyed and we are looking at possible other locations of equal or greater value on which to relocate the tennis courts. Witherington has contacted State officials regarding the conversion process and is waiting on a reply. Chairman Sullivan motioned to keep moving on the conversion process and Alderman McGowan seconded. Motion passed.

Next on the agenda was a discussion of police cameras. While Alderman Edwards brought this issue up for discussion, Chief Lewis asked to speak first and he stated they have received information on SkyCop from Memphis Police Department and also information from Dillard Security Services. Lewis stated he believes MPD wants people to see the cameras and know they are being monitored. Lewis went on to say he believes the greatest cost with SkyCop is having personnel in place to monitor the activity captured on these security cameras 24/7. Lewis then called on Assistant Chief Allen Wilson to speak to the issue, as he has done research on this. Wilson stated the cameras themselves are a deterrent, but businesses with cameras still get robbed.

Constant monitoring of activity is the key to success, and it becomes quite costly to provide constant monitoring. Wilson stated many neighborhood watch associations are buying these for their own communities and tying in to a central monitoring location. Wilson cautioned against purchasing cheap cameras, as many times they cause more problems than they solve. The representative from SkyCop, Marie Nichols, spoke up and stated she can provide statistics showing that the installation of cameras in high crime areas in Memphis has stopped much of the crime in those areas and has also led to more prosecutions. Alderman Edwards asked her to provide handouts to committee members and Chief Lewis asked about grants for these purchases. Alderman McGowan asked several clarifying questions, including personnel needed for monitoring the live cameras, and how many cameras should be monitored by any one person. Nichols recommended networking and Wi-Fi to connect to cell phones and stated data is recorded for viewing at any time. Edwards suggested monitoring from police vehicles and also suggested one officer monitoring 5 different areas on camera at the same time would have the same effect of five different officers out on patrol. Chief Lewis respectfully disagreed and stated he would rather have one person in a room dedicated to monitoring the cameras as opposed to monitoring from vehicles. Edwards stated monitoring from vehicles is just one option to consider. Nichols gave several examples of how SkyCop, Inc is used in smaller cities, such as Covington, and stated there are lease options in addition to purchase options. Glass asked about the server necessary for capturing all this data and Nichols stated each unit downloads video and is more controlled by bandwidth accessibility rather than servers. Nichols stated one person designated to monitor real time recordings would most likely be enough. Chief Lewis stated he thinks it is a great idea to do this, but he knows it will be very expensive. He went on to state he believes we would need several set up around the city. Nichols stated she can get a press-release to us from Holly Springs including data in crime areas where the cameras have been set up. Alderman Edwards stated he believes we should start with cameras in our high crime areas and work out from there. Edwards stated he would actually like to get a quote from SkyCam for a small system to get started and look at real figures. He also stated he wants more information on grants for this purpose. Edwards stated there are communities that are purchasing these kinds of cameras with their own money, so there must be a benefit for having them. Glass asked for a capital investment estimate to get cameras and equipment installed, and also estimated costs for general maintenance and monitoring of this kind of system. Alderman McGowan asked for clarification on a license-plate reader, and Chief Lewis stated this kind of technology gets an image of a license plate and can tell us in an instant if there is any kind of warrant issued for those plates. Nichols stated the City of Memphis has gotten several grants to purchase these. Sullivan and McGowan both stated they want more information and cost estimates.

Alderman Bommer stated she has heard several people say they want more information, so she then motioned to gather more information and bring this discussion up at the next F & A meeting for projections of costs, maintenance, operations, and personnel needed. Alderman McGowan seconded. Chief Lewis asked for a demonstration using the technology and Nelson stated she will be glad to do this. Alderman Edwards stated he believes this technology, such as a license plate reader, will be a great deterrent. Motion to table discussion until more information is gathered and discuss at next meeting passed.

Chairman Sullivan then called on the reps from FUMC Martin to discuss the purchase of the pipe organ from the Covington Civic Center. The pastor, Randy Cooper, stated the Martin FUMC proposes a \$10,000 purchase offer and Chairman Sullivan and Chairman McGowan stated they both feel this is a fair offer. Alderman Bommer clarified that the \$10,000 is cleared by City of Covington, and Pastor Cooper stated that is correct, they plan to be responsible to remove and move it, but he also wants to leave it in place until they are ready to retrieve it. Alderman Bommer made a motion to pass this offer along to the Full Board for approval to sell the organ to the FUMC Martin, TN for \$10,000 and Sullivan seconded. There was a discussion about the organ being covered by insurance while waiting to be moved. Sullivan stated he will follow up with our insurance company and will contact the preacher regarding this. Motion to pass along to full board for approval passed.

Chairman Sullivan then called on Lessie Fisher for discussion of the City of Covington ADA Compliance Plan. Fisher stated she had invited Joni Bailey and Pat Harcourt from A2H to assist in her presentation and to answer any questions committee members may have about ADA plans. We have completed the required ADA Self-Evaluation of all our properties, and Fisher asked for approval for this self-evaluation in order to get it

submitted before the December deadline. She also wants a discussion of the obligation of funds to commit to reaching the goals of our ADA Transition Plan. Fisher stated this would be a long-term plan that would take in consideration meeting ADA guidelines on an ongoing basis. Fisher stated the government not only wants a plan in place, but is now asking to *see action* on the plan each year. Fisher stated there are some things our own employees can handle, and this will help move us forward and save money at the same time. However, there are large binders of information showing what needs to be done at each of our city properties. Pat Harcourt stated Covington has already done a great deal related to meeting ADA guidelines, and we need to continue to show progress from year to year. He suggested doing a mix of things, such as repairing older infrastructure *and* building new that meet ADA guidelines. The report, provided by A2H, included a mix of deficiencies throughout the city to address. Fisher stated it is required that we show obligated funding in our budget each year to address ADA priorities. Alderwoman Bommer stated that she feels A2H has done a splendid job of prioritizing our list and recommending funds for doing this, if we can afford it. She went on to read some from the report.

Alderman McGowan motioned to approve the completion of ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan, which is in progress, and take it to the full Board for Approval and Alderman Edwards seconded. Motion passed.

Next item on the agenda was a discussion of the fireworks ordinance. Chairman Sullivan opened the subject up for discussion. Alderman McGowan stated he leans toward doing away with fireworks sales and use in the city limits of Covington, with the opportunity to approve them for professional use only. Alderman Glass stated he gets complaints from people in his district *constantly* about fireworks going off. This disturbs people who are trying to sleep and causes alarm for people who don't know what the noise is. Alderwoman Bommer asked what kinds of tax revenues the City gets from the sales of fireworks, and Dunn said she would research that. Edwards stated if we make it illegal to sell in Covington, they will go outside the city limits to sell them and people who want fireworks will drive to go get them. Sullivan asked Chief Lewis for his comments, and Lewis stated that fireworks are a major issue in Covington, particularly on July 4<sup>th</sup>, and he has to use overtime to bring in as many officers as possible to try and manage it. He stated he feels we should make it as difficult to get them as possible and to make it known this will not be allowed in the city limits. Glass stated he feels it would be hypocritical to outlaw the sales in the city and not outlaw the use. Alderwoman Bommer agreed. Fisher stated we have an ordinance governing the sales of fireworks now, which determines what class can be sold in the city limits, and she read some of the language from this ordinance. Chief Griggs stated there are a lot of people who shoot fireworks responsibly, and wants that considered. Chairman Sullivan asked Dunn to try to find out what our tax revenue were from the sales of fireworks in Covington this year. After much discussion on this topic, and several ideas to consider, Chief Lewis stated he works on July 4<sup>th</sup> and there are large and dangerous fireworks out there and sometimes people shoot *at the police* cars and have damaged them in the past. He stressed that fireworks in the city are a nightmare on July 4<sup>th</sup> and he hopes to see major changes made. McGowan asked for information regarding types of fireworks available and then McGowan motioned to table the discussion until the next meeting. Glass asked Lessie Fisher to look into the classification of fireworks and gather more information, and McGowan reiterated his concern for this information, as well. Alderwoman Bommer asked Fisher to look into language for an ordinance to approve responsible fireworks events by permit only. Motion to table discussion until more information is gathered and discuss further at next meeting passed.

Last agenda item was discussion of vacant or abandoned property registry and Chairman Sullivan called on Lessie Fisher for information regarding this. Fisher stated having an abandoned properties registry was discussed in the Public Works Committee meeting. Mayor Wharton did this in the City of Memphis and it helps keep up with properties and would be a regular income to help keep these properties mowed and monitored, and is requested by lending agencies. Fisher suggested using the Memphis model in making a draft for approval. She stated this helps bring in income and is considered a good practice for cities. She asked the committee to consider this and if approved, make it in effect at the beginning of 2019. Alderwoman Bommer motioned to take Fisher's request before the Full Board and it was seconded by Sullivan. Motion passed.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

## Mayor Hanson Attended Open House for [Northwest Tennessee Head Start](#) in Covington



Mayor Hanson was taken on a tour by local [NWTHS](#) officials to show him their new cabinets, furniture, and restroom facilities in each classroom. He also talked to some prospective students who are getting ready for the new school year.



Read more about [HEAD START](#) here

# Isaac Hayes Day at Frazier Park

Frazier Park was lined with informational booths and music for the adults and fun things for the kids



Parks and Recreation Director Joe Mack worked diligently to bring in music, information, fun, food, and Isaac Hayes's family for this year's Isaac Hayes Day at Frazier Park in Covington. In the photo top-left, Mayor Justin Hanson visited with Hayes's daughter Nikki Hayes McGhee and Luke Weathers, whose father was a Tuskegee Airman. Top right, Representative Debra Moody visited the VFW booth. Bottom left, City of Covington provided the stage for musical acts and the kids enjoyed the slide and water from CFD. Bottom right, Mario Hayeslett was one of the musical acts. Below – people enjoyed the beautiful weather at this year's event.





Members of Isaac Hayes's family visited the Tipton County Museum to see the exhibit about their famous father while in town for Isaac Hayes Day. From left to right are son Nana Kwadjo Hayes, and Daughters Melanie Hayes, Nikki Hayes McGhee, and Veronica Hayes.

### Mayor Hanson Congratulates Jennifer Nolen on Reaching MTAS Certification



**Administrative Assistant Jennifer Nolen was congratulated by Mayor Hanson for completing 35 online courses for certification offered by Municipal Technical Advisory Service ([MTAS](#)).**  
**MTAS was created through the University of Tennessee in 1949 to provide technical assistance to municipal governments within the state of Tennessee. Their mission is to serve business and government to improve the lives of Tennesseans.**

[Click here to read the Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce Newsletter](#)

*Your Chamber staff is here to serve you!*



Pictured from left to right is Jeanette Hathcock - Bookkeeper,  
Sherri Bailey – Administrative Assistant,  
and Lauren Fletcher – Interim Executive Director.

*Save the Date*

**Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>  
Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament**

at the Covington Country Club!

INDUSTRY TEAMS PLAY FOR FREE and get first priority on team registrations!!!  
Lunch will be served at 11am and Tee Off is scheduled for 12:30pm.

This is just one small way that we say, "Thank You" to our local manufacturers in Tipton County for the jobs that they provide and the economic impact that they have on our region.

If you would like more details about this event, call 901 476 9727  
or email [lauren@covington-tiptoncochamber.com](mailto:lauren@covington-tiptoncochamber.com)!

Sponsorship Opportunities Now Available! Registration Packets will be shared later this month.



## Governor Haslam utilized Covington Municipal Airport on his Visit to West Tennessee

Governor Bill Haslam flew into Covington's airport to visit and conduct business in West Tennessee. He went to the West Tennessee State Penitentiary in Lauderdale County and then visited with teachers and school administrators in Shelby County. Governor Haslam was greeted by Covington Municipal Airport Director Robin Anderson and his staff.



# Fire Chief Michael Naifeh Graduated National Emergency Management Advanced Academy in Nashville

The National Emergency Management Advanced Academy reinforces the qualities needed to lead emergency management programs, provides relevant management theories and concepts, and utilizes appropriate case studies. Advanced Academy participants work within a collaborative environment on projects and establish a network of peers.

The Academy is designed for Emergency Management mid-level managers with a minimum of three (3) years-experience in an Emergency Management position wanting to advance their skillset. Students learn skills critical to performing emergency management responsibilities, such as: program management and oversight, effective communication at all levels, integrated collaboration, and strategic thinking, along with completing a Research Project one month prior to attending the final course.

The Research Project provides students the opportunity to demonstrate their critical thinking abilities. Students apply the key learning concepts from the Advanced Academy curriculum relative to their own strengths and weaknesses, their organizations, and their own performance environments.



National Emergency Management Advanced Academy  
Tennessee Cohort  
August 2018



# TOTAL

TIPTON COUNTY'S ADULT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

LEARN HOW TO BE A LEADER IN  
YOUR COMMUNITY!

“THE GREATEST WEALTH OF A COMMUNITY  
LIES NOT IN THE AMOUNT OF ITS TREASURES  
BUT IN THE QUALITY OF ITS LEADERSHIP.”

## APPLY NOW!

Applications are now being accepted for TOTAL.

Apply here: [southtipton.com/total-adult](http://southtipton.com/total-adult)



A joint project of the Covington-Tipton County and South Tipton County Chambers of Commerce

## heritage festival 2018



JOIN US FOR  
food, music, tours &  
arts & crafts market  
COVINGTON TN

farm to table dinner - Sept 20 - 6p  
four historical churches - Sept 21 - 10a & 2p  
art & craft merchant fair on the square & music fest  
Sept 22 - 9a-4p

FOR MORE DETAILS  
VISIT [WWW.COVDOTED-TIPTONCOCHAMBER.COM/HERITAGEFESTIVAL](http://WWW.COVDOTED-TIPTONCOCHAMBER.COM/HERITAGEFESTIVAL)

## Farm to Table Dinner

Tickets go on sale Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup>!  
Sell out expected!

2nd Annual Farm to Table Dinner and  
Scholarship Auction on Court Square featuring  
music by the highly acclaimed bluegrass band,  
No Time Flatt - \$40 per person

Sponsorship opportunities:

- \* **Bronze- \$125**, includes two tickets and recognition in event program
- \* **Silver- \$225**, includes four tickets, recognition in event program and logo or name on event banners displayed the day of the event
- \* **Gold- \$325**, includes eight VIP tickets, recognition in all Festival programs, logo or name on main Festival banners displayed throughout the three day festival
- \* **Premier- \$750**, one exclusive sponsorship includes all of Gold level plus- Recognition as Music Sponsor for event, Company banner displayed at event and serving as the official "ringer of the dinner bell" to kickoff the festival.



Hug a Mug Coffee House  
is located at  
825 Hwy 51 S, Covington

They will be closed Aug.  
18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> for vacation.

They will reopen on  
Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>!



Starting August 6<sup>th</sup>  
Enjoy 25% OFF  
all Specialty Drinks EVERYDAY  
from 3 – 4 pm

## Need Legal Advice? FREE LEGAL CLINIC



March 10, 2018  
May 12, 2018  
July 14, 2018  
September 8, 2018  
November 10, 2018  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church  
403 South Main Street  
Covington

**COVINGTON ANIMAL RESCUE EFFORT  
C.A.R.E.**

[www.covingtonanimalrescueeffort.com](http://www.covingtonanimalrescueeffort.com)



*"You Can't Buy LOVE But, You Can Rescue IT"*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Adoption Day: Hollywood Feed - Atoka*

*Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 2pm*

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*Covington Heritage Day: Booth located by Something Special*

*Saturday September 22, 9am to 4pm*

*All proceeds go to our rescue efforts*

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*C.A.R.E. Cannery and Tasting Event*

*Featuring The Winter's Nest Gift Shop*

*Home Canned Goods, Fresh Peanut Butter (made on the Spot)*

*Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 2pm*

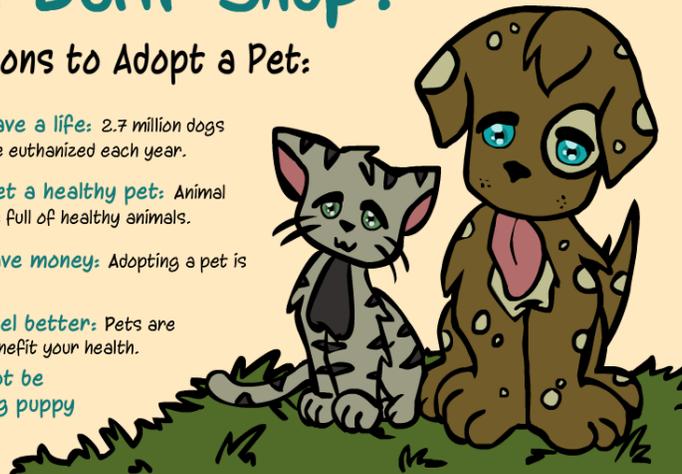
*Rain date October 27<sup>th</sup>*

*All proceeds go to our rescue efforts!*

# Adopt Don't Shop!

## 5 Reasons to Adopt a Pet:

-  **You will save a life:** 2.7 million dogs and cats are euthanized each year.
-  **You will get a healthy pet:** Animal shelters are full of healthy animals.
-  **You will save money:** Adopting a pet is cheaper.
-  **You will feel better:** Pets are proven to benefit your health.
-  **You will not be supporting puppy mills.**





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 are flexible enough to accommodate most every bridal party.

Every bride wants a private place at her wedding venue to get dressed before her big day and we have this at the 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, with an elevator, to offer assistance for anyone needing it. This entrance allows ease of access to the first floor for florists, photographers, bands, or caterers as well. For more information or to schedule a tour, call Karen Griffin, at 901.475.7139.



mark  your **Calendar**

**E V E N T S**

- September 14 – [Party with the Pollinators](#) – 6:00 –FREE ADMISSION – [Tipton County Museum](#)
- August 28 – Public Safety Committee Meeting – Covington City Hall – 1:00
- August 28 – Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting – 5:30 – Upstairs Board Room at [Covington City Hall](#)
- September 04 – Public Works Committee Meeting – Covington City Hall – 1:00
- September 07 – [Relay for Life](#) – 6:00 pm until 6:00 am – Brighton City Park
- September 08 – [FREE Legal Clinic](#) – Covington Presbyterian Church – 11:00 – 1:00
- September 09 – [Veteran’s Show](#) – Ruffin theater – 2:00
- September 11 – General Welfare and Public Relations Committee Meeting – [Covington City Hall](#) – 1:00
- September 13 – Covington Municipal Airport was selected by TDOT Aeronautics Division as this year’s **Most Improved Airport** and we are celebrating with an [Open House](#)! Please join us at the Covington Municipal Airport from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm to see our fine facility and celebrate this honor.
- September 18 – Finance and Administration Committee Meeting – [Covington City Hall](#) – 1:00
- September 20 – Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce presents the [Farm to Table Dinner](#)
- September 21-22 – Heritage Festival on the square in Covington.
- September 25 – Public Safety Committee Meeting – [Covington City Hall](#) – 1:00
- October 04 – [Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament](#) click on blue text throughout newsletter to links for more information!
- October 13 – Health Fair at St. Luke’s Church – 9:00 – 1:00
- October 16 – Nov 6 – Matisse Art Classes – Tipton County Museum. [Click here for more information](#)
- October 27 – Acrylic Pouring Class at Tipton County Museum. [Click here to learn more.](#)
- November 2-4 – [Havoc on the Hardwood](#) Basketball tournament at the Covington Sportsplex.
- November 10 – [FREE Legal Clinic](#) – Covington Presbyterian Church – 11:00 – 1:00



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

[City of Covington](#)  
[Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce](#)  
[Tipton County](#)  
[Covington Sportsplex](#)  
[Drug Free Tipton](#)

[Tipton County Schools](#)  
[South Tipton Chamber of Commerce](#)  
[Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region](#)  
[Covington Aquatic Center](#)  
[Tipton County Museum](#)

\*Information in this newsletter is an overview of events. All *official* minutes and documents can be viewed at Covington City Hall at 200 West Washington Street, Covington, TN. or on our website at [www.covingtontn.com](http://www.covingtontn.com)  
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## *Eighteenth Navy Day at Tipton County Museum, Veteran's Memorial, and Nature Trail*

For eighteen consecutive years, men and women from the US Navy have converged upon Covington for “Navy Day” at the museum. They spread out all over the grounds for cleaning, maintenance, and whatever else may be needed. Museum Director Barrie Foster, Archivist Sherri Onorati – a 20-year Navy Chief herself, Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Mack, 30-year Retired Navy Master Chief, and Mayor Justin Hanson welcomed the group, and pitched in to help. Mayor Hanson read a proclamation, presented it to the volunteers, and thanked them for their service at home and abroad. Mr. BBQ in Covington catered the event and Gatorades were donated by the Coca-Cola Bottling Company in Brownsville.





COVINGTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

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**COVINGTON**

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**2018**

**MOST IMPROVED AIRPORT**

**IN TENNESSEE**

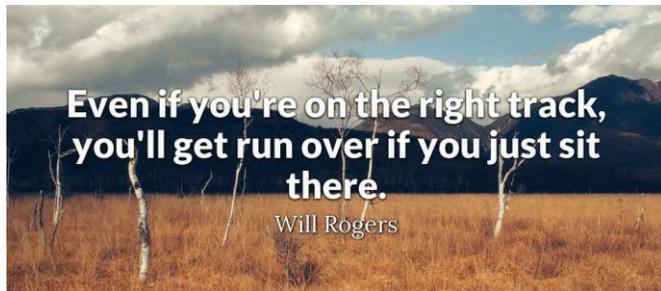
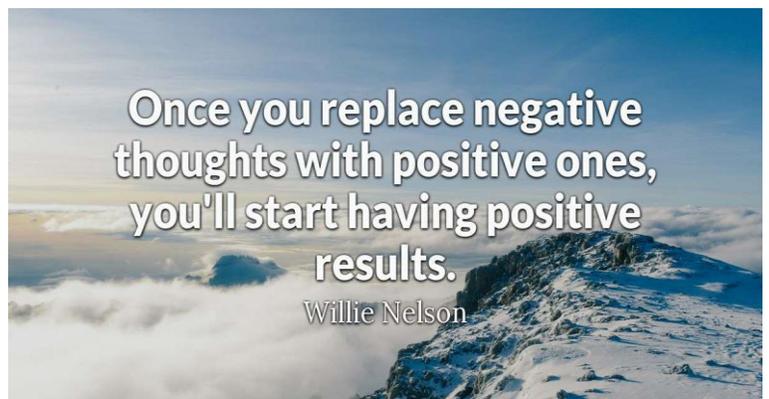
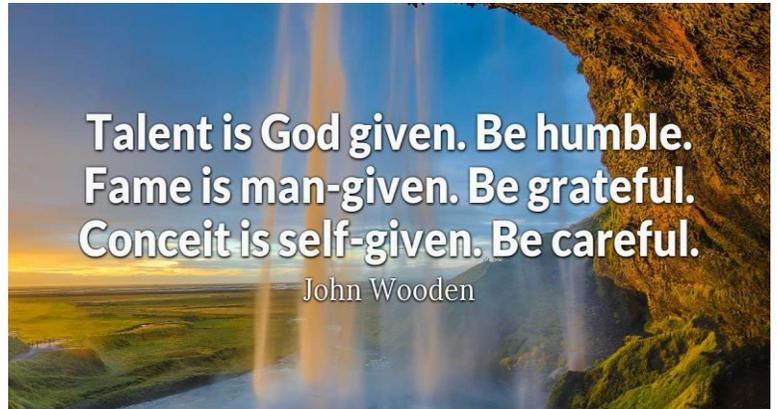
THURSDAY,

SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

11AM - 1PM

COVINGTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT  
169 AIRPORT PARKWAY DRIVE  
COVINGTON, TN 38019

## Quotable Quotes



**RAISE YOUR WORDS,  
NOT YOUR VOICE.  
IT IS RAIN THAT  
GROWS FLOWERS,  
NOT THUNDER.**

**"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.' To this day, especially in times of 'disaster,' I remember my mother's words, and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers--so many caring people in this world."**

From [\*The World According to Mister Rogers\*](#)

## **Dyersburg State Holds Second Nursing Pinning for Paramedic to RN Class**

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) honored 15 graduates from the College's second Paramedic to Registered Nurse (RN) Fast Track Nursing Program with a pinning ceremony Friday, Aug. 10. The College's 63<sup>rd</sup> pinning ceremony took place inside the Baptist Memorial Health Care Academic Building Auditorium at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County. Over the past 37 years, 1,709 nursing students have graduated from DSCC's nursing programs.

Amy Johnson, Dean of Nursing, opened the ceremony with an introduction of nursing staff and faculty. DSCC President Karen Bowyer acknowledged the graduates and congratulated them on their accomplishments.

"To reach this milestone, you have worked very hard and you have received support from family, friends, classmates, faculty and staff," stated Dr. Bowyer. "We salute all of you who have contributed to the 15 success stories that we are honoring today."

Nursing instructor Trenna Richardson introduced class officers including: Josiah Jones of Southaven, Mississippi, President, Gerald Jones of Memphis, Vice President, Brenda Rivera of Millington, Historian, Ashley Simmons of Hernando, Mississippi, Secretary, and Chad Free of Millington, Treasurer.

"What an exciting day for us all," stated Josiah Jones, class president. "Years of twists and turns in life and we each have a story that tells what brought us here. With the undergraduate degree we have received here at DSCC, we can be any kind of nurse we want to be. It's important for us to take the opportunity to be light in the world. From what I've seen from living the last year with my friends here, I think we'll be well equipped to do that together."

Dr. Tamara Daniel, vice president for the College, presented the Friend of Nursing Award, chosen by the nursing students, to security officer Mark Tracy of Atoka.





7:30 am - 9:00 am  
come and go as you please

*Join Mayor Hanson for coffee, goodies, and conversations...*

Tuesday	September 4	Hug-a-Mug	Highway 51
Tuesday	September 18	Hug-a-Mug	Highway 51
Tuesday	October 02	Little Jimmy's	511 E. Liberty
Tuesday	October 16	Little Jimmy's	511 E. Liberty
Tuesday	October 30	Little Jimmy's	511 E. Liberty
Tuesday	November 13	Little Jimmy's	511 E. Liberty
Tuesday	November 27	Little Jimmy's	511 E. Liberty
Tuesday	December 4	Little Jimmy's	511 E. Liberty
Tuesday	December 18	Little Jimmy's	511 E. Liberty

The Covington Court Square Farmer's Market strives to provide the Tipton County community with the area's freshest produce, value-added food products, plants, and hand crafted items.



During season, the Market is open on

**Tuesdays 8:00am – 2:00pm**  
**Thursdays 12:00pm – 6:00pm**  
**Saturdays 8:00am – 2:00pm**

**Click on picture to learn about the benefits of shopping at your local farmers market!**

# DSCC Welcomes New SGA Officers and Student Ambassadors

Dyersburg State Community College welcomed three new Student Government Association (SGA) officers and five new student ambassadors for the 2018-2019 academic year during an orientation and semester planning meeting Aug. 10. Led by Stephen Thomas, director of student life, these students will serve to promote the image of the College and stimulate interest and fellowship among the students, alumni, community members, faculty and staff. Joining DSCC in student leadership roles are (back row from left) Stephen Thomas, director of student life; Jordan Taylor of Dyersburg, student ambassador; Jalen Dyer of Dyersburg, student ambassador; Benjamin Wallace of Burlison, SGA president; Dylan Niepoetter of Atoka, SGA secretary and treasurer; Jerqaun Woods of Dyersburg, student ambassador; (front row from left) Lauren Long of Bogota, student ambassador; Brianna Goodwin of Brighton, SGA vice president; and Laci Keel of Gibson, student ambassador.





**Relay For Life  
of  
Tipton County**  
MARDI GRAS

**SEPTEMBER 7, 2018  
6PM TO 6AM  
BRIGHTON CITY PARK**

**SURVIVOR DINNER  
5PM - 6:30PM  
AT**

**BRIGHTON  
ARP CHURCH**

**MARILYN HEATH 901-437-4154**





# VETERAN'S SHOW



**SEPTEMBER 9, 2018**  
AT THE RUFFIN THEATER, 2:00 PM

To Benefit the Tipton County  
Veteran's Service Office

# Tipton County 4-H August Newsletter

## Important Dates:

- **August 2 4pm** Life Skills practice
- **August 5-11** National Farmers Market Week
- **August 6 4pm** Meat ID practice
- **August 7 3pm** Life skill practice & Consumer Decision Making
- **August 16 4pm** Life Skill practice
- **August 16 5pm** Consumer Decision Making practice
- **August 18** State Meat Goat Show
- **August 20 5pm** Meat ID Practice
- **August 20 5pm** Outdoor Meat Cookery practice
- **August 21 4pm** Life Skill practice & Consumer Decision Making
- **August 25** Regional 4-H Judging Day
- **August 27 4pm** Outdoor Meat Cookery practice
- **September 3 UT/TSU Office Closed**
- **September 4 4pm** Outdoor Meat Cookery practice

CALLING ALL 4-H ARTISTS

Do you like to paint, draw, sculpt, or have other artistic talents? You should enter the 2019 4-H Artwork Calendar contest. Please visit this link <https://4-h.org/4-h-calendar/> for more details.

*Deadline August 10, 2018.*

## It's Judging Team Time



### What are Judging Teams?

Have you ever attended a fair or contest with ribbons on items and wondered

why they were judged that way? 4-H judging teams allows youth to learn how to judge items and learn that subject area, make new friends, and travel. 4-Hers will gain critical thinking, team work, decision making, and communication skills. And importantly it is a lot of FUN!

**Be sure to look over page 2-3 about how your youth can be apart of 4-H Judging Teams!**

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# Tipton County Public Library News

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



**Mother Goose Story Time**  
For children ages 0 to 2, but all ages are welcome.

THURSDAYS @ 9:00 AM

Mother Goose Story Time is designed to promote early literacy in young children. The 20-minute program includes simple stories, finger plays, music, and nursery rhymes.

TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
2149 Hwy 51 S., Box C  
Camden, TN 38320  
476-6289  
tcountypublib.org

**Preschool Story Time!**  
EVERY THURSDAY @ 10:00 AM

stories, music, crafts, & movement activities.

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**Movie Days**

**ADMIT ONE**  
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15:17 to Paris  
August 7th @ 1:00 PM [NR] 120 Min.  
**Man's Favorite Sport**  
August 10th @ 1:00 PM [NR] 120 Min.  
**I Can Only Imagine**  
August 14th @ 1:00 PM [PG] 116 Min.  
**Overboard (1987)**  
August 28th @ 1:00 PM [PG] 136 Min.  
**Overboard (2018)**  
August 28th @ 1:00 PM [PG-13] 112 Min

POPcorn

476-6289

Ages 18 & up

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# Story Time with Winnie-the-Pooh



AUGUST 11th  
@ 10:00 AM

TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
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Covington, TN 38019  
476-8289  
tptocountylibrary.com



DATE: August 11, 2018 TIME: 12:00 PM

LOCATION:  
TIPTON COUNTY LIBRARY

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# BAG BOOK SALE

JULY 1ST - AUGUST 31ST

\$2.00  
per Bag



DATE: August 25, 2018 TIME: 10:00 AM

LOCATION:  
TIPTON COUNTY LIBRARY

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## [News from the Tipton County Museum, Nature Trail, and Veteran's Memorial](#)

**Check out the new TIPTON COUNTY PULSE with Drug-Free Tipton!**

Click here to view:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=joRbfU08oY8>



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



Randall Martin, Quartermaster/Adjutant for the VFW Ray Pinner Post 4840, presented Museum Director Barrie Foster with a completed brick application and check for \$100. The brick will be installed in the sidewalk in front of the Tipton County Museum and will become part of Tipton County history. The bricks are being sold as a fundraiser for the expansion of the museum. For more information about purchasing a brick, please call 901-476-0242





# **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 Museum Presents  
**Artist Series for Kids**  
**Auguste Renoir**

Saturday, October 6, 2018 , 1 to 3 p.m.  
Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington  
\$20 Museum Members, \$25 General Public



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Museum Director and Professional Artist Barrie Foster will introduce Auguste Renoir to your children. They will learn that he was born in France and that he was one of the “Impressionists.” They will then paint one of his paintings in chalk pastels. All materials will be supplied. A snack will be provided and a sibling discount is available. Ages 10 and up, which includes adults!



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The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center  
Presents a Four Week Art Class

Henri Matisse: *The Art of the Interior*

With 2018 Artist in Residence

*Richard Reed*

Henri Matisse was known for his bold use of color and strong, simple designs . He founded the Fauvist movement in art. During this four week course, Artist in Residence Richard Reed will lead the class in painting four of Matisse’s paintings of interiors, then help each student create their own paintings from photos of their own homes. Artists may paint in the medium of their choice and will provide their own supplies. No previous art experience required.

When: October 16, 23, 30, November 6, 2018. 6—8 p.m.

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

Fee: \$60 Museum Members, \$80 General Public

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The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

Presents

## *Go with the FLOW!*

An Acrylic Pouring Workshop with Art Teacher & Owner of Creative Designs

### *Debra Howze*

When: Saturday, October 27, 2018, 1 to 3 p.m.

Where: Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington, TN 38019

Fee: \$40 Museum Members, \$45 General Public

Debra will show you how easy it is to create beautiful artwork using this foolproof method of pouring acrylics on a canvas. All materials are included, and refreshments will be served. Please call to register today as space is limited!



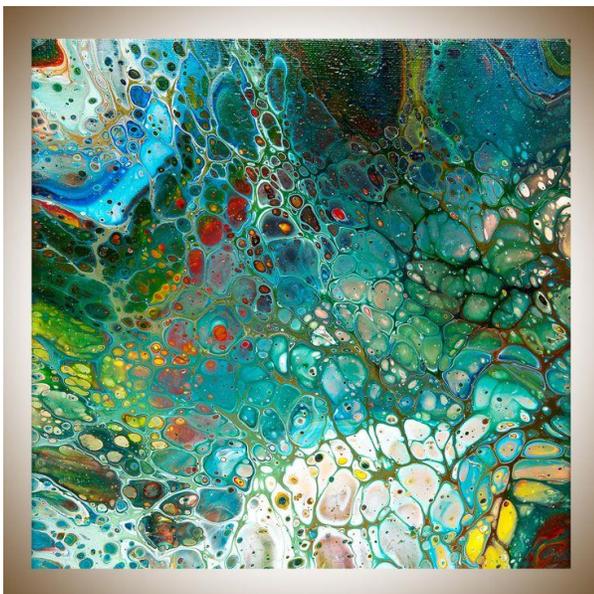
The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

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Grab a few friends and join us at the Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington, Tennessee, for an exhilarating afternoon of art! Debra Howze will show you how easy and fun it is to create beautiful and unique artwork with this technique. **No experience is required** and we provide all the painting supplies!

Program Fee: \$40 for Museum Members, \$45 for Non-Members



Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial &  
Nature Center announce

**Veteran of the Month**  
**August 2018**

**Charles McCorkle**



Born November 16, 1948, Charles was raised in the small town of Greenwood, Arkansas and attended Barber School in 1967 following his high school graduation. Soon afterwards, however, he and four friends joined the Marine Corps. His father, a decorated WWII Army Veteran, worked at the Post Office and heard about his son's enlistment through his good friend, the Marine Corps Recruiter. To add insult to injury, the recruiter had signed up his friend's son for four years instead of the usual two! After his initial training he shipped off to Vietnam as part of the First Marine Division, which was responsible for security around Marble Mountain for the next 13 months. His follow-on station was Camp Lejeune for four months, then the USS GUAM (LSD 9), a helicopter ship. As part of that tour of duty he attended Jungle Training in Panama; he found it amusing since he and about 90% of the troops sent were seasoned Vietnam returnees! He ended up stationed once again at Camp Lejeune where, in May 1970, his unit was awakened in the middle of the night and rushed to Kent State to back the National Guard, if needed. Luckily, their services were not needed. For his service to our country, Charles was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with three stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm and Frame, and a Good Conduct Medal. Charles was granted an early out in September 1970 then attended school to become an EMT and firefighter. He worked as a firefighter for the federal government from 1975 to 2006, at various locations which included Ft. Chaffee, Arkansas, and Naval Air Station Millington, Tennessee. He moved to Mason in 2006, then from 2009 to 2016 he enjoyed yet a third career stocking shelves at the Walmart in Millington.

After serving his time in the Marine Corps, he met his wife Patricia Cross through his grandmother, and they married in April of 1979. They have a son Patrick McCorkle and a daughter Cassandra Bridgewater, both of whom live within a mile of them. Charles and Patricia feel extremely blessed to have their children and four grandchildren living so close. Charles and Patti are members of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, where Charles serves as an elder. Charles is a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and volunteers on Friday mornings at the Tipton County Museum. He was nominated for Veteran of the Month by his daughter, Cassandra Bridgewater, a Girl Scout Leader of Troop 13804, which has been serving refreshments at the Veteran of the Month receptions for over a year.

The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial  
& Nature Center

## Veteran of the Month Reception

Every 2nd Tuesday Evening at 6:30

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Woodmen Life, Neil Bringle

## Reception for August Veteran of the Month Charles McCorkle



August Veteran of the Month Charles McCorkle received his framed flag and plaque from Kathy Desjarlais of the Tipton County Veteran's Council. He is flanked by Representative Debra Moody and Museum Director Barrie Foster. His wife, Patricia is seated.



Girl Scout troop 13804 has been serving refreshments for the Veteran of the Month receptions at the Tipton County Museum for over a year. This was a special occasion because McCorkle's daughter is their leader and his granddaughter is a member.