

From the Mayor's Desk

Thoughts and perceptions from Mayor Justin Hanson

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It's hard to believe that this coming Tuesday marks the 17th anniversary of the September 11th attacks on our country. Much like the anniversaries of Pearl Harbor, President Kennedy's and Martin Luther King's assassinations, and the day the Space shuttle Challenger exploded, we will never forget where we were and what we were doing. Moments of profound shock and sadness like these help us not only remember people we loved, and who dedicated their lives to making life better for all of us, but also help us appreciate the good life we have as Americans. Brave and wonderful men and women have sacrificed their lives to protect our freedoms and we sometimes need reminders of just how good we have it and how important it is to take care of our fellow Americans. This can be done in so many ways, and one of those is through [The United Way](#). United Way of the Mid-South invests its Community Impact Fund dollars in addressing big social issues – like moving the needle on Mid-South poverty. These are issues that no one organization or solution can solve single-handedly. In its role as a convener, United Way unites teams of nonprofits to establish collaborative solutions that have long-term impact on *this* community. Their powerful resources include over 40,000 volunteer hours, partnerships with local and state governments, and funds from private philanthropy. The Community Impact Fund allows your contribution to stretch across a myriad of local nonprofits and organizations, allowing you to have the greatest impact on our community.

The City of Covington has recently partnered with United Way of the Mid-South. We've chosen September 11th as our "Day of Caring". Focusing on service to our community is a great way to honor those in need and remember 9-11. The "Day of Caring" event itself will take place Tuesday morning from 9-11AM at the Covington Civic Center. Everyone who wants to join us at this community kick-off event is WELCOME to do so – in fact, *please do!* After the formal event, volunteers will break out into groups and go all over the City conducting service projects at various organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region, Covington Boxing Club, and Covington Fire Department, among others.

On September 19th, United Way will be present at our annual employee fest, and at that time, our employees will have a chance to learn more about United Way and the ways in which they can give, either financially or through volunteering. Donors can choose exactly where their money goes and we are guaranteed local funding will remain in our local community.

Sometimes, I visualize conducting business as mayor the same as weaving a giant tapestry named Covington. Every thread is important to the strength, endurance, and viability of the piece. Every thread touches many others and has a supporting effect on *all* those around it. Without each one woven tightly together across the entire thing, all of the tapestry would be susceptible to weaknesses, tears, and holes. Those threads represent every single thing we do throughout the day to serve the people of Covington – every phone call, every grant submission, every decision, every discussion and meeting. We are stronger together! Involving the United Way is just one more thread woven into our community to help make our beautiful "Covington" tapestry even stronger and more resilient.

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DEPARTMENTAL TIDBITS

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

HUMAN RESOURCES & SPECIAL EVENTS:

The City of Covington Human Resource Department is responsible for the administration of all Personnel and Purchasing activities for the city. The Human Resource Department is located on the 2nd floor of the Covington Civic Center. 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:

[Grounds Maintenance Baseball-Softball](#)

[Grounds Keeper](#)

[Lifeguard](#)

[Police Dept](#)

[Museum Exhibit Support Specialist](#)

[Fitness Leader](#)

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](#).

CFD has received new Pumper/Tanker



CFD responded to a house fire call on Tipton Street in Covington Friday. They were able to get the situation under control quickly with the assistance from Covington Electric and Covington Police Department. There were no injuries reported.



Mayor Hanson congratulated Chief Michael Naifeh and the Covington Fire Department on the new pumper-tanker they received August 31.

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**, and you can purchase just a pool membership for a substantial savings and access to all aquatic classes.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION:



Finishing touches have been made to the first of the privately sponsored scoreboards for Covington Parks and Recreation Youth Sports. This one was erected at Mueller Brass Fields and is sponsored by Witherington Services and Owen, Jenkins, Dedmon, & Witherington Law Group, LLP. To sponsor a scoreboard and help improve youth sports experiences, contact Joe Mack at 901-476-3734 or 901-592-7644.



WE ARE HIRING



PT Positions

Exhibit Support Specialist

Fitness Leader I

Baseball/Softball Fields Groundskeeper I

Groundskeeper

Life Guard I (Days Only)



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

SCAN & print your application or complete an application @ City of Covington HR
100 West Washington Street, Covington TN

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
 - Tipton County Sherriff's Dept. - 901-475-3300 sheriff@tiptonco.com
 - Central Dispatch – 901-475-4300
- 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 concerns about overgrown areas, please contact us (901) 476-7191 ext. 146

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



When: Friday, September 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Project coordinator Sheri 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

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!***



Public Safety Committee hears reports/updates from Fire and Police

The Public Safety Committee held their regular monthly meeting at Covington City Hall on August 28, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. with the following present: Chairman Alderman Mac McGowan, Mayor Justin Hanson, Alderman C. H. Sullivan, and Alderwoman Minnie Bommer. Also present were: Fire Chief Michael Naifeh, Police Chief Buddy Lewis, Alderman John Edwards, and Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn.

Chairman Alderman Mac McGowan called the meeting to order at 1:00 with a quorum present and called on Chief Naifeh for his report.

Fire Chief Michael Naifeh reported the compliance engine will go live on September 15, 2018. Quotes for a set of demo extrication tools will be reviewed. An application has been submitted to Fire House Subs in the amount of \$26,000.00 with no match to the City for the purchase of extrication tools. The pumper/tanker will be ready on August 31, 2018. Two of our firemen will pick it up in Laverne, Minnesota. There were 268 volunteer hours worked in the month of July, and the run report for July was attached showing 291 calls. The care report was also attached for members of the committee.

Motion was made by Alderman C H Sullivan and seconded by Alderwoman Minnie Bommer to accept the report from Fire Chief Michael Naifeh. Motion passed.

Police Chief Buddy Lewis reported the department currently has two officers in TLETA in Donelson who will graduate on September 28, 2018. Also, there are two officers in the Memphis Police Dept. Academy. There is one vacant position and CPD will have another vacant position on September 5th. There have been 2,250 overtime hours worked since July 1, 2018. Chief Lewis discussed the option of a signing bonus in the amount of \$3,000.00 as incentive for certified officers to apply with the Covington Police Department. This proposal will be brought to the Finance & Administration Committee Meeting. Tipton County has limited their firing range to only the Tipton County Sheriff's Department. Work has started on the old CPD firing range so that it will meet specifications required. There has been flood damage to the seized vehicles which will be sold at the auction on October 6, 2018. The statistics report for July was attached and indicated there were 103 arrests, 84 citations, and a total of 2,155 calls.

Motion was made by Alderman C H Sullivan and seconded by Alderwoman Minnie Bommer to accept the report from Police Chief Buddy Lewis. Motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Public Works Committee approves gas pre-pay, water line extension, and hopes to get approval for cleaning Town Creek

The Public Works Committee held their regular monthly meeting at Covington City Hall On September 4th, 2018 at 1:00 pm with the following present: Chairman Alderman Mac McGowan, Alderman Drew Glass, Alderman John Edwards, Mayor Justin Hanson, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, Public Works Director David Gray, Utilities Manager Calvin Johnson, and recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn. Also present was Margaret Fleming, Laura Fleming, Alderman CH Sullivan, and Alderwoman Minnie Bommer

Chairman McGowan called the meeting to order at 1:00 with a quorum present and called on Director Gray to make his presentation.

Director David Gray:

- Presented resolution for pre-paid gas plan. Gray expects there to be a savings to taxpayers under this plan, estimating a savings city-wide of approximately \$100,000 per year. Gray stated this type of service is becoming more popular and the resolution expresses detail information of the responsibilities for all parties. There is an opt-out section to the agreement, as well. Chairman Alderman McGowan

motioned to move forward with the plan and take the resolution to the full Board for approval, and Alderman Glass seconded. Motion passed.

- Bids for the Water Main Extension for Rialto Industrial Park Improvements have been accepted, and A2H recommended that Natural Gas Piping Company, Inc. of Dyersburg be awarded the contract in the Base Bid amount of \$253,003.62. Gray stated this will give us two water feeds out to the Rialto Industrial Park, and will also put water on our existing and recertified industrial development area. Alderman Glass motioned to approve the A2H recommendation for the piping extension and Mayor Hanson seconded. Motion passed.
- Gray stated he has looked into grants for cleaning Town Creek, and consulted with Pat Harcourt of A2H Engineering for assistance. Harcourt connected Director Gray to West Tennessee River Basin Authority (WTRBA), and Gray included a handout in the agenda containing information from WTRBA – a branch of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. A representative from WTRBA came to Covington last week at Director Gray’s request, and together, they walked along the creek identifying areas of concern in Covington’s Town Creek. Gray is expecting a proposal soon from WTRBA for the removal of obstructions in the creek bed itself – not along the banks. WTRBA’s objective is to remove any obstruction to the flow of water through the creek and Mayor Hanson stated if approved, their work will cover the entire creek from its origin in Covington all the way to the Hatchie River. Hanson further stated that all West Tennessee county mayors serve on the WTRBA’s Board of Directors and he expressed appreciation to Mayor Huffman for his help in these efforts, as well. It is expected this project may be upwards of \$600,000 worth of work with no expense to the City of Covington; however, details have not been received at this time.
- Gray stated there were some problems with fall paving last year due to weather and scheduling, so he wanted to begin the process earlier and asked for an earlier date. He was not guaranteed an earlier date by paving company, and doesn’t want to get into the same situation this year. Due to this, and fewer funds for paving available at this time, Gray asked to postpone paving until the spring of 2019. He believes this will be a better time for scheduling the projects and there will also be more funds available at that time. Gray stated a postponed date will also give Streets Manager James Dowell and him (Gray) time for training and guidance from the engineers at A2H for evaluating streets and determining which need to be paved. Alderman Glass asked if there are grants available for street rehabilitation, and Gray stated he will check into that. Alderman Edwards asked about the monies from the fuel tax, and Mayor Hanson stated those funds (STP) are coming in, but if we postpone until spring, we will have built up to about \$120,000 giving us more for paving. Alderman Glass stated he thinks it makes sense to hold off until spring.
- Gray stated he plans on doing shoulder and ditch work on Wortham Street, but wants to put off paving along that street until the shoulder and ditch work is completed in this area.
- Environmental studies have been done for a sidewalk along all of James Street, but the current project is only from College Street to Howard Street. Funding is in place for this and project is set to begin as soon as right-of-way access has been completed.

Alderman Glass motioned to accept Director Gray’s report and Alderman Edwards seconded. Motion passed.

No one was present to make a report from Codes, but there were handouts included in the meeting agenda for the committee members to review. These included a 2018 running compliance report and permits issued.

Alderman Edwards stated people have asked him about increasing water pipe size to Vandergrift Subdivision. Gray stated there is a 6 inch line out to there, and as far as he knows, this meets all the

requirements of the annex of this area. He said this area has fire protection, curb-side garbage pick-up, and electric services through Covington Electric. Gray went on to say a new fire hydrant has been installed putting 3 hydrants in the Vandergrift Subdivision.

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

DSCC Honor Society “Go for the Green” Golf Tournament Planned

Participants could win a new car, \$1 million, free rounds of golf and more!

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) is set to host the 2018 Honor Society “Go for the Green” Golf Tournament **Saturday afternoon, Sept. 22, at the Covington Country Club**. The DSCC Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society is sponsoring this event with proceeds benefiting PTK activities and program needs. The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at noon.

In addition to the traveling trophy, participants have the chance to win cash prizes in various contests including a putting contest, a hole-in-one contest, a longest drive contest and a closest-to-the-pin contest. There will be an opportunity for the top two winners of the closest-to-the-pin contest to win a brand-new car and \$1 million by hitting a hole-in-one. Door prizes will be awarded at the end of the tournament.

The cost for a team of four is \$400 and includes a catered lunch beginning at 11 a.m. Cash prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place teams in two flights. Teams are welcome to bring their own carts; however, carts are available to rent for \$40 per team. Members of DSCC’s PTK Honor Society will be soliciting local businesses for door prizes and sponsorships.

Registration forms are available in the DSCC Office of Institutional Advancement, located in the Eller Administration Building on the Dyersburg campus, the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County, and the Covington Country Club. They are also available electronically at www.dsc.edu or by contacting Brigham Scallion at 901-475-3119 or scallion@dsc.edu or Tanga McCullough at 901-475-3121 or mccullough@dsc.edu.



[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 4th
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!

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



Heritage Festival Event

Thursday, September 20th Farm to Table Dinner at The Manor at Mount Carmel
Saturday, September 22nd Arts, Crafts, and Music Festival

(LIMITED NUMBER OF BOOTH SPACES STILL AVAILABLE!!!)



[Click here for the Vendor Application for the Saturday Arts & Crafts Fair](#)
[Click this link to be directed to the event page on Facebook!](#)

Thursday, Sept 20th 6pm: Festival Kick-Off with the...
2nd Annual Farm to Table Dinner at [The Manor at Mount Carmel](#)
\$40 per person

DSCC's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society to Host Car Show Oct. 20

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) is set to host a car show Saturday, Oct. 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the [Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County](#). The DSCC Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society is sponsoring this event with proceeds benefiting PTK activities and program needs. Participants may check-in from 9-11 a.m.

Registration is \$20 for the public and \$15 for DSCC students. Judging will take place at 11:30 a.m. with awards announced at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Emily Camp at 901-562-3048 or ecamp1@my.dsc.edu, or Brigham Scallion at 901-475-3119 or scallion@dsc.edu.

**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**

Tipton County

United Way
of the Mid South

DAYS of CARING

KICK-OFF

friends, food and fun!

September 11, 2018
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

@ Covington Civic Center
100 W. Washington Ave., Covington, TN 38019

For more information, visit
www.midsouth.org/volunteer/dayofcaring/

UWMIDSOUTH.ORG



It's SQUARECROW time!

Click [here](#) for **SQUARECROW** information and [here](#) for packet.

An entrance fee of \$25 is due at the time you pick up a packet and frame. Please Make Checks Payable to CEDC (Covington Economic Development Corporation)

Make sure to turn in completed sign form by September 14

Thank you for choosing to participate in this fun annual contest! We encourage you to be environmentally conscious and recycle items to fit with the theme of your squarecrow.

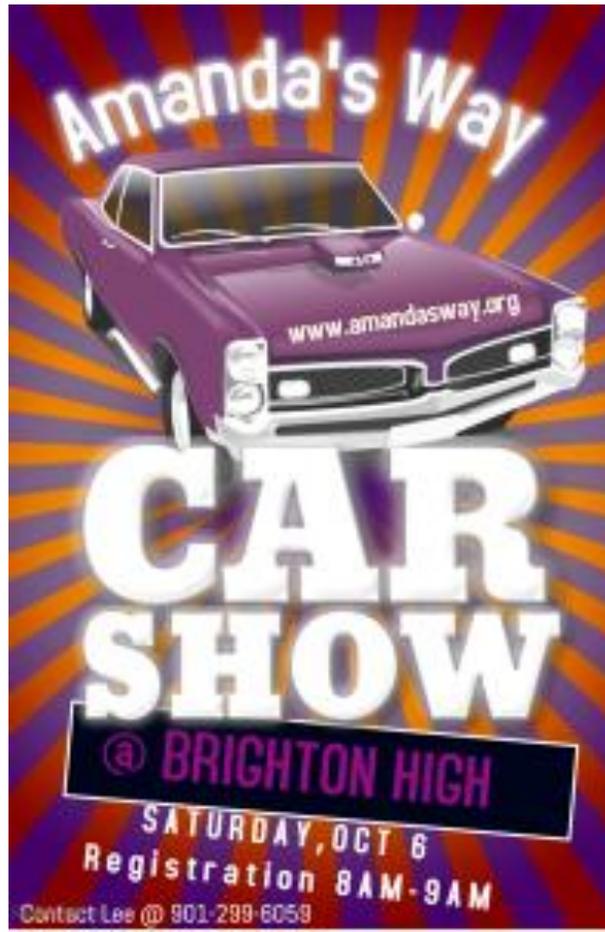
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The GRACE 5K
& Fun Run

Presented by
First Presbyterian Church Covington

Boys & Girls Club
of the Hattiesburg River Region

Register at racesonline.com



Congratulations!

The TCCA Tappers won 2nd place at the Delta Regional Fair in a dance talent contest!

**YOU DON'T STOP
DANCING
BECAUSE YOU GROW OLD**

**YOU GROW OLD
BECAUSE YOU STOP
DANCING**

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

www.covingtonanimalrescueeffort.com



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adoption Day: Hollywood Feed -Atoka

Saturday August 18th, 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 13th, 10am to 2pm

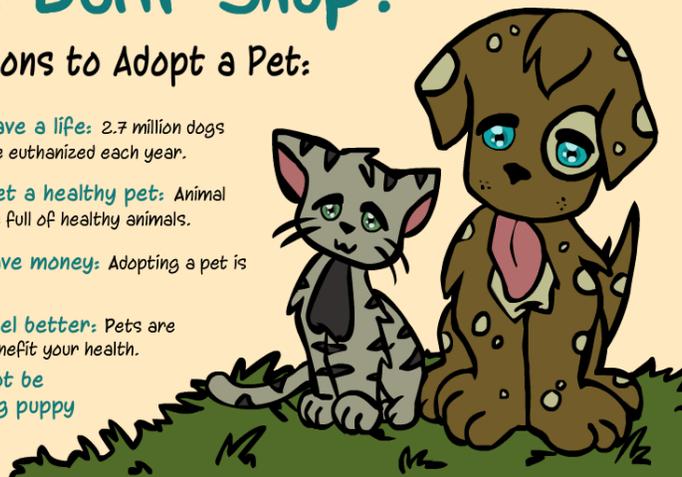
Rain date October 27th

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.



- 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 – United Way’s [DAYS OF CARING](#) kickoff – Covington Civic Center.
- 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 14 – [Party with the Pollinators](#) – 6:00 –FREE ADMISSION – [Tipton County Museum](#)
- September 15 – [GRACE RACE 5K](#) Sponsored by Covington First Presbyterian Church to support the [Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region](#). [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
- 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 22 – DSCC Golf Tournament at Covington Country Club. [Click here for more information.](#)
- September 24 – Lifeblood at Covington City Hall – 9:00 – 1:00 – PLEASE pre-register online at www.clublifeblood.us Click on LOCATE A BLOOD DRIVE and put in CODE **L198**. You will be able to sign up for a specific time. If you have questions, or cannot register online, call Sara Gangaware at 901-476-9613 ext 117
- September 25 – Public Safety Committee Meeting – [Covington City Hall](#) – 1:00
- October 04 – [Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament](#)
- October 06 – [CAR SHOW](#) benefitting [AMANDA’S WAY](#) at Brighton High School
- 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 20 – CAR SHOW at DSCC Covington. [click here for more information](#)
- October 27 – Acrylic Pouring Class at Tipton County Museum. [Click here to learn more.](#)
- October 27 – [CASA Dinner and Fundraiser](#) – Liberty Hall – 6:00
- November 2-4 – [Havoc on the Hardwood](#) Basketball tournament at the Covington Sportsplex.



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

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[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, or on our website at www.covingtontn.com

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COVINGTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

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MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

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2018

MOST IMPROVED AIRPORT

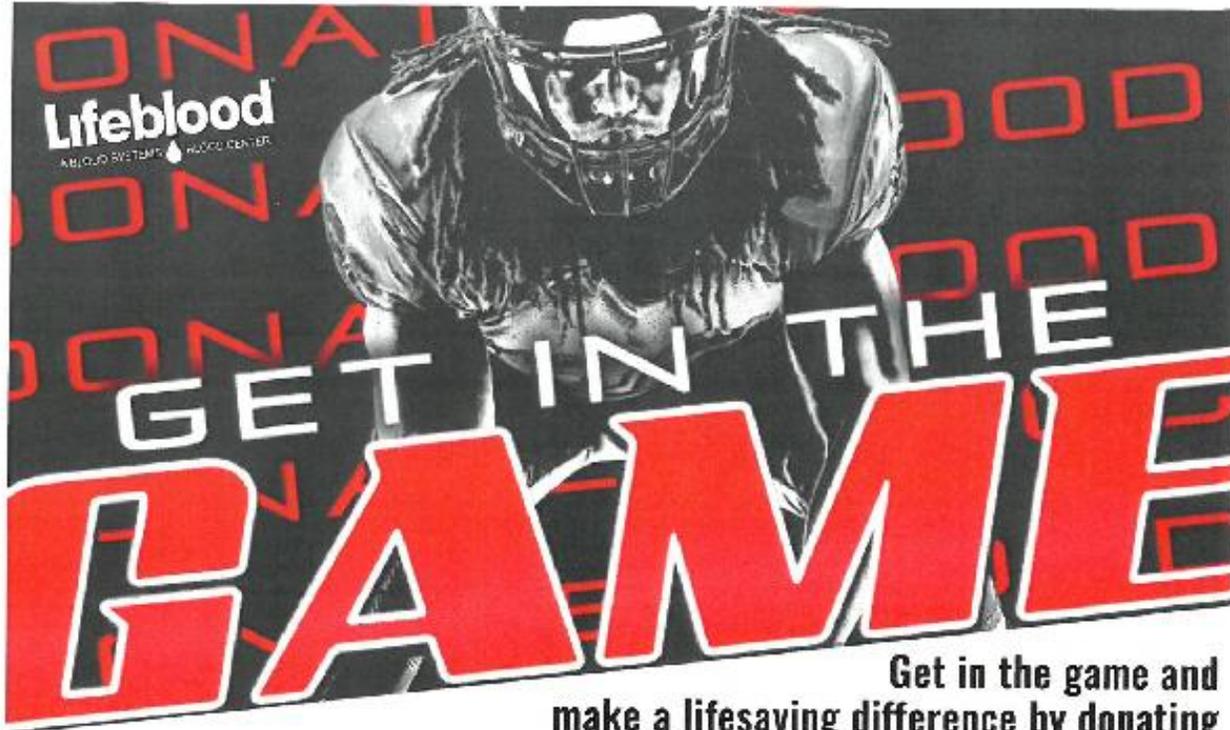
IN TENNESSEE

THURSDAY,

SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

11AM - 1PM

COVINGTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
169 AIRPORT PARKWAY DRIVE
COVINGTON, TN 38019



**Get in the game and
make a lifesaving difference by donating**

*This September you can be part of a team that saves lives. Help ensure
that blood is available for every baby, mother
and father who is in need.*

The City of Covington will soon be hosting a **Lifeblood** drive!

Monday: September 24th 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.

**In the Lifeblood Mobile.
200 West Washington
Covington, TN 38019**

Please contact: Ms. Sara Gangaware at: sgangaware@covingtontn.com for information and
to sign up or go to: clublifeblood.us/ and enter in sponsor code: L198.

**Be sure to: eat a healthy meal, & be hydrated.
Each donation you make can save as many as 3 lives.
Thank you!**

SAVE TIME! Complete your
FASTTRACK Health History
the day you donate at
www.clublifeblood.org

Schedule your appointment to
donate at www.lifeblood.org or
call 888-543-3256

**Donate September 1-23 and
receive a "Get in the Game"
T-shirt! While supplies last.**



Quotable Quotes

What comes
easy won't
last long, and
what lasts
long won't
come easy.

"The greatest danger for most of us
is not that our aim is too high
and we miss it
but that it is too low
and we reach it."

Michelangelo

Stop worrying about
what you have to
lose and start
focusing on what you
have to gain.

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Life is 10% what
happens to us
and 90% how we
react to it.

.....
-Dennis P. Kimbro

Even if you're on the right track,
you'll get run over if you just sit
there.

Will Rogers

**Things ain't what
they used to be and
never were.**

WILL ROGERS

Wonder about things. Accept people as they are. Look and listen carefully. We all have feelings. Ask a lot of questions. Haircuts don't hurt. Teach by example. Feed the fish. Share. Play. Love. Be yourself. Everything I ever needed to know, I learned from Mister Rogers.

DSCC Announces Nursing Information Sessions

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) will host nursing information sessions for new and potential nursing students at each of its locations in October. These sessions will provide students with more information on DSCC's LPN to RN Fast Track, Paramedic to RN Fast Track and Traditional Nursing programs. It will also provide students with information on the application process, deadlines and an opportunity to speak one-on-one with nursing faculty and staff.

The first session will take place at the Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 3:30 p.m., inside the Jimmy Naifeh Building, rooms 141 (Traditional program), 145 (Paramedic to RN program) and 160 (LPN to RN program). See below for more information:

DSCC Nursing Program Information Sessions

for current and potential nursing students



Get more information on DSCC's
Traditional
LPN to RN Fast Track
Paramedic to RN Fast Track
nursing programs!
Learn more about the application
process and deadlines - plus speak
one-on-one with nursing
faculty and staff!

Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County:

Tuesday, October 2 • 3:30 p.m. • Jimmy Naifeh Building

Dyersburg Campus:

Wednesday, October 3 • 3:30 p.m. • Dale F. Glover Education Center

Gibson County Center:

Thursday, October 4 • 3:30 p.m.

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

DSCC Kicks Off 50th Anniversary by Recognizing Charter Class

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) kicked off its 50th anniversary celebration by honoring 11 members from the Colleges' first graduating class Aug. 16 inside the Student Center on the Dyersburg campus.

Dr. Karen A. Bowyer, president of DSCC, Mandy Fisher, director of continuing education and alumni affairs at DSCC, and Luciana Shaw, president of the DSCC Alumni Association, presented the awards in front of approximately 175 faculty and staff during the College's fall update.

Recognized from the class of 1971 were Stanley Anderson of Halls, Charles and Patricia Ennis of Atoka, and Nancy Boals of Dyersburg, Ann Carson of Dyersburg, Cindy Cooper, Harolyn Hurd, Joan Hudson Lee, Danny Lowery, Bill Parmenter and Danny Walden, all of Dyersburg.

Speaking on behalf of the charter class were Danny Walden and Charles Ennis. Special mention went to Danny Walden as class president, Harolyn Hurd as 'Miss Dyersburg State' and Stanley Anderson as 'Mr. Dyersburg State' of the first graduating class.



DYERSBURG STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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

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

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
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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!



CASA of Tipton County
Presents
Set Sail
for
Disaster

A Mystery Dinner Fundraiser
On Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 6 PM
at Liberty Hall
204 E. Liberty
Covington, TN 38019



Tickets: \$50
Contact:
901-430-2260

SEATING LIMITED

This will be fun, delicious, entertaining, and most importantly – will support CASA!

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteers are appointed by judges to watch over and advocate for abused and neglected children, to make sure they don't get lost in the overburdened legal and social service system, or languish in inappropriate group or foster homes. Volunteers stay with each case until it is closed and the child is placed in a safe, permanent home. For many abused children, their CASA volunteer will be the one constant adult presence in their lives.

Mission: The National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association, together with its state and local member programs, supports and promotes court-appointed volunteer advocacy so every abused or neglected child in the United States can be safe, have a permanent home and the opportunity to thrive

[CASA of Tipton County](http://www.casaofTiptoncounty.org)

Finding Your Kin: Beginning Genealogy

6-WEEK

GENEALOGY COURSE

Sept 27; Oct 4-18 & Nov. 1-8

Thursdays

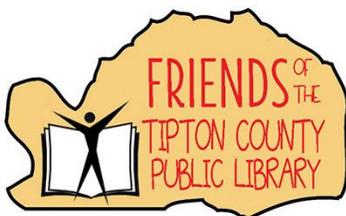
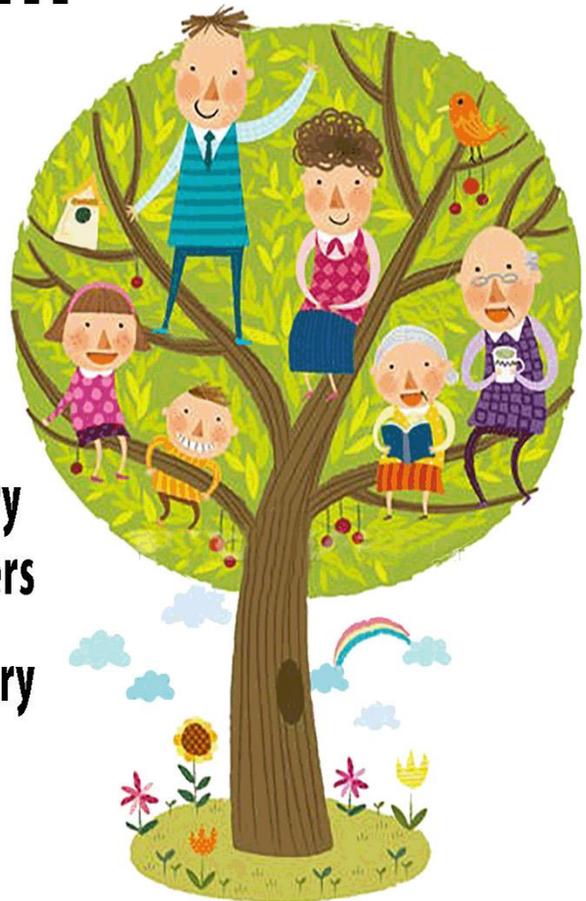
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**Come learn the steps and develop
the skills that will help**

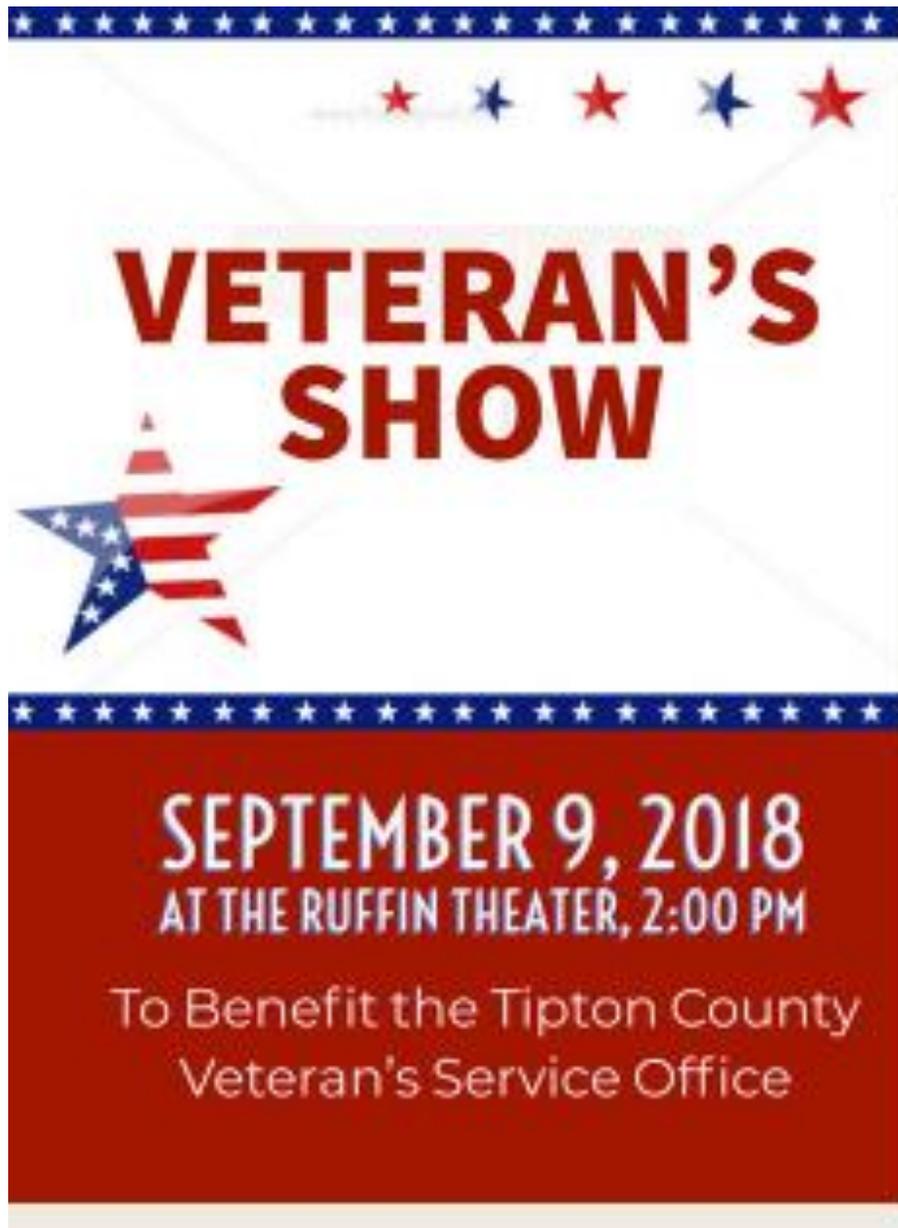
YOU discover YOUR family origins!

**Course cost: \$65 for Friends of the Library
\$85 for non-Friends members**

**Registration forms available at the Library
or online at www.tcsuperfriends.org**



**Sponsored by the Friends of the
Tipton County Public Library**



Ribbon Cutting Planned for DSCC's Nursing Labs

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) and the Dyersburg/Dyer County Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon cutting and grand opening for the College's newly renovated nursing labs, Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 4:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Dale F. Glover Education Center on the Dyersburg campus. The renovation, made possible by the \$1 million-plus Drive to 55 Capacity Building Grant, includes new state-of-the-art nursing labs and equipment in a simulated hospital environment. This new capacity has allowed DSCC to begin its Paramedic to RN fast track three-semester program at the Dyersburg campus beginning fall 2018. The first completers from this program are scheduled to graduate in early August 2019. Nursing alumni and past faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. This event is open to the public.

FALL into some great books

at the

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BOOK SALE

OCT 25-27

**Tipton County Public Library
DSCC Covington Campus**

MEMBERS PREVIEW NIGHT:

Thursday 4-7pm

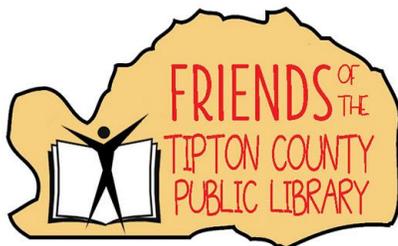
(memberships available at the door)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Friday 10am to 4pm

Saturday 10am to 2pm

**Your purchase helps the Friends of the Library fund
valuable reading programs at the Library!**





FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 29, 2018

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Elizabeth.Hart@tn.gov

TDH URGES MEASURES TO AVOID WEST NILE VIRUS

Mosquito-borne illness circulating throughout Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Tennessee Department of Health urges Tennesseans to take preventive steps to avoid mosquito-borne diseases. West Nile virus is the most common mosquito-borne virus circulating in Tennessee. TDH has seen a recent increase in West Nile virus in mosquito testing in addition to human cases. Sadly, this includes two recent WNV deaths in Shelby County.

"We all know mosquitoes aren't just a nuisance. Last year 30 Tennesseans were infected with West Nile virus and sadly, we saw two recent deaths in Shelby County," said TDH Commissioner John Dreyzehner, MD, MPH. "Most but not all healthy people can fight off West Nile virus infection, but some get seriously ill with major consequences like severe pain, long-term or permanent nerve or brain damage and even death. This is a critical time of year and it's up to all of us to do what we can to keep ourselves and others safe from mosquito bites."

In most years, the majority of human West Nile cases in Tennessee occur in August and September. All Tennesseans are advised to use mosquito protection for the remainder of the summer and early fall.

"It's important to know there is no vaccine to prevent West Nile virus. The best way to protect yourself from West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne diseases is by preventing mosquito bites," said State Epidemiologist Tim Jones, MD. "People can take simple steps to prevent mosquito bites and control mosquito breeding sites around their homes."

In addition to West Nile virus, Tennessee has seen six cases of La Crosse encephalitis in children so far this year. TDH encourages everyone to follow these precautions to avoid mosquito bites:

- **Use insect repellants** such as DEET, Picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535 on your skin, following all label recommendations for use. Pay particular attention to recommendations for use on children, and never apply any of these products around the mouth or eyes at any age. Consult your health care provider if you have questions.
- **Reduce mosquito populations** around your home. Mosquitoes can breed in any place that holds water, including clogged drains or gutters, watering cans and empty bottles.
- **Use products containing permethrin**, a highly effective insecticide, for clothing, shoes, bed nets and camping gear. Permethrin-treated clothing repels and kills ticks, mosquitoes and other pests and retains this effect after repeated laundering. Some commercial products are available pretreated with permethrin. As a caution, however, it is not to be used directly on skin.
- **Wear 'long, loose and light' clothing** to help prevent bites through fabric. It's best to wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants. Tuck your pants into your socks and your shirt into your

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!



TWEEN MAKERSPACE



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Sept. 13th
4:00 PM

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Avengers: Infinity War

Sept. 17th @ 4:00PM
[PG-13] 149mins

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Avengers Trivia

Sept. 17th @ 7:00PM

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Mother Goose Story Time

THURSDAY @ 9:00 AM

For children ages 0 to 2,
but all ages are welcome.

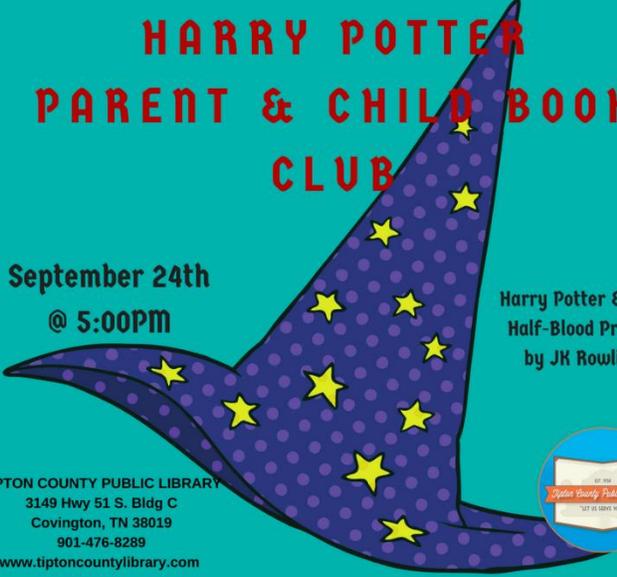


Mother Goose Story Time is designed to promote literacy in young children. The 30-minute program includes simple stories, finger plays, music, and nursery rhymes.

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HARRY POTTER PARENT & CHILD BOOK CLUB

September 24th @ 5:00PM



Harry Potter & Half-Blood Prince by JK Rowling

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Movie Days



Life of the Party
Sept. 4th @ 1:00 PM [PG-13] 105 Min.

Failure to Launch
Sept. 7th @ 1:00 PM [PG-13] 96 Min.

Book Club
Sept. 11th @ 1:00 PM [PG-13] 103 Min.

It Happened at the World's Fair
Sept. 21st @ 1:00 PM [NR] 105 Min.

Ocean's 8
Sept. 25th @ 1:00 PM [PG-13] 135 Min.

Catch Me if You Can
Sept. 29th @ 10:00 AM [PG-13] 141 Min.

Rampage
Sept. 29th @ 1:00 PM [PG-13] 108 Min.

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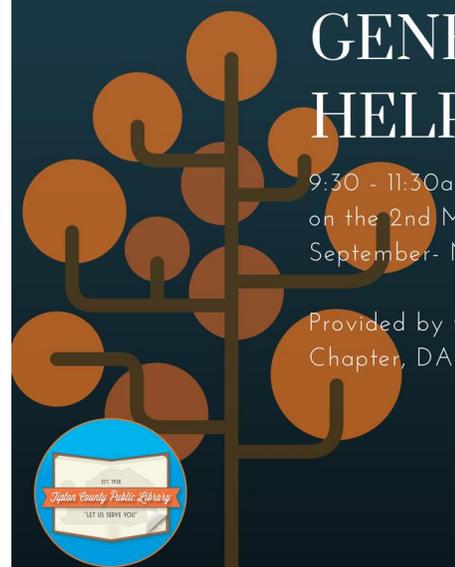
Ages 18 & up



GENEALOGY HELP

9:30 - 11:30am
on the 2nd Monday of the month
September- May

Provided by the River City
Chapter, DAR





FAMILY STORY TIME

SUPER HEROES

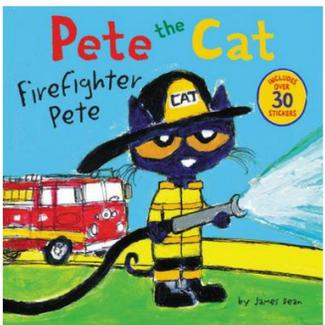
SEPT. 28TH
@ 10:00 AM



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Pete the Cat Book Club



ALL AGES

Sept. 15th
@ 11:00 AM

Sponsored by the Tipton County Junior Auxiliary
Special Guest: Covington Fire Dept.



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

Pay Tribute to your personal hero, remember your loved ones, and honor those special people in your life by purchasing bricks for the museum addition. Go visit the museum to see the memorial bricks or call 901-476-0242 for more information.

From Director Barrie Foster:

Thank you for your continued support of the Tipton County Museum. Please join us for these exciting events:

- Our new exhibit '**Isaac Hayes: From Rialto to Royalty**' is now on display. Please stop in soon to see it!
- **Barb McBride's art class is on** Friday mornings at 9:30 in our conference room. Please call the museum at 476-0242 to register!
- Tuesday, **September 11** at 6:30 p.m. is our **next Veteran of the Month Reception**. The Girl Scouts provide the refreshments and everyone is invited.
- Friday, **September 14** at 6 p.m. is **Party with the Pollinators**. This event is free and herb themed refreshments will be served.
- Sunday, **September 16** from 2 to 4 p.m. is the **Plein Air Art Experience**. Join your fellow artists for an afternoon of pleasurable painting on our gorgeous grounds. FREE.
- **October Gardening Series: Every Saturday morning in October at 10. More details to follow.**
- **Saturday, October 6** from 1 to 3 p.m.: **Artist Series for Kids: Auguste Renoir**. Open to adults and children age 10 and up.
- Beginning **October 16**: '**Henri Matisse: The Art of the Interior**' with Artist in Residence Richard Reed. Four Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Saturday, **October 27** from 1 to 3 p.m.: '**Go with the FLOW!**' An acrylic pouring workshop.

Please call the Tipton County Museum at (901) 476-0242 to register for a course or if you have any questions.



Isaac Hayes:

From Rialto to Royalty

An exhibit celebrating the life and
fame of Isaac Hayes
8/20/1942—8/10/2008





The Tipton County Museum, Veterans
Memorial & Nature Center Presents

More Fun with Acrylics

With Barbara Flowers McBride

- When:** Friday mornings, 9:30—11:30
September 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2018
- Where:** Tipton County Museum
751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN
- Fee:** \$60 Members, \$80 General Public



Barb will show you are how easy and fun it is to paint with this versatile medium. No previous art experience is required. Please call the Tipton County Museum for the supply list and to register for the course.

The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center
751 Bert Johnston Ave., P.O. Box 768, Covington, TN 38019
(901) 476-0242

Acrylic Art Classes Going Strong

Local artist and instructor Barbra Flowers McBride offers classes at the Tipton County Museum using acrylics. These are just one of many art opportunities offered at our museum.





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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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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VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER

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!



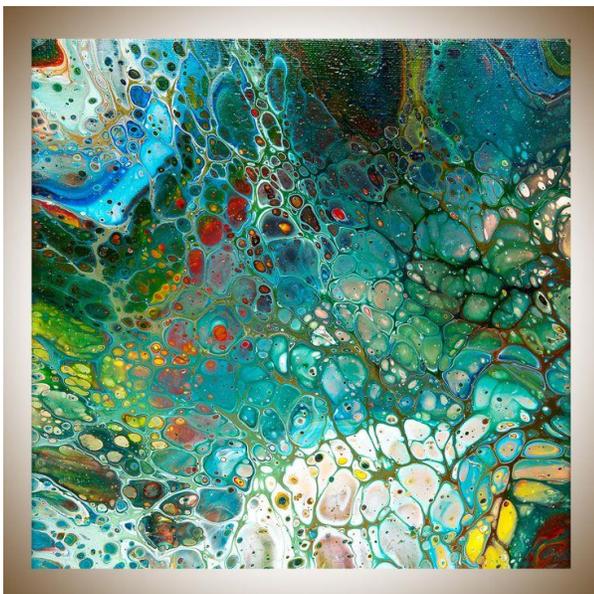
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Grab a few friends and join us at the Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington, Tennessee, for an exhilarating afternoon of art! Debra Howze will show you how easy and fun it is to create beautiful and unique artwork with this technique. **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**

**Veteran of the Month
August 2018**

Douglas Perry Ward



Born September 21, 1935 in Holcomb, Mississippi, Doug Ward enlisted in the United States Army a year after graduating from high school. After completion of Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, he was sent to Korea where he served for 16 months with the 32nd Regiment, 7th Division. His unit served along with several other United Nations units including troops from Ethiopia, Italy, and Turkey. All the troops fought using machine guns; but the Ethiopians also carried spears, and the Turks carried Kilij's – their traditional curved swords. According to Doug, the Turkish troops were the toughest he had ever seen as going barefoot in the snow during the Korean winter did not seem to bother them. Once back in the U.S., he attended the NCO Academy and trained to be an Army Ranger. He learned hand to hand combat, trained with various weapons including handguns, rifles, and machine guns. For the next three years he served with the Army Rangers in Georgia. Doug enjoyed his career in the military. In addition to being honored by being decorated by Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie, for his service to our country he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

After an Honorable Discharge on April 12, 1957, he returned home to Memphis, Tennessee where he began a fruitful career as an insurance adjustor until his retirement at age 65. He married his sweetheart, Billie Sue Hannah, who sadly passed away at a young age. He met his current wife, the former Shirley Johnson, in 1965 when she worked a secretary for an insurance company he was required to visit once a week as an insurance adjuster. She had planned to meet several of her coworkers for dinner one evening, and Doug was going to join them. However, due to unfortunate circumstances, each of her coworkers had to back out at the last minute, leaving Shirley and Doug as the only two diners. Her coworkers had orchestrated the whole thing! It obviously worked, for they were married in January of 1966. Shirley was just 19 years old and said that Doug was, and is, the love of her life. They were blessed with two children, Jeff Ward and Lee Ann Jones, and two grandchildren. They are members of First Baptist Church of Munford where Doug has served as a Deacon. Doug was nominated for Veteran of the Month by his wife, Shirley.

The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial
& Nature Center

Veteran of the Month Reception

Every 2nd Tuesday Evening at 6:30

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