

City of Covington Newsletter
Highlights from
September 15 - 21*

From the Mayor's Desk

*Thoughts and perceptions from
Mayor Justin Hanson*

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

I've had several opportunities this week to talk with young people in our community, and I sincerely enjoy doing so. I spoke to roughly 75 students at the Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region and I am a regular with the Tipton County High Schools' Capstone Classes. It's refreshing to hear all the innocence from school children, but it's also an opportunity to stress upon them the things that have withstood time and technology in terms of preparing for a successful life. Whether I'm speaking to 6 year olds or 16 year olds, my message is ultimately the same. Basically, you either fail to plan or you simply plan to fail – maybe not on purpose, but that's how it usually pans out, so here's what I encourage young people to do, and I hope you will help push this message with them, as well.

Set goals. Youth goals may not be exactly well defined – or perhaps they are! For example, someone may know at an early age they want to be a teacher or a physical therapist. More than likely, however, they may simply be able to set goals of becoming successful in life – to have an education and skills that will enable them to live the American Dream of making a living, having a home, and being an independent and contributing member of society. Whatever those goals are, write them down – make a list – and keep it so you can refer to it often. In fact the next step in this process is to write down steps for reaching those goals – and mark them off when you've reached them. It is quite satisfying to put that check mark beside a “step” that has been completed – and it is a self-motivator for tackling the next step. Sometimes that goal may be get through the 8th grade or pass Algebra! Certainly I encourage making short term *and* long term goals. Every child I've ever talked to seems to know that getting a good education is one of the key ingredients – and we should remind them of this often! In fact, here is a quote from the US Department of Labor along with links:

Generally speaking, jobs that require high levels of education and skill pay higher wages than jobs that require few skills and little education. Statistics from the Department of Labor's [Bureau of Labor Statistics \(BLS\)](#) validate this viewpoint by revealing that the unemployment rate among people who have a professional degree is significantly lower than that of people who have a high school diploma or less than a complete high school education. In addition, earnings increase significantly as a worker's degree of education rises.

Knowing this, it is imperative that our young people are encouraged to stay in school – even after high school. Thank goodness we have TWO institutions of higher learning right here in our community, and we have received TDOT grants to help create connectivity to these, as well. I have also noticed that progress is underway on an addition to TCAT in Covington, which will increase their opportunity to provide training.

The great artist Michelangelo once said, “The greater danger for most of us lies *not* in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our mark.” It's tough to reach lofty goals – but it's worth the struggle, so let's set them and encourage each other to reach them. That's the next step in the process – share your dreams and goals with others and encourage each other to never give up. I tell kids all the time to surround themselves with good people who will support them, encourage them to make good decisions, and who will help them stay on their path to success. I feel this is good advice for anyone, really, and certainly these are things I strive to do myself.

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.
- 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

[GIS/IT Coordinator](#)
[Lifeguard](#)
[Police Dept](#)
[Fitness Leader](#)

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:

- Over 100 children are registered in fall soccer this year – matches will be played at Baltzer Field and Covington First Baptist Church – play had to be delayed due to a storm that blew a pole down adjacent to Baltzer Field recently. Repairs have been made and games begin September 11. Games are scheduled during the week to give families time together on weekends.
- 85 girls signed up for Fall Softball – first time fall softball offered in Parks and Rec. Games will be played also during the week at the Mueller Brass Softball Fields.
- [NAYS](#) (National Alliance for Youth Sports) training being offered to youth sports coaches and referees. This training includes watching videos, taking tests, and signing a pledge.
- **October 18 Health and Wellness Fair** – Sponsored by Baptist Tipton partnering with Covington Parks and Recreation. Fitness classes will be conducted outside in Cobb-Parr Park adjacent to the Sportsplex. The day will end with an evening 5K called the Monster Dash. Covington Parks and Recreation will time the race
- **Pick ‘em Here** college football “just for fun” will be sponsored by our sportsplex. Prizes will be provided for the winners.
- Director Mack is working on fall movies in the park – look for information on this soon.

Kids Fall Swimming Lessons



Learn to swim level 1, 2, and 3

October 8th -12th

Mon.- Fri.

11-12pm

Ages: 6-12



**American
Red Cross**

1 child- \$50

2 children- \$75

3 children- \$100

Sign up is available online



750 Bert Johnston Ave Covington TN, 38019

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](#).

Covington Firefighters participated in Pete the Cat's *Firefighter Pete* Program at the Tipton County Library



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 real 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:

Updates and News from The Tipton County Museum, Veteran's Memorial, and Nature Trail:

- Isaac Hayes exhibit opened at the Tipton County Museum on August 18 and is still on display.

Tennessee Waters: Shaping Our Land, Our Lives, and Our Future is a traveling exhibit that will be on display at the Tipton County Museum September 18 through November 12. Tim Henderson, Executive Director for Humanities Tennessee, and Paul McCoy, Program Officer for Humanities Tennessee, delivered the traveling exhibit *Tennessee Waters: Shaping our Land, Our Lives and Our Future* to the Tipton County Museum. This exhibit will be on display from September 18 through November 10. This exhibit is presented by Humanities Tennessee, Tennessee Historical Society, and the Albert Gore Research Center. The exhibit reception will take place Friday evening, October 19 from 5:30 to 7:00. There will be a lecture with discussion presented by Dr. Robert Cogswell on Saturday morning October 20 at 10:00. The exhibit, reception, and lecture are all free to the public.

- Upcoming Programs and Lectures:
 - **October Gardening Series** every Saturday morning in October at 10:00. There will also be a garden lecture in the conference room.
 - **Artist Series for Kids** – Auguste Renoir will be the focus artist on Saturday, October 6 from 1:00 – 3:00
 - **Go with the FLOW** – Acrylic pouring workshop with Debra Howze Saturday, October 27 from 1:00 – 3:00

COVINGTON PUBLIC WORKS:

- Public Works crews have been busy cleaning and mulching for Saturday's Heritage festival.
- Public works crews were called to repair a water leak.
- Starting October 15, leaves raked into piles and windrows will be picked up by the City using vacuum machines.
- Please don't place Yard waste in drainage ditches, on the street, or on a side walk.
- Yard waste should be placed at least five feet away from potential obstacles such as mail boxes, fence, wall, water meters, telephone connection boxes and parked cars so our machines can get to it.
- Building debris, such as lumber, plaster, roofing, brickbats and other debris from construction, repair remodeling or demolition of any building or appurtenance, will not be removed by the City. The owner must cause such material to be privately moved.



AT&T ANNOUNCES CONTRIBUTION TO THE COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY IN COVINGTON

Funding to Support Students with Training for High-Skill, Technology-Based Jobs

As part of AT&T's continuing commitment to supporting quality education across Tennessee, the company has donated \$3,000 to the Tennessee College of Applied Technology in Covington. The contribution will provide for the purchase of wireless networking equipment which will help support training for high-skill jobs requiring technology-based skills throughout Tennessee.

“This type of support from private business is important as we work to find ways to advance higher education in East Tennessee,” said Youlanda Jones, President, of Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Covington. “Expanding access to this sort of training gives our students the skills required to compete in today’s technology-based economy.”

This donation is part of AT&T’s \$81,000 gift to the Tennessee Board of Regents. Funding will provide 26 TCATs up to \$3,000 to purchase new wireless networking setups used to teach infrastructure design, security and planning, and to practice implementing and protecting networks and operating plans. As a result, students will have expanded opportunities to learn the skills they need for careers in information technology fields.

“We have worked hard to create a climate that is welcoming of new business which can be seen in the record growth Tennessee is experiencing,” said State Representative Deb Moody. “With this growth comes the need for a high-skill workforce and through programs like those offered at TCAT, graduates will be prepared to succeed in a modern workplace.”

“Technology is creating new jobs and new jobs require new skills. Through this partnership with AT&T and TCAT-Covington, I am confident our graduates will have the necessary skills today’s employers demand,” said County Executive Jeff Huffman.

Tennessee’s information technology and technical needs are growing at an exponential rate, creating increased demand for well-trained IT personnel that are crucial to the economic development of Tennessee businesses and industries. “To meet the needs of our ever-growing economy, Tennessee’s institutions of higher education must ensure new entrants to the workforce are prepared and obtain the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities to succeed in a modern workplace,” said Mayor Justin Hanson. “Through programs like those offered at the Covington College of Applied Technology, pathways are created for non-traditional students to gain these skills, benefiting all Tennesseans.”

“Through AT&T Aspire, we are focused on developing a 21st century workforce that can promote continued prosperity and a stronger economy across Tennessee,” said AT&T Tennessee Regional Director of External and Legislative Affairs Chuck Thomas.



Finance and Administration Committee Discusses TDOT Agreement, Beer Board requirements, and Fireworks

The Finance and Administration Committee held their regular monthly meeting at Covington City Hall on September 18 at 1:00. Those present were Chairman Alderman C.H. Sullivan, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman John Edwards, Alderman Mac McGowan, Fire Chief Michael Naifeh, Police Chief Buddy Lewis, Public Works Director David Gray, Codes Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector Lessie Fisher, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Mayor Justin Hanson, and Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware. Also present were Harold Morris, Sierra Butler of Drug Free Tipton, Records Clerk David Gwinn, Echo Day of The Leader, Margaret Fleming and Joni Glass.

Chairman Alderman C.H. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 1:00 with a quorum present, and called on Realtor Harold Morris to present an offer he received for the sale of a city-owned building.

Mr. Morris referred to a copy of the offer that was included in the agenda and suggested three options: accept the offer as is, reject the offer, or make a counter offer. The building is for sale for \$79,900, and the offer is for \$25,000. Chairman Sullivan stated he believed we should make a counter offer, but encouraged the sale of the building so it can be renovated and serve as a fully functional facility. Mr. Morris stated this is the only offer we have received. Alderwoman Bommer agreed that the building needs to be sold, and Alderman McGowan made a motion to counter the offer at \$50,000. Alderman Edwards stated he feels the building is worth the asking price. Alderman Sullivan stated the building needs a lot of work and he doesn't want to lose a chance to sell it. Alderman Edwards asked how the building is being advertised, and Mr. Morris stated it is on the World Wide Web. The vote on \$50,000 counter-offer failed. Then Alderwoman Bommer motioned to make a counter offer for \$60,000. Alderman Sullivan seconded, and that motion passed with Alderman Edwards voting no.

Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn stated the State Comptroller did approve our proposed budget. Dunn also reviewed a letter from the State of Tennessee stating we have met the requirements of our pension plan.

Sullivan then asked Mayor Hanson to review the professional services contract to A2H, and Hanson asked CPW Director David Gray to elaborate on his use of this service. Gray stated he consults with A2H frequently and their expertise is a big help to him. Mayor Hanson stated this contract provides daily conversations with the engineers, architects, and planners at A2H without hourly costs for these services. Sullivan motioned to agree to a professional services contract with A2H and Mayor Hanson seconded. Motion passed.

Mayor Hanson presented a TDOT agreement for Phase I on a Highway 51 Connector Project for extension of multimodal access from Tatlock Street to Lanny Bridges and across Highway 51 to TCAT. The purpose of the agreement is to provide for TDOT's participation in the project and states the terms and conditions as to the manner in which the project will be undertaken and completed. Committee agreed to enter agreement with TDOT for the purpose described above.

Sierra Butler from Drug Free Tipton was called on regarding Beer Board issues. Butler stated that it is her understanding that the Beer Board cannot require a licensed vendor to be a responsible vendor, but they can require training through an [ABC](#) certified course. The Beer Board can and does levy fines on irresponsible vendors and can also suspend sales. David Gwinn stated that all vendors that have been fined have paid those fines. Chief Lewis stated that any training we can make vendors provide their employees should improve responsible practices. Alderwoman Bommer suggested training annually, since the individual certification is good for a year. Alderman McGowan stated we really need to crack down on underage sales and encouraged the committee to gather more information and perhaps draft an ordinance requiring ABC approved certifications. He then made a motion to come back with an ordinance requiring training for all businesses that sell beer for new licenses or renewals that go through the Beer Board. Alderwoman Bommer stated if we

require the ABC certifications upon renewals, we will have updated information on all employees. Alderman Edwards expressed concerns for the extra costs of doing business in Covington by requiring employees to be certified. Butler stated some companies who sell beer already require [ABC](#) certification for their employees. David Gwinn stated he will research ABC certification programs and what other cities require. Alderman McGowan stated if we can prevent alcohol from getting into the hands of underage folks, then *that* sales tax may be worth the loss. McGowan then asked Butler if there are other things we can do to target drug and alcohol use in Covington. She stated Drug-Free Tipton is working on bolstering social hosting laws, anonymous tip lines, continuing with frequent compliance checks and making sure fines are levied on those who do sell to minors while also helping employees to become certified through training. Butler stated there has been much improvement in pass rates in Covington and they use our practices to highlight what can be done throughout the state. Chief Lewis stated the CPD will continue to work with Drug Free Tipton to keep drugs and alcohol out of the hands of underage people. Butler stated Drug Free Tipton provides signage for all tobacco and alcohol retailers regarding year born and legal access, among many other free services. McGowan motioned to continue this discussion at next meeting with more information and Sullivan seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Sullivan called on Chief Buddy Lewis to refresh the Fireworks Ordinance discussion. Lewis stated the discussion was centered on stopping sales and use of fireworks in the City of Covington. Lewis stated in the month of July, the CPD responded to 66 fireworks complaints that were called in. No citations were issued, but warnings were given in an effort to educate the public regarding our new ordinance requirements. The estimated sales tax for fireworks sales in Covington is \$5,000 - \$7,000. Sullivan asked for the feelings of the committee regarding fireworks. McGowan stated because of two structure fires caused by fireworks in July and the disturbance of the public, including the 66 called in complaints, he leans toward doing away with sales and use in the city limits. Neighborhood groups, Booster Clubs, and Churches could be issued permits for fireworks on specific occasions under strict guidelines to promote safety. Sullivan stated he has no problem with outlawing the sales and use of fireworks in the city. Alderman Edwards stated if we outlaw sales of fireworks we are giving up tax dollars and people will go outside of town to purchase them. Sullivan suggested perhaps publicizing our current ordinance and enforcing it stringently through the new-year and see if things improve. Alderman Edwards stated he feels biggest change in fireworks use now is that they generally aren't supervised by adults. He then stated he has no problem making it illegal to shoot in town, but not to outlaw the sales. Like guns – you can purchase them in town, but not shoot them in town. Alderwoman Bommer stated this ordinance is new and she is willing to wait until after the new-year holiday to see how enforcement of the new ordinance will go. Chief Naifeh stated that the sales of consumer fireworks is regulated by the State Fire Marshall. He went on to state we did have two structure fires this year that were the result of fireworks, however, we only have 3 days a year fireworks can **legally** be shot in the city of Covington, according to our current ordinance. Lessie Fisher verified there are only three days fireworks are allowed to be used in the City of Covington, and those are December 31, January 1st, and July 4th. Bommer stated we certainly don't want to stop sales, but we need to control the three days we legally allow for the use of fireworks. McGowan asked if we have the ability to fine parents whose children are shooting fireworks in the city of Covington without supervision, and the answer is yes. Chief Lewis stated July 4th fireworks creates a major issue for the Covington Police Department. He stated fireworks are shot at officers, and they deal with the issue for several days – not just the 3 days they are “allowed”. Lewis went on to say that we pay a lot in overtime for additional police officers to be on duty, and for damage done to vehicles as a result of fireworks being shot at them. Lewis stated it is a nightmare. He stated he understands the concern for tax revenue and doing business, but says it is a big concern for the police. Alderwoman Bommer asked him what is his solution, and he stated the loss in sales tax from fireworks may be less than the cost of damage to vehicles, overtime, and other damages done as a result of those sales. Tina Dunn asked if people will still shoot fireworks if they are illegal, and Chief Lewis stated yes, however, it should help the situation. David Gwinn stated Codes Department permits the stands, requires business and peddlers licenses for each stand, and then those stands are inspected. Ordinance contains violations and penalty section, but none have been issued. McGowan stated he feels we are setting up negative examples for our youth and he feels shooting fireworks at police officers is a serious offense. Chief Lewis stated there may be as many as 100 kids walking and running through neighborhoods shooting fireworks and

this makes it very difficult for officers to enforce. Alderwoman Bommer suggested apprehending just a few of them, having their parents come and pick them up, and citing the parents. She suggested this will “get the word out” that we aren’t tolerating such behavior. Discussion continued regarding limited times for sales, and other suggestions, including educating the public. Alderman McGowan motioned to amend the fireworks ordinance to ban sales and use of fireworks in the City of Covington. There being no second, that motion failed. Chief Naifeh stated our current ordinance is pretty restrictive, and Alderwoman Bommer stated that we’ve only given this current ordinance 6 months to see if it will work as is. Alderman Edwards motioned to table the discussion until January, enforce our current ordinance through the New Year holidays, and see how it works. Alderwoman Bommer seconded. Motion passed with McGowan voting no.

Alderman Edwards asked about progress of putting surveillance cameras in Frazier Park. He stated he knows the full board voted on it, and wants to know what progress has been made. Sullivan said that will be researched and discussed at next committee meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Grace Race was Great Success

First Presbyterian Church in Covington sponsored the Grace Race through the streets of Covington last Saturday for the fourth consecutive year. Proceeds go to the Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region in Covington. This year’s event was a great success due to those who participated – of all ages and abilities - and we *thank you* one and all!





Employee Fest for City of Covington Employees

The City of Covington provides an opportunity for all employees to learn about and participate in services, gather information, and take care of their health in their annual Employee Fest. This year, the event was held in the Covington Civic Center and keynote speaker was Dr. Kenneth Robinson of the United Way of the Mid South



Mayor Hanson welcomed the keynote speaker Dr. Kenneth Robinson.



City employees had the opportunity to learn about services available to them, and even get their flu shot!



Beautiful Day for Plein Air Art Experience on Museum Grounds

Sunday afternoon was the day for Plein Air Art at the Tipton County Museum. Plein air painting is about leaving the four walls of your studio behind and experiencing painting and drawing in the landscape. The practice goes back for centuries but was truly made into an art form by the French Impressionists. Their desire to paint light and its changing, ephemeral qualities allowed artists the freedom to paint “en plein air,” which is the French expression for “in the open air.”



Mayor Hanson Encouraged Students at BGCHRR

Keep coming to the Boys and Girls Club, read, make good decisions, take care of yourself, and surround yourself with good people are some of the things Mayor Hanson encouraged the children to do for a happy and successful life.

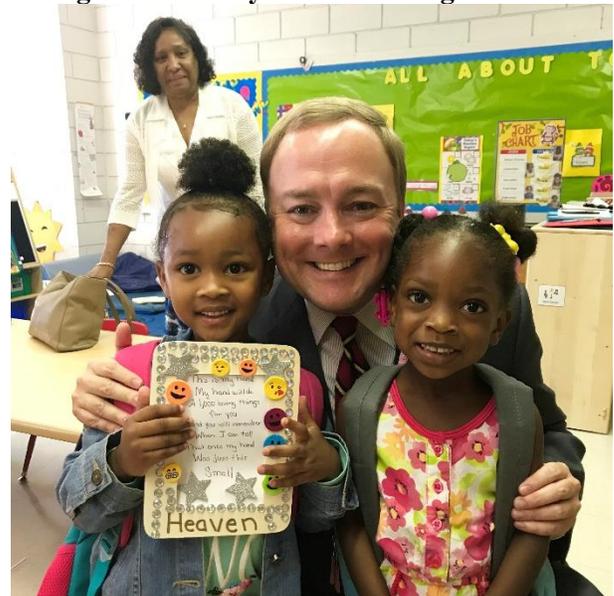


BGCHRR Director James Moore introduced Mayor Justin Hanson to students at the BGC facility. Mayor Hanson engaged the kids in conversations about making good decisions and being successful.



Mayor Hanson visited Head Start on Grandparents' Day

Northwest Tennessee Head Start in Covington frequently invites the Mayor to visit with them – particularly on special occasions like Grandparents' Day. Students enjoyed visiting with the Mayor and showing him their crafts.



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 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. 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.

Registration forms are available at DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center in Covington, and the Covington Country Club.



**DSCC's Honor Society
“Goes for the Green”
Golf Tournament**

All proceeds benefit DSCC's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Saturday, September 22, 2018
Shotgun Start at 12 p.m.
Catered lunch begins at 11 a.m.

Covington Country Club
1880 S. Main Street, Covington, TN 38019

**Chance to win a MILLION DOLLARS
sponsored by Bob Johnston Chevrolet**

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18-hole play • Contests • Prizes
Sponsorship Opportunities Available

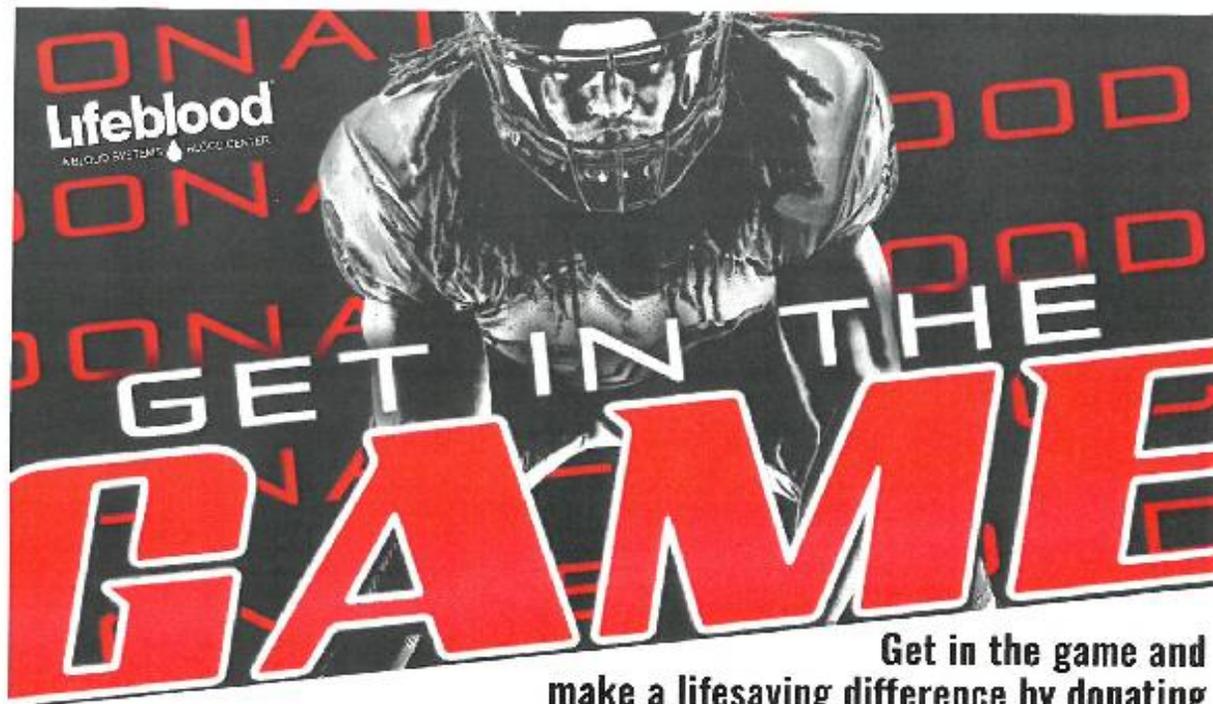
To register your team, contact Brigham Scallion at
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Mayor Justin Hanson Administered Oath of Office

Monday night, Mayor Hanson administered the oath of office to Dyersburg State Community College Jimmy Naifeh Campus Student Government Association Vice-President Brianna Goodwin. Ms. Goodwin is from Brighton, TN. Joining in the ceremony were Stephen Thomas, DSCC Director of Student Life, Larenda Fultz, DSCC Dean of Student Services, and James Adair, DSCC Professor of Mathematics. After the ceremony, Mayor Hanson shared some words of encouragement with Brianna and had a meaningful interaction with her about civics, student government, and community engagement.





**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.**



**MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY BY CLICKING [HERE](#) OR GO TO
www.clublifeblood.us**

click on LOCATE A BLOOD DRIVE, choose September 24, and type in code L198



Junior Grizzlies Youth Recreational Basketball

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- A Certificate of Participation signed by a Grizzlies Player

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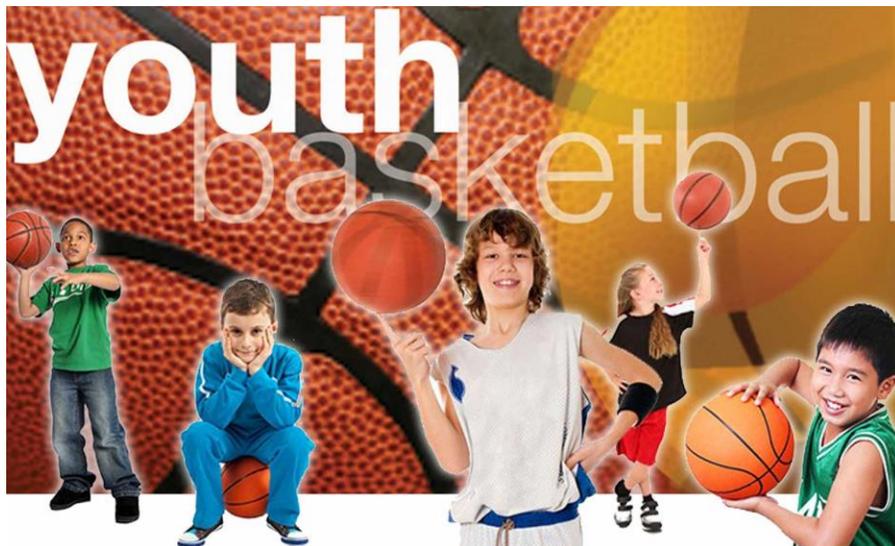


JUNIOR GRIZZLIES

Scan to sign up now!
(before the Deadline Dec. 7th)

Call 901-476-3734 for more details

no full teams can be brought in



MONSTER DASH 5K FOR DRUG PREVENTION

Date: 10/18/2018

Location: Cobb Parr Park

Time: Family Fun Run Starts at 6 with
5k following after
*Costumes welcome!



**YOU CAN SIGN-UP AT
DRUGFREETIPTON.ORG OR
BY SCANNING THIS QR:**



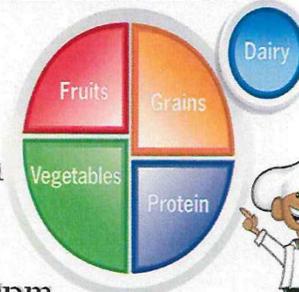
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From the Inside



WHO: *Free* to Families with Children

WHEN: Tuesdays 11:00am – 12:00pm
October 2– Nov. 13, 2018

WHERE: Tipton County Library
3149 Hwy 51 S. Bldg C
Covington, TN 38019

Register by: September 25, 2018

*Calorie Counting, Body Image, Food Groups, Shopping Tips,
Food Storage, And Much More.....*

Programs in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth development, family and consumer science, and resource development.
University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture and county governments cooperating.
UT Extension provides equal opportunities in program and employment.

EFNEP

- Expanded Food & Nutrition Education Program
- Participate in hands-on fun-filled classes learning about maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

BENEFITS

- Preparing Healthy Meals
- Cooking on a budget
- Keeping your foods safe
- Reading Labels properly
- Kid Friendly recipes

EXTRAS

- Free cooking supplies upon completion of the program!
- Graduation Certificate.

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Cooperative Extension



**Tackle Cancer Shirts Benefitting the
American Cancer Society**



\$15 Donation S/S

\$20 Donation L/S

The Tackle Cancer Design will be pink printed on the front of a charcoal Gildan S/S or L/S UNISEX t-shirt .

Please add \$2 to orders for sizes 2XL and up

Please Make Checks Payable To: ELIZABETH NEWMAN

Deadline is: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Name: _____

QTY: _____ S/S _____ L/S _____

Youth: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____

Adult: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____ 4XL _____

Return Form With Money To: PATRIOT BANK or INSOUTH BANK or COVINGTON CITY HALL

The CHS pink out game will be October 12th at Covington High School beginning at 7 p.m. Please come out and support your Chargers as they support breast cancer awareness. For more information please contact Elizabeth Newman at Elizabeth.newman@cancer.org

CHS is hosting South Gibson County in a *pink out* football game October 12th to support the American Cancer Society and breast cancer awareness. Take your completed form and check to one of the locations listed above by Sept. 21 and you will pick up your order from that same location.



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

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

A close-up photograph of a hand in a white glove holding a white golf ball over a red tee marker on a green. A golf club is positioned next to the marker.

First Walk with the Mayor A Success



As part of [A Healthier Tennessee](#), Mayor Hanson has scheduled a 2-mile walk on Fridays through October. The complete schedule of walks scheduled throughout Tipton County is below. The walk with Mayor Hanson begins at noon at the Covington Sportsplex and goes through Cobb-Parr Park. Everyone is welcome to join the mayor in walking for good health!



healthier tennessee

COMMUNITIES

“Team Tipton”

Walk with the Mayor/Elected Officials Schedules

Covington:

Location: Covington Sportsplex @ 12:00 p.m.

September 21, 2018 (Kickoff)

October 5, 2018

October 12, 2018

October 19, 2018

Munford:

Location: Centennial Park @ 5:30 p.m.

September 13, 2018 (Kickoff)

September 20, 2018

September 27, 2018

October 4, 2018

Brighton:

Location: Brighton City Park @ 6:30 p.m.

September 24, 2018 (Kickoff)

September 27, 2018

October 1, 2018

October 8, 2018

YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND A

PUBLIC SAFETY FORUM

featuring guest speakers



US Attorney
Michael Dunavant



District Atty. General
Mark Davidson



Tipton Co. Sheriff
Pancho Chumley



Covington Police
Chief Buddy Lewis



Covington Fire
Chief Mike Nalfah



Minister Thomas
D. Adams, Word
of Faith Church



Brandon Armstrong
Pastor/REDI Mentor



Pastor/Chaplain
Cliff Marlon, First
Baptist Covington

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

from **5:30-7 P.M.**

at the **Covington Civic Center**
100 West Washington Street

Hosted by the City of Covington

Moderated by Covington Mayor Justin Hanson



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE HATCHIE RIVER
REGION

Steak & Burger

Boys & Girls Club Presents our
3rd Annual Steak & Burger Event
Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018
VIP Social 5:30 p.m. - Dinner 6:30 p.m.



Special Guest Speaker:
Lionel Hollins
Former NBA Player and Coach



204 E. Liberty Avenue
Covington, TN 38019

To Order Tickets or Make a Donation visit:
bgchrr.com/steak-and-burger.html

For More Information on this Event, Call 901-476-0180
or Email JamesMoore@bgchrr.com

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.

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.



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

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|---------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| 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 |

7:30 am - 9:00 am

come and go as you please

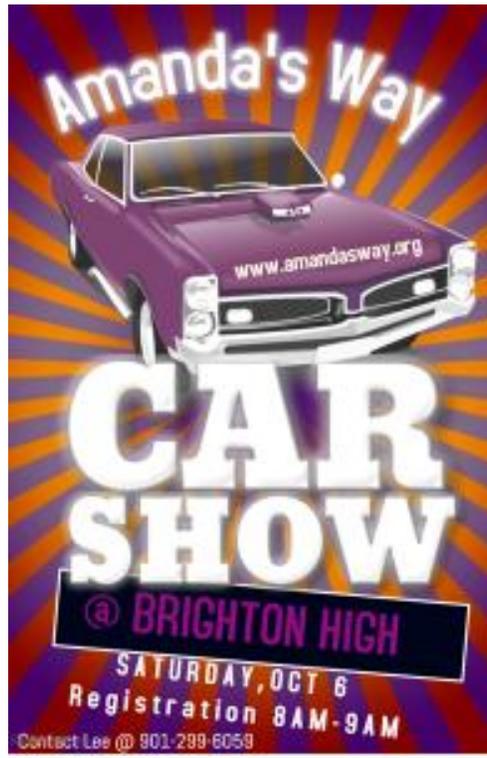


It's SQUARECROW time!

Click [here](#) for SQUARECROW information and click [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)

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.



DSCC to Host Art Reception featuring the Works of Debra Turner Brasfield

An art exhibit by Debra Turner Brasfield is currently on display at the Dyersburg State Community College Jimmy Naifeh Center in Covington. Her art will be on display until Oct. 29 throughout the Ripley Power and Light Lobby inside the Learning Resource Center, Student Center and Tipton County Public Library. **An artist's reception for the public will be held at this location Sept. 25 from 6:30-8 p.m.**

Brasfield graduated from Christian Brothers University and worked as an investment advisor for approximately 20 years. She took drawing lessons through Germantown Community Center and taught her first art class in 2003. She then took lessons under Sandee Sander, an oil painter and colorist of the then Artreach Studio and Gallery in Germantown. In 2005, she assisted Sander in teaching a color class. They purchased a historic building on the courthouse square in Bolivar and opened **On the Square Gallery and Gifts LLC** in 2011. Brasfield's works have been featured at The Ned in Jackson in 2018, Memphis Originals in 2005, Hardeman County Arts Council in 2008 and several other art shows in West Tennessee.



Debra Brasfield was named the People's Choice Favorite Artist at Germantown New in 2006, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

For more information, contact Barbara Flowers McBride at 901-237-4006.



DYERSBURG STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Jim Jaggers Rides his Bicycle to the Covington Square
for
GO JIM GO!

Meteorologist Jim Jaggers once again rides across West Tennessee for the kids at Le Bonheur

MEET US ON THE COVINGTON SQUARE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

11:30

Jim and his staff will have lunch at

BURNETT'S BBQ

they are then off to

TEEN LEARNING CENTER, COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
TCA and AUSTIN PEAY ELEMENTARY

**BRING DONATIONS TO ANY OF THE ABOVE LOCATIONS TO
SUPPORT LEBONHEUR**



TN Board of Regents will hold its fall quarterly meeting Sept. 27-28 at Dyersburg State Community College. Agenda includes reports on fall enrollment, community college graduation rates, Drive to 55 degree and certificate targets.

The Tennessee Board of Regents will hold its fall quarterly meeting Sept. 27-28 at Dyersburg State Community College. The agenda includes updates and reports on fall semester enrollments, community college graduation rates, Drive to 55 degree and certificate targets, legislative priorities, system budget requests and a new digital engagement initiative that will offer students digital textbooks at lower costs. The Board of Regents governs the College System of Tennessee's 13 community colleges and 27 colleges of applied technology.

The Board's committees will meet Thursday, Sept. 27, starting at 11 a.m., and the full Board meeting convenes at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 28, following a 9 a.m. presentation by Dyersburg State President Karen Bowyer and Youlanda Jones, President of the Tennessee College of Applied Technology campuses at Covington, Ripley and Newbern. DSCC, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, is located at 1510 Lake Road, Dyersburg, TN 38024. Schedule of meetings:

Thursday, Sept. 27:

11 a.m. to noon, in the DSCC Security Bank Community Learning Center's Terrace Room:

- Economic & Community Development Committee

1 p.m. and continuing consecutively through the afternoon, in the Campus Activities Building's First Citizens National Bank Auditorium:

- Academic Policies, Programs and Student Success Committee.
- Finance and Business Operations Committee.
- Personnel and Compensation Committee.
- External Affairs Committee.

Friday, Sept. 28, in the Campus Activities Building's First Citizens National Bank Auditorium:

- 9 am: Welcome and Presentation
- 9:30 am: Tennessee Board of Regents quarterly meeting

The reports on fall semester enrollments, community college graduation rates and Tennessee Promise students will be presented at the Academic Policies, Programs and Student Success Committee meeting on Thursday. The committee will also consider academic program additions, modifications and terminations, including a proposed new Associate of Applied Science degree program in Funeral Service Education at Southwest Tennessee Community College in Memphis. If approved, it will be the first program of its kind offered at a public college in Tennessee. There are also proposals for eight new programs at six different colleges of applied technology.

At the full Board meeting on Sept. 28, Regents will receive an update on degree and credential targets for the College System under the state's Drive to 55 initiative, the goal of which is for at least 55 percent of working-age Tennesseans to earn a college degree or certificate by 2025.

The Board and committee meetings are open to the public. Contact Board Secretary Sonja Mason at sonja.mason@tbr.edu or 615-366-3927 by noon Sept. 26 for access accommodations.

The College System of Tennessee, governed by the Tennessee Board of Regents, is the state's largest public higher education system, with 13 community colleges, 27 colleges of applied technology and the online TN eCampus, serving approximately 118,000 students.

For more information, contact: Rick Locker, Director of Communications, Tennessee Board of Regents 615.366.4417

**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

.....
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.



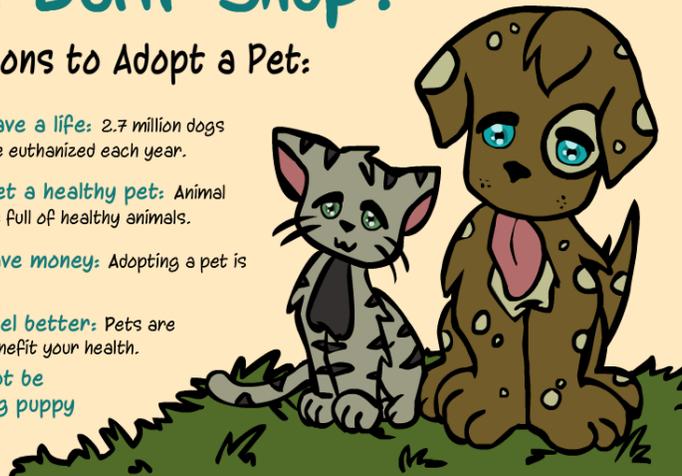
You will save money: Adopting a pet is cheaper.



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 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
- September 27 – GO JIM GO comes to COVINGTON!
- October 01 – [Public Safety Forum](#) – Covington Civic Center – 5:30
- October 02 – Public Works Committee Meeting – 1:00 at [Covington City Hall](#)
- October 02 – Boys and Girls Club annual **STEAK and BURGERS** dinner and fundraiser. [Click here to read all about it!](#)
- October 04 – [Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament](#)
- October 05 - [Walk with the Mayor](#) – noon - Covington Sportsplex
- October 06 – [CAR SHOW](#) benefitting [AMANDA’S WAY](#) at Brighton High School
- October 09 – General Welfare and Public Relations Committee Meeting – 1:00 at [Covington City Hall](#)
- October 09 – Board of Mayor and Aldermen – 5:30 at [Covington City Hall](#)
- October 12 - [Walk with the Mayor](#) – noon - Covington Sportsplex
- October 13 – Health Fair at St. Luke’s Church – 9:00 – 1:00
- October 13 – [CAR SHOW at Covington High School](#) – 9:00 – 3:00
- October 16 – Finance and Administration Committee Meeting – 1:00 at Covington City Hall
- October 16 – Nov 6 – Matisse Art Classes – Tipton County Museum. [Click here for more information](#)
- October 18 – [Monster Dash](#) – Family Fun Run and 5K – Cobb-Parr Park
- October 19 - [Walk with the Mayor](#) – noon - Covington Sportsplex
- October 20 – CAR SHOW at DSCC Covington. [click here for more information](#)
- October 23 – Public Safety Committee Meeting – 1:00 at [Covington City Hall](#)
- October 23 – Board of Mayor and Aldermen – 5:30 at [Covington City Hall](#)
- 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

[City of Covington](#)

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[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 High Design and Landscape Teams Worked for this year's Vesta Home Show



Come check out this amazing house and what's inside at the [Vesta Home Show](#) at Piperton Preserve in Piperton, Tn. The Covington High Design Team played a **BIG** role!!

Also, check out landscaping on Dave Moore's home done by CHS Landscape Team! This is a wonderful professional opportunity for these students, and we give kudos to them and their teachers
Abbie Lindsey and Liz Flanagan



Tickets are for sale at **CHS** for \$13 per ticket; Senior Citizens \$10. CHS gets a portion of the proceeds, so please buy tickets here and support the Chargers!!!
2018 Vesta Home Show is October 6th-28th.

Mayor Hanson visited with Capstone Class at Brighton High School



Mayor Hanson met with the Brighton Capstone class Friday morning to encourage them to stay focused on their education, set goals, make good decisions, and speak and write correctly.

Capstone is a career readiness/career exploration class for high school seniors that incorporates soft skills, interview techniques, and skills to navigate the post-secondary path. Speakers from many businesses and organizations in the community volunteer as presenters to our students. The class is sponsored by HTL Advantage, and is facilitated by our REDI college access mentors Katherine Markley, Brandon Armstrong, and Mario Hayslett, HTL Advantage CEO Duane Lavery, and Tipton County workforce development coordinator Robin Sealy. Anyone interested in participating can contact one of these facilitators.

DSCC Announces Nursing Information Sessions

Dyersburg State Community College 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

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!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
3RD ANNUAL
COVINGTON CHARGER
CAR SHOW



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

9:00 – 3:00

Registration begins at 8:00

Pre-registration = \$25

Registration day-of = \$35

FREE SPECTATOR ADMISSION – FREE PARKING

COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

803 s. College Street

Covington, TN

38019

In the **BAND PARKING LOT**

Contact: JESSICA HERNANDEZ

901-289-1302

covingtonchargercarshow@gmail.com



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS GREAT CAR SHOW AND
MUSIC – FOOD – RAFFLES – CRAFTS

for more information, please visit

<https://www.facebook.com/covingtonchargerband>

Support CHS Charger Band
Enjoy your Saturday
THAT'S A REAL WIN-WIN!

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.casa-tipton.org)

River City Chapter of the DAR Celebrated the US Constitution and presented gift to Tipton County Library



Mayor Justin Hanson was special guest at the DAR event and presented the group a proclamation. The DAR gave a beautiful framed picture of George Washington to the Library.



Museum Director Interviews Booker T. Leigh

Tipton County Museum Director Barrie Foster went to Memphis to film "What's Growing On" with Shelby County Extension Agent Booker T. Leigh. They discussed upcoming events at the Tipton County Museum including the October Gardening Series and the Tennessee Waters traveling exhibit.



Successful Gardening—An October Event at The Tipton County Museum!



TIPTON COUNTY
MUSEUM

VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER



ADMISSION PER
PROGRAM:
\$5.00 General Public
FREE to Museum
Members

751 Bert Johnston Avenue
PO Box 768
Covington, TN 38019
Phone: 901-476-0242

Saturday, October 6th : 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

"Where the Wild Things Are"

- Guest Speaker – **Sherl Rose**, Project Manager for the Tipton County Museum Herb Garden & Founder of "The Hippy Homesteader."

Saturday, October 13th : 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

"Pesticide Safety"

- Guest Speaker – **Booker T. Leigh**, Shelby County Extension Agent & Host of WYPL Channel 18's "What's Growing On."

Saturday, October 20th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

"Folklife of Tennessee Waterways"

- Guest Speaker – **Dr. Robert Cogswell**, Director, TN Arts Commission, Folklife Program, 1984-2014. This lecture is in conjunction with traveling exhibit *Tennessee Waters: Shaping Our Land, Our Lives, Our Future*. **THIS LECTURE IS FREE.**

**** Saturday, October 27th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M. ****

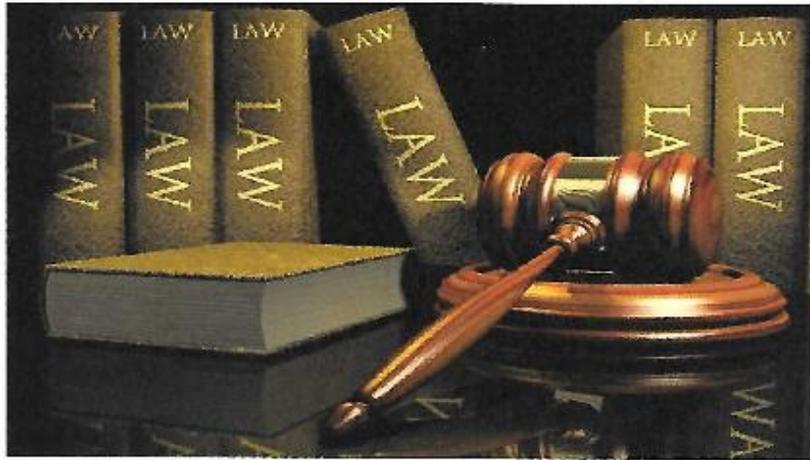
"Imagined Gardens"

- Guest Speaker – **Dominique Bellott**, Garden Historian
- ** Bring seeds and cuttings to share with others.**

This event is being made possible in part by the following
Corporate Sponsors:



**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**

Finding Your Kin: Beginning Genealogy

6-WEEK

GENEALOGY COURSE

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

Thursdays

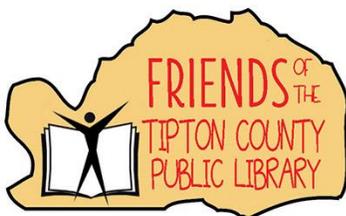
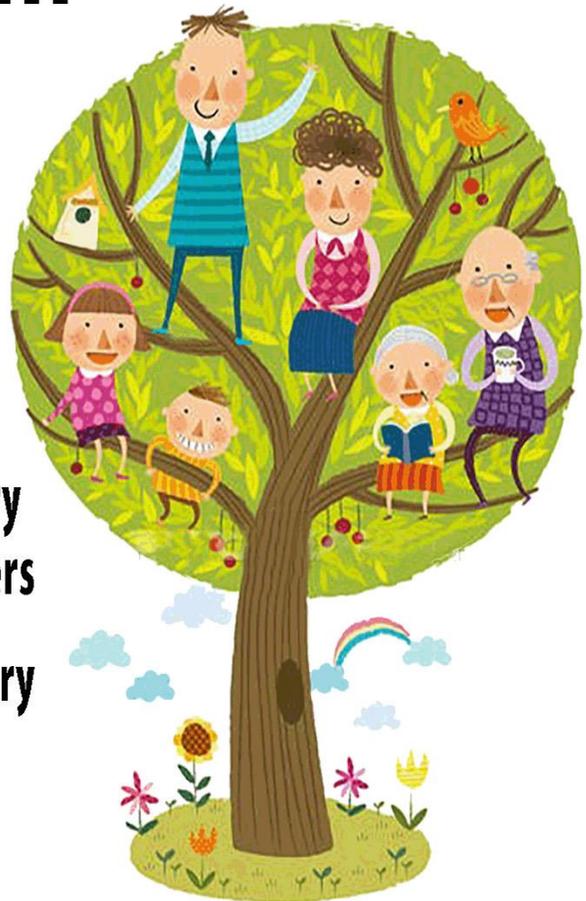
6 - 8pm

**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**

FALL into some great books

at the

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

BOOK SALE

OCT 25-27

**Tipton County Public Library
DSCC Covington Campus**

MEMBERS PREVIEW NIGHT:

Thursday 4-7pm

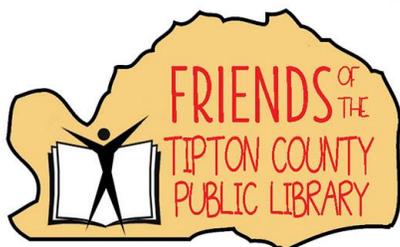
(memberships available at the door)

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!**



Tipton County Public Library News

Check out what's in store for you at our local Library this month!



TWEEN MAKERSPACE



AGES 8

Sept. 13th
4:00 PM

TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
3149 Hwy 51 S. Bldg C
Covington, TN 38019
901-476-8289
www.tiptoncountylibrary.com

A promotional poster for a "TWEEN MAKERSPACE" event. The background is black. On the left, a lightbulb is filled with various colorful gears (green, pink, blue, yellow). To the right, there are several large, stylized gears in green, pink, and blue. The text "AGES 8" is written in white. The event date and time, "Sept. 13th 4:00 PM", are in white. At the bottom, the library's name, address, phone number, and website are listed in white.

Avengers: Infinity War

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

AGES 13 &

Avengers Trivia

Sept. 17th @ 7:00PM

TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
3149 HWY 51 S. BLDG C
COVINGTON, TN 38019
476-8289
tiptoncountylibrary.com

A promotional poster for "Avengers: Infinity War" and "Avengers Trivia". The background is red. In the center is a large, stylized black and red Avengers mask. The text "Avengers: Infinity War" and "Sept. 17th @ 4:00PM [PG-13] 149mins" is in white. "AGES 13 &" is written in white. Below the mask, "Avengers Trivia" and "Sept. 17th @ 7:00PM" are in white. At the bottom, the library's name, address, phone number, and website are listed in white.

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.



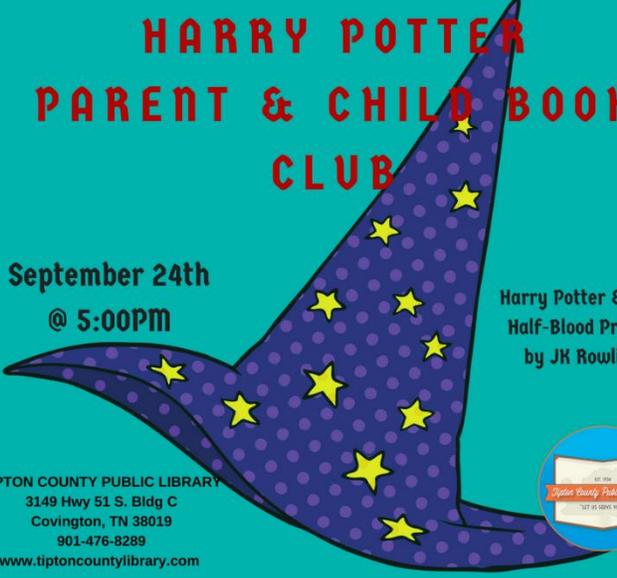
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A promotional poster for "Mother Goose Story Time". The background is yellow with a white checkered pattern. At the top, "Mother Goose Story Time" is written in white. Below it, "THURSDAY @ 9:00 AM" is in white. The text "For children ages 0 to 2, but all ages are welcome." is in white. A paragraph of text describes the program. In the center is a large illustration of a red fox with white chest and belly, holding a green umbrella. At the bottom, the library's name, address, phone number, and website are listed in white.

HARRY POTTER PARENT & CHILD BOOK CLUB

September 24th @ 5:00PM

Harry Potter & Half-Blood Prince by JK Rowling



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A promotional poster for the "HARRY POTTER PARENT & CHILD BOOK CLUB". The background is teal. At the top, "HARRY POTTER PARENT & CHILD BOOK CLUB" is written in red. Below it, "September 24th @ 5:00PM" is in white. The text "Harry Potter & Half-Blood Prince by JK Rowling" is in white. In the center is a large illustration of a blue wizard's hat with yellow stars and a white crescent moon. At the bottom, the library's name, address, phone number, and website are listed in white.

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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on the 2nd Monday of the month
September- May

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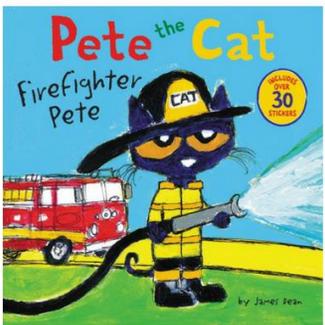
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Pete the Cat Book Club



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:

- **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.

Party with the Pollinators was “All the Buzz” at the Museum

Project Coordinator Sherl Rose discussed the importance of pollinators and how we must do all we can to help them. She then gave a personal tour of the herb garden. The Tipton County Master Gardeners provided delicious herb-themed refreshments and great door prizes.





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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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!



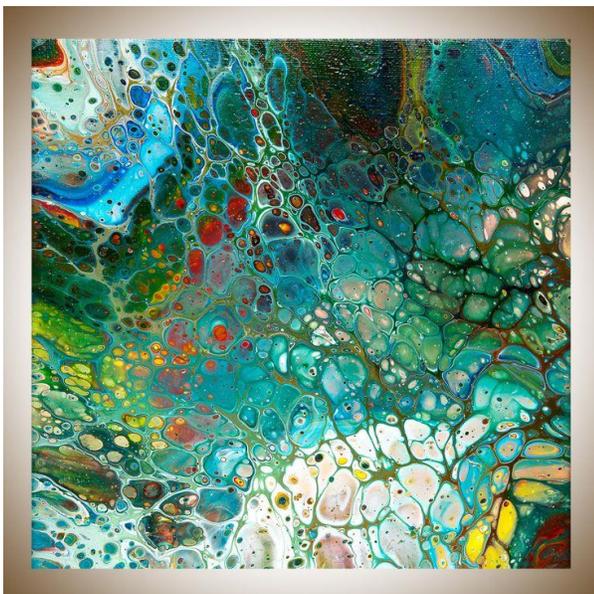
The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

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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**

**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.

Reception was held at Museum to Honor September Veteran of the Month Doug Ward

Family, friends, fellow veterans and others gathered at the Tipton County Museum Tuesday night to honor this month's veteran of the month. As always, Girl Scout troop 13804 was on hand to help with refreshments.



Kathy Desjarlais, Chairman of the Tipton County Veteran's Council (L) and Museum Director Barrie Foster (R) presented Mr. Ward with his certificate.



Honoree Ward and his wife Shirley were visited by one of the girl scouts whose troop helps with the receptions each month.



Ward is congratulated by fellow veteran Andy Dunavant



These Girl Scouts help with all of the Veteran of the Month receptions at the Museum

The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial
& Nature Center

Veteran of the Month Reception

Every 2nd Tuesday Evening at 6:30

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