

From the Mayor's Desk

*Thoughts and perceptions
from Mayor Justin Hanson*

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It has been said that we don't plan to fail, we simply fail to plan. While some may feel plans are made to be broken, I fully believe that without planning, we may end up somewhere other than where we intended to go. So, we are continuing to expand our plan and it will be based on the deliberate process of gathering data from your input on our surveys, meetings, and interviews over the past year. Our [Strategic Plan](#) contains this information and is available on our website or in our office. The people have spoken – now it is time to formulate action plans backed up with a framework for implementation and long term financial plans for the City of Covington. In preparing for this, I met with A.C. Wharton of The Wharton Group and Dexter Muller of Pinnacle Planning Advisors this week and we are ready to hold an administrative retreat on February 2nd where Board members, department heads, and others in administrative positions will put our heads together and use all the information we have gathered to make things happen. This will be held at the Community Room at Dyersburg State Community College in Covington, and as always, you are welcome to attend. In researching the importance of strategic planning for cities, I discovered a working paper in the [Future Studies Research Journal](#) which states that long-term strategic planning is considered critical to responding to new challenges in cities around the world. Furthermore, it is a widely held belief that perhaps the most important reason for strategic planning is that this process provides a means through which to translate visions, values, and ambitions into practical programs of governance, investment, and management. As such, they can link the aspirations of elected officials and citizens into one shared plan with practical delivery that provides links to a variety of aspects of city development. That is what we will do through this process for the citizens of Covington – link all our most important ambitions for our city into clearly articulated action plans. It may not be easy and it may not be quick – but we hope you will find it will be worth the time and effort. In considering costs, let me tell you that all of our Board members and employees will meet with us in this process on a Saturday for no additional compensation. I call that dedication to excellence and that is exactly what I intend to deliver.



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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.
- You can complete an application and email it to our department through the Contact Us button on our website or bring it by our office Monday through Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm.
- [Click here to see all available job openings.](#)

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 also offered, and it is available for swim fitness. The pool is equipped for those with mobility issues by way of an ADA-compliant fixed lift. **This facility is covered, heated, and open all year**, and you can purchase just a pool membership for a substantial savings and receive access to all aquatic classes. Our pool is available for private rentals for a variety of activities: such as, scout swim check, birthday parties, company outings/parties, and church events. For more detailed rental information, contact Director Mack at (901) 476-3734. **THE BOILER THAT HEATS THE WATER IS BEING REPLACED. WE ARE LOOKING FOR THIS TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH! STAY TUNED!**

PARKS AND RECREATION:

POUND
ROCKOUT. WORKOUT.

Start Slow
Covington
SPORTSPLEX
Finish Strong

BECOME AN INSTRUCTOR
Join us for a 1-day, 8-hr training that looks, feels and sounds like nothing you've experienced before.

Saturday, February 9, 2019 9AM-5PM

The Covington Sportsplex will be a *training site* for Pound Rockout Workout Instructors!
[click here to learn more](#)

Master Chief's Boot Camp – Something for your New Year's Resolutions!



Start Slow
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SPORTSPLEX
Finish Strong

MASTER CHIEF MACK'S (BOOT CAMP)
FREE FITNESS CLASS EVERY THURSDAY IN JANUARY
(3, 10, 17, 24, 31) 6PM-7PM @COVINGTON SPORTPLEX



This camp is **FREE and INSIDE!** JOIN US!

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](#).
- [Click here](#) to see Covington's newest apparatus that is featured in Firehouse Magazine.

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

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](#)

Local Tips:

Recently, Drug Free Tipton launched the [tip411](#) alert system. This is an interactive way to keep the community connected and informed through email, text message, and online public safety alerts. tip411 also allows the public to report crimes and other suspicious activities directly to law enforcement by sending **anonymous text messages** from their cell phone or via a free smartphone app. **Think about that** – when you see or hear of something that makes you concerned for your safety and/or the safety of those around you, this is your opportunity to play an active role in STOPPING CRIME!

Citizens of the community can register to receive alerts via email and/or text message to their cell phone by opting to receive neighborhood-specific or countywide alerts about public safety issues in their area. Community members are encouraged to sign up online by visiting www.drugfreetipton.org.

The public can also share information on crimes and other suspicious activity by sending an **anonymous tip** to police. **While not a replacement for dialing 911 in an emergency**, those wishing to share information anonymously with law enforcement can simply text “**Tipton**” and their message to 847411 (tip411) from their cellphone. Think about that! You can send IMPORTANT information directly to police!

The new “**TIPTON TIPS**” App for iPhone and Android from tip411 enables the public to share an anonymous tip with police and lets the officers respond back creating an anonymous two-way conversation. “The App can be located in the app store of your mobile device” said **Sierra Butler, Program Coordinator for Drug Free Tipton**.

The **TIPTON TIPS** App and tip411 anonymous text a tip system are **100% anonymous**, as the technology removes all identifying information before police see the tips and there is no way to identify the sender. This allows **YOU** to report suspicious activity that may **PREVENT** and/or **SOLVE** crimes in *your neighborhood*.

Those with questions, or who need help signing up for alerts, are asked to Contact Drug Free Tipton at 901.378-0545 or www.drugfreetipton.org, your local Police Department (901-475-1261 or 901-476-0243) or the Tipton County Sheriff’s office (901-475-3300)

PRESS RELEASE from the COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT JANUARY 8, 2019

Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis reported that the Covington Police Department conducted an underage beer sales investigation on December 29, 2018. The operation involved supervising an underage person who would enter a business and attempt to purchase beer. The Covington Police Department has conducted these types of operations in the past. There were 11 businesses checked during the evening hours of the 29th of December, and resulted in 3 Covington businesses being charged with the sale of beer to an underaged customers. The clerks of those businesses were cited to appear in General Sessions Court on January 22, 2019.

The businesses and clerks charged are:

Thrifty Mart	825 Peeler Covington, Tn.	Rachelle Lowe, Clerk
Midway Market	5000 Mueller Brass Covington, Tn.	Aletha Hill, Clerk
Exxon	1111 Hwy. 51 South Covington Tn.	M D Hossen, Clerk

The remaining businesses that were checked during the operation and did not violate the law are listed below:

Bull Market	Murphy Oil
C-Town Market	Fastimes
Exxon Hwy. 51 North	Tobacco Junction
Mapco Express	Midway Market Hwy. 51 South

CODES:

- In the City of Covington, businesses operated from a home/residence are required to apply to the Board of Zoning Appeals for review and approval. [The applications are on the City website](#) and also available in the Department of Code Compliance office located on the second floor in Covington City Hall. You may call 901-476-7191 ext. 146 or email planning.building@covingtontn.com to schedule an appointment for assistance with this process. For additional information you may look in the [Covington Municipal Zoning Ordinance](#) which is located on the City website. A City and County business license may also be required – depends on the type of business.
- If you know of **any violations** or what you *think* is a violation of the City of Covington codes/ordinances, please contact the Department of Code Compliance at 901-476-7191 ext 146 or [email](#). **WE NEED your assistance** with ensuring our City is a safe, clean place to live, work and play and greatly appreciate the input from our citizens. To see the Covington Municipal Code, [click here](#).
The Dept. of Code Compliance has responsibility for enforcing all construction codes and zoning regulations adopted by the City.
Phone: 901-476-7191 Ext. 146 Fax: 901-476-5056
Email: planning.building@covingtontn.com
- Please help us keep our City clean by reporting Unlawful dumping. If you see something that looks suspicious please call 901-237-8165 to report.



This pile of lumber was illegally dumped on Meadowview Cove in Covington. We have seen a rise in illegal dumping of tires and other debris such as this throughout the city. Not only is this unsightly, it is against our codes, is a safety hazard, and puts undue stress on our equipment and manpower. Please be on the look-out for any kind of dumping along city streets and call police immediately if you are suspicious. You may also call 901-237-8165 or 901-476-7191. Help us keep our city clean and safe

COVINGTON PUBLIC WORKS:

- Roll out containers shall be placed out no earlier than 6:00 pm the day before collection, and no later than 6:00 am on the scheduled day of collection.
- Please help us keep our neighborhoods clean!
- Civic clubs, neighborhood groups, and others interested in planning a clean-up day for any residential area, please contact the Director of Public Works for assistance in hauling off refuse and debris.
- Yard waste should be placed at least five feet away from potential obstacles such as mail boxes, fences, walls, water meters, telephone connection boxes, fire hydrants, 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.
- Call 901-476-9613 ext 118, ext 127, or ext 146 or 901-237-8165 for questions or concerns

MUSEUM:

- Veteran of the Month reception was held at the Museum Tuesday tonight in honor of Robert L. Ellis
- Genealogy Lecture will take place at Museum January 26 at 10:00
- Understanding the US Census lecture will be Saturday, March 2 at 10:00
- Water Color classes at Museum every Wednesday in February 9:30 – 11:30
- Barbara McBride will teach acrylics on Fridays in January starting January 11 at 9:30 – 11:30
- Artist Series for Kids (open for anyone ages 10 +) will focus on Jacob Lawrence February 2 from 1:00 – 3:00
- 2019 Artist in Residence Debra Howze will be teaching an acrylic pouring workshop on Saturday, Feb. 16 from 1:00 – 3:00
- February Gardening Series will begin the first Saturday in February and will take place every Saturday in February
- Two exhibits will be coming up in mid-January – **Dr. Charlotte Fisher – Paving a Path in Tipton County** along with a reception this exhibit on February 5th at 6:00. The other is an exhibit on Alderwoman Minnie Bommer in March.
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**COME
JOIN THE
FUN!**

*This is going to
be the best year
of your life!*

*this is your
year to
sparkle*

**TCCA LINE DANCING, STARTING THE
NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT, Every Wednesday
at 9:45 AM.**

Senator Mark Norris Sworn in as U.S. Judge for Western District of Tennessee in Investiture Ceremony

District Court Justices, Governor Bill Haslam, Senator [Lamar Alexander](#), Congressman David Kustoff, and many others helped to welcome Judge Norris to the Western Division for the State of Tennessee in a moving and honorable ceremony at the Cannon Center for the Performing Arts in Memphis. Students from the Stax Museum Academy opened the ceremonies. Covington and Tipton County were well represented at the event.



Emergency Care Packages Donated to CFD



CHS MRC members and CFD employees with emergency care packages are L-R Ellie Naifeh, Fire Chief Michael Naifeh, Fireman Kit Burrow, Charleigh Cole, Brooklyn Gardiner, Madison Luttrell, Melea Edmonds, Madi Maxwell, Aiden Griggs, Assistant Fire Chief Richard Griggs, and Admin. Assistant Anna Goforth

The Covington High School Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) Team recently donated emergency care packages to the Covington Fire Department. These care packages are given to burn-out victims and contain blankets, socks, personal care items, and stuffed animals for children.

These care packages will be carried on all fire trucks and will be readily available to give to fire victims. In times of devastating loss, these small items will make a big difference to those who are suddenly in need.



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

Tuesday, January 22 Pappy & Jimmy's 749 N Main St
Tuesday, February 5 Pappy & Jimmy's 749 N Main St
Tuesday, February 19 Pappy & Jimmy's 749 N Main St
Tuesday, March 5 Pappy & Jimmy's 749 N Main St
Tuesday, March 19 Pappy & Jimmy's 749 N Main St

7:30 am - 9:00 am

come and go as you please

Youth Sports will be governed by Committees of Interested Citizens and City Considers the sale of Anderson Park in this month's General Welfare and Public Relations Committee Meeting

The General Welfare and Public Relations Committee held their regular monthly meeting on January 8 at Covington City Hall. Present were Chairman Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman C.H. Sullivan, Alderman Keith Phelps, Parks and Recreation Director Joe Mack, Airport Director Robin Anderson, Museum Director Barrie Foster, Mayor Justin Hanson, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, and Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware. Also present were Alderman Danny Wallace, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, and Margaret Fleming. Chairman Bommer called the meeting to order at 4:00 with a quorum present. She asked committee members to feel free to speak with her on any issue/concern they may have. She then called on Director Robin Anderson to make his report from the Covington Municipal Airport.

Director Anderson:

- Fuel sales for December were 2496 gallons
- YTD gallons sold is 51,844 and is largest amount of fuel sold in long time – about 4300 gallons a month – and attributes this to medivac helicopters and jet fuel sales.
- Anderson brought two security projects to the committee for consideration.
 - Tree obstruction survey and removal project.
 - Security cameras at airport. Anderson believes these will be high priority projects with the State of Tennessee (TDOT Aeronautics) and believes we can complete both of them for about \$75,000 each. These projects may also include signage, locks, and other pieces of safety equipment.
- Anderson asked the committee to give him approval to proceed on these projects in terms of applying for grants.
- Alderman C.H. Sullivan motioned to authorize Director Anderson to proceed with applications for these projects and Alderman Phelps seconded. Phelps then asked Anderson some questions regarding details of TDOT Aeronautics grants and some specifics on the costs. Anderson stated he just needs authorization to proceed with the grant application process and will narrow the costs down to more realistic figures depending on the details of the projects. Motion passed.

Alderman Sullivan motioned to accept Director Anderson's report and Mayor Hanson seconded. Motion passed. At that time, Chairman Bommer called on Museum Director Barrie Foster to proceed with her report.

Director Foster:

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Alderman Sullivan motioned to accept Foster’s report and Phelps seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Bommer then called on Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Mack for his report.

Director Mack:

- Pool Boiler
 - Boiler to heat water is being replaced – has been ordered and expected to be installed early in mid-January. Mack is in the process of researching what may be necessary to do in preparation for the boiler installation.
- Anderson Field
 - 4 Light poles at Anderson Fields were blown down on December 31st – Mack included pictures in his presentation to committee members. He stated all of those wooden poles were installed at the same time and he feels they may all need to be replaced. There is an estimated cost to repair these to be anywhere from \$50,000 to \$70,000 and he doesn’t believe that is worth the investment as this is the least used facility and needs other repairs, as well. He suggested the committee consider selling this park as it is rarely used, not rented out, and in need of so many repairs. That was referred to Finance and Administration for further discussion and consideration.
- Youth Sports
 - Four youth sports will be offered in spring and registration is now open:
 - Baseball
 - Softball
 - Flag Football
 - Soccer
- A Youth Sports Advisory Committee has been formed and people are currently being contacted to serve. David Sage and Steve Zurhellen have accepted the positions of co-chairs of the youth advisory committee. There are sub-committees for each sport offered by Covington Parks and Recreation, and Mack is waiting on responses to announce the co-chairs or each sport. Each subcommittee will have members specifically focused on those particular sports. Alderman Phelps asked if each sport is associated with a specific sports organization, and Mack stated Covington has taken on the responsibility for managing and organizing youth sports, however each does participate under rules and regulations of specific sports leagues. For example, FASA (Fastpitch American Softball Association) is the organization for softball and baseball operates under the rules and regulations of West Tennessee Youth Baseball.

Alderman Sullivan motioned to accept Director Mack’s report and Mayor Hanson seconded. Motion passed.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Hanson motioned to adjourn and Sullivan seconded. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned.

SPRING SPORTS SIGN-UPS ARE UNDERWAY!



2019 Spring Softball

CITY OF COVINGTON
YOUTH
SPORTS

Siblings
\$50 each
Ages 4-15



Only
\$65*



*Includes (Jersey, Pants/shorts & socks)

Scan to
register
online!



Signups start
January 2nd

Call 901-476-3734 or email
Sportsplex@covingtontn.com for more details.



ALSO LOOK FOR REGISTRATION TABLES AT ALL YOUTH SPORTS BASKETBALL GAMES BEGINNING JANUARY 19



2019 Spring Baseball



T-Ball \$50

Ages 3-4 receive hat & t-shirt

T-Ball \$85*

Ages 5-6 receive *full uniform

Coach Pitch \$85

Ages 7-8 receive *full uniform



Scan to
register
online!

Kid Pitch \$85

Ages 9-10 & 11-12 receive *full uniform
*(hat, jersey, belt, & pants)



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C  VINGTON
YOUTH
SPORTS

2019 Spring NFL Flag Football

Ages 5-13

**Only
\$50***



***Includes (NFL team jersey & flags)**



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January 2nd**

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 COVINGTON

YOUTH 2019 Spring
SPORTS Soccer



**Only
\$55***



***Includes (jersey, shorts, & socks)**

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February 9, 2019

10 AM – 4 PM

*Enjoy Shopping, Delicious Treats, and
A Mega Chocolate & Gift Basket Prize Drawing*

*Tickets
\$8 Advance price
\$10 on Site*

Chocolate Tour

**HISTORIC DOWNTOWN
COVINGTON, TN**

Event Hosted By:



For further details, call:

901 476 9727

Upcoming EVENTS

- Beginning in January, 2019, all regularly scheduled committee meetings will be at **4:00 pm** (new time) in the Lower Level Conference Room at Covington City Hall. These are always open to the public.
 - 1st Tuesdays – Public Works Committee
 - 2nd Tuesdays – General Welfare and Public Relations Committee
 - 3rd Tuesdays – Finance and Administration Committee
 - 4th Tuesday – Public Safety Committee
- Fridays in January – Acrylics Classes with Barbara Flowers McBride at the Museum. [click here to learn more](#)
- January 15 – Finance and Administration Committee Meeting – Covington City Hall – 4:00
- January 22 – [Coffee with the Mayor](#) – 7:30 am – 9:00. Pappy & Jimmy's
- January 22 – Public Safety Committee Meeting – Covington City Hall – 4:00
- January 26 – Find your Kin – an Introduction to Genealogy – Museum – 10:00. [click here for details.](#)
- January 31 – Chick Chain – training for youth who want to raise chickens. [click here for more info](#)
- Saturdays in February – Gardening Series at the Tipton County Museum. [click here for details](#)
- Wednesdays in February – Watercolor Classes with Barrie Foster at Museum. [click here for more info](#)
- Saturday, February 02 - [Artist Series for Kids](#) – learn about artist Jacob Lawrence: Jacob Lawrence was an African-American painter known for his portrayal of African-American life. As well as a painter, storyteller, and interpreter, he was also an educator.
- February 09 – [CHOCOLATE TOUR](#) on the COVINGTON SQUARE! 10:00 – 4:00
- February 12-19-26 – Kids in the Kitchen – Youth cooking through 4-H – students grades 4-6. [Click here for info.](#)



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

[City of Covington](#)

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

[Tipton County](#)

[Covington Sportsplex](#)

[Drug Free Tipton](#)

[Tipton County Schools](#)

[South Tipton Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region](#)

[Covington Aquatic Center](#)

[Tipton County Museum](#)

*Information in this newsletter is an overview of events. All official minutes and documents can be viewed at Covington City Hall at 200 West Washington Street, Covington, or on our website at www.covingtontn.com
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TENNESSEE'S HAD ENOUGH

Sponsored by TDOT and Keep Tennessee Beautiful

[REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING](#)

Successful Gardening—A February Event at The Tipton County Museum!



TIPTON COUNTY
M·U·S·E·U·M
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, February 2nd: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

“Nine Things to Consider for Spring”

- Guest Speaker – Dr. Chris Cooper: Shelby County Master Gardener & creator of WKNO’s “The Family Plot.”

Saturday, February 9th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

“Fixing the Root Problem”

- Guest Speaker – Carl Wayne Hardeman: Shelby County Master Gardener & Creator of Collierville’s Victory Garden

Saturday, February 16th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

“All About Onions”

- Guest Speaker – Tom Mashour: Tipton County Master Gardener & member of Millington City Beautiful Commission.

**** Saturday, February 23rd: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M. ****

“The Bluebird of Happiness”

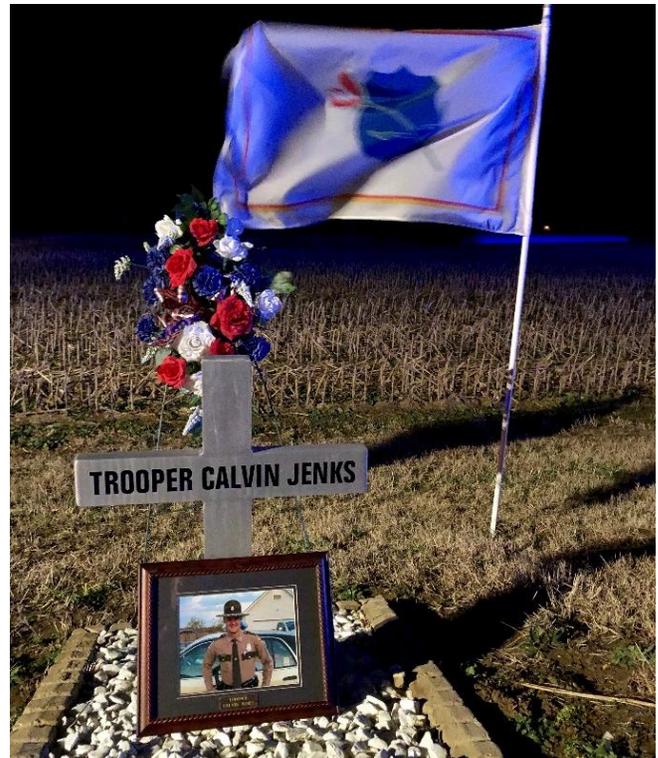
- Guest Speaker – Sherl Rose: Pollinator Expert & Coordinator of the Tipton County Museum’s Herb Garden.

**** Bring seeds and cuttings to share with others.**

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



Sea of Blue Remembers THP Trooper Calvin Jenks



Killed in the line of duty at a general traffic stop on January 6, 2007, Calvin Jenks (L) is remembered by law enforcement locally and from across this region every year in a caravan called **The Sea of Blue**. The caravan begins at the Tipton County Justice Center (top left) and goes to his place of death on Highway 14 in Tipton County, where there's a brief service and a moment of silence in his memory. The 2019 event took place last Monday evening.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Luncheon

The deadline to purchase tickets to the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Luncheon has been set for Jan. 15. The event will be held Friday, Jan. 18, inside the Student Center on the Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) Dyersburg campus. Guest speaker will be Dr. Robin Gadsden-Dupree, Training and Technical Assistance Services Department Instructor at Western Kentucky University. Dr. Gadsden-Dupree and her husband, Eric Dupree, reside in Crockett County. This event is hosted by DSCC and the Dyersburg/Dyer County Chamber of Commerce. Tickets cost \$10 each and may be purchased at the chamber office or at the DSCC Business Office located in the Eller Administration Building. For more information, contact Edith Carlton at 731-286-3300 or carlton@dsc.edu.

Students Urged to Apply for Financial Aid for 2019-20 Academic Year

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) encourages all students and potential students to fill out the **FREE** Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by **Feb. 1** to ensure a greater chance of receiving funds for the 2019-20 academic year. Students and parents can complete the 2019–20 FAFSA form online at www.fafsa.gov or by using the new myStudentAid app.

Current and potential students may receive FAFSA help at the DSCC Student Center One Stop in Dyersburg, at the Financial Aid Office in the Jimmy Naifeh Building at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center and at the Gibson County Center. The offices are open 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. each weekday. Please call 731-286-3236 to make an appointment to see a financial aid counselor before 8 a.m. or after 4:30 p.m.

Students must submit their FAFSA to be eligible for financial aid such as the Tennessee Promise, Tennessee Reconnect, Tennessee Student Assistance Award, Federal Pell Grant, Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Hope Scholarship, employment as a Federal Work Study, and other scholarship or work study program awards at DSCC or any other college. Many awards are made on a first-come, first-serve basis with limited funding available. **If an application is not filed as early as possible, the student may not have a chance to receive some of these funds.**

tnAchieves students and Tennessee Promise students are especially encouraged to fill out the FAFSA as this is a requirement for these programs. The FAFSA qualifies students for more than \$150 billion in grants, loans and work-study funds each year; **however, in order to receive any of these funds, students have to complete the FAFSA.** For more information about FAFSA, please call the DSCC Financial Aid Office at 731-286-3236.

Calling All Tipton Countians.....

Tipton County

Chorus

*Updated
schedule*

Rehearsal time - 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM every Monday night. St

Matthew's Episcopal

Everyone is welcome, come join us!



Introduction to Services

(Arrive 30 minutes early)

Ripley AJC
First & Third
Monday Afternoon
12:30pm
***call center for dates**

Covington AJC
Second & Fourth
Monday Afternoon
12:30 pm
***call center for dates**

locations

Ripley AJC Location & Phone #

301 C Lake Drive

Ripley, TN 38063

731-221-1012

Covington AJC Location & Phone #

877 Hwy 51 By Pass

Covington, TN 38019

901-313-9434

Hours of Operation:

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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and Hiring Event flyers:**
Workforce Investment Network

**Find WIN on
Twitter and Instagram:**
@MEM_WIN

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Randstad comes to the American Jobs Center in Covington every other Monday from 8:00 – 4:00 p.m. for interviews and applications. AJC is located right behind PIZZA HUT in Covington. GED TRAINING/TESTING AVAILABLE!

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Dyersburg State Honors Outstanding Alumni during Spring Update

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) honored Lori Tubbs-Douglas of Humboldt, Joey Harrison of Newbern, and Dr. Lisa Piercey of Milan with the Outstanding Alumni Award Jan. 4 inside the Student Center on the Dyersburg campus.

Danny Walden, president of the DSCC Alumni Association, along with Mandy Fisher, director of continuing education and alumni affairs at DSCC, presented the awards in front of over 200 faculty and staff during the College's annual spring update.

Tubbs-Douglas graduated from DSCC in 1986. She earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Sociology from the University of Tennessee at Martin. She holds a certification and license as an addiction counselor from the Board of Alcohol and Drug Abuse and is a Qualified Clinical Supervisor. She previously worked at Northwest Tennessee Correctional Complex from 1991 to 1997, Pathways Behavioral Health Services from 2001 to 2005, and Carey Counseling Center from 2005 to 2009. In 2012, she opened the Alternative Choice Counseling Center for people battling mental health issues and substance abuse. She is a member of Tennessee Association of Drug Court Professionals, Tennessee Association of Alcohol, Drugs and Other Addiction Services, and the National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors. "DSCC felt like family," stated Tubbs-Douglas. "The faculty inspired me to reach higher with encouragement and by believing in me. Dr. Bowyer cares about her students, while they are attending and years after they graduate." She and her husband, Tony Douglas, reside in Humboldt and have one son, Patrick.

Harrison graduated from DSCC in 1998 and earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Memphis in 2003. He earned his master's degree in education administration and supervision from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and an education specialist degree in administration and supervision from William Woods University. Harrison's career began in Gibson County as a teacher at Yorkville School and as an at-risk coordinator for the Gibson County Special School District from 2003 to 2007. He served as the principal for Medina Middle School and Spring Hill School from 2008 to 2017. He has served as the assistant principal at Fifth Consolidated School in Dyer County since 2017. Harrison serves as the president of the Newbern Cal Ripken Baseball League and as an official with the Tennessee Secondary Athletic Association. He has also received the honor of serving as a Core Coach for the Tennessee Department of Education. "Dyersburg State faculty and staff always puts the students first and are willing to help students make the best decisions for success," stated Harrison. He and his wife, Jessica Harrison, reside in Newbern and have two children: Jenna and Jerrett.

Dr. Piercey attended DSCC from 1992-1995. She earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Lipscomb University in 1998, a Doctor of Medicine from the Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University in 2002, and a master's degree in business administration from Bethel University in 2009. She served as chief resident of pediatrics at the Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University in 2005. She worked as a general pediatrician at the Jackson Clinic from 2005 to 2010, and director of the child maltreatment team at Monroe Carrell, Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt from 2007 to 2010. She is currently employed as a child abuse pediatrician and medical director at Madison County Child Advocacy Center and the executive vice president for West Tennessee Healthcare. She serves on the Joint Commission Critical Access Hospital Advisory Group, the American Hospital Association Small or Rural Hospital Governance Council, the Tennessee Department of Health Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities, the University of Memphis School of Public Health Master of Health Administration Advisory Board, the Tennessee Center for Health Workforce Development and the Tennessee Hospital Association. Most recently, Dr. Piercey was honored with the Jimmy Daniel Make-A-Difference Award from the WestStar Leadership Program in 2018, the Rural Healthcare Executive of the Year Award in 2017, and the Senior Healthcare Executive of the Year Award in 2016.

“Although dual enrollment programs were unheard of at the time, with permission from my high school principal, Dyersburg State allowed me to enroll in evening classes as a high school freshman,” stated Dr. Piercey. “When I graduated from Peabody High School in 1995, I had amassed 32 credit hours at Dyersburg State which transferred toward my Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry at Lipscomb University. Because of the benefit that Dyersburg State allowed me, I graduated from Lipscomb in three years and then entered medical school at age 20 as one of the youngest students to be admitted to the Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University.” Dr. Piercey and her husband, David, reside in Milan with their four children: Claire, Lauren, Ella and Luke.

Each year, DSCC presents the Outstanding Alumni Award to nominated individuals who have excelled in their field, given back to the community, and served as positive role models. **Alumni interested in joining the DSCC Alumni Association should contact Mandy Fisher at 731-286-3265 or mfisher@dsc.edu.**



DSCC honored three recipients with the Outstanding Alumni Award during its spring update Jan. 4. Shown here were (from left) Danny Walden, alumni association president, Dr. Karen Bowyer, president of DSCC, recipient Joey Harrison of Newbern, recipient Lori Tubbs-Douglas of Humboldt, recipient Dr. Lisa Piercey of Milan, and Mandy Fisher, director of continuing education and alumni affairs at DSCC.

Frazier Connector Project bringing Improvements and Making Progress

Fulfilling a grant submitted by Mayor Hanson in 2015, construction is well underway bringing improved safety, connectivity, drainage, and lighting in Frazier Park.



Construction workers took advantage of the sunshine this week to continue progress.





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.



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Tipton County 4-H January Newsletter



Want more information or have questions? Contact Brigitte Passman, 4-H Youth Development Agent
Office location: 111 W. Washington Ave,
Covington, TN 38019
Office number: 901-476-0231
Email: brigpass@utk.edu



What to look forward to within 2019

- Chick Chain Project
 - Honor Club
 - Portfolios
 - Shooting Sports
- Beekeeping Essay Contest
- Kids in the Kitchen
 - 4-H CAMP
 - GIS

2019 Jr. 4-H Camp



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Interest and
Fundraising
meeting 2/11
6:00pm @ the
Tipton County
Extension Office

4-H CAMP

Camps are available throughout the summer and a 4-H member can attend as many as they want

Campers will enjoy an array of activities depending on the camp they choose! Overview of activities include the following: Olympic-size, crystal-clear pool with a 120' figure-8 water slide, a lighted sports complex, sewing, cooking, gardening, hikes, fishing, wildlife center, covered rifle range, airbrush center, a creek for aquatic exploration, modern archery range, low ropes course, and an 18-hole miniature golf course and so much MORE!



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Kids in the Kitchen

A hands on cooking experience for youth 4th-6th grade. Youth will learn how to prepare simple, healthy foods that they can make for themselves and other family members at home! All programming will take place at the Tipton County Extension Office.

2/12 5:30PM-7:00PM

2/19 5:30PM-7:00PM

2/26 5:30PM-7:00PM

Program Fee \$35
Deadline 2/4/19
Space is limited!

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Beekeeping Essay Contest

2019 Essay Topic: “Honey Varietals, State to State”

Each jar of honey reflects an unrepeatable combination of climate, soil, weather and flowers. Each state has unique honey varietals that beekeepers can market to their customers. Please identify one unique varietal to your state and discuss the flower’s uniqueness and how beekeepers can effectively market that varietal.

In your essay, please include a photo of the varietal’s flower, an interview with a local beekeeper who collects this varietal and a recipe that highlights the varietal. Put on Your Thinking Cap!

For complete announcement and rules <https://4h.tennessee.edu/Pages/beeessay.aspx>

Essays are due electronically to Brigitte Passman
at brigpass@utk.edu by January 25th.

This contest is Sponsored
by The Foundation for the
Preservation of Honey Bees,
Inc. The winning State essay
competes in the National
contest.



**Tipton County 4-H
Chick Chain Project**
Interest & Introduction
meeting 1/31/2019
5:30pm at the Extension
Office

Space is limited!

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**Application
& Payment
due 2/8/2019**

The 4-H Chick Chain Project gives youth the opportunity to raise and show their very own chicks! Never raised chicks before? That's OK! Free educational workshops will be offered

More information call 901-476-0231 or email brigpass@utk.edu

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Tipton County Public Library News

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



**January 10th
4:00 PM**

Tipton County Public Library
3149 Hwy 51 S. Bldg. C
Covington, TN 38019
476-8289
tiptoncountypubliclibrary.com

THE MITTEN

with Games & Crafts

Ages 11 & under

Nicki lost one of his mittens when he was playing outside one day and a few animals found the mitten and thought it made a nice, cozy home. The animals did not want to give the mitten back to Nicki, so they locked the mitten up in a box. Nicki needs to open up the box and get his mitten back before the time is up

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Movie Days

God Bless the Broken Road
Jan 8th @ 1:00 PM [PG-13] 111 Min.

Unbroken: The Path to Redemption
Jan. 18th @ 1:00 PM [PG-13] 99 Min.

A Simple Favor
Jan. 22nd @ 1:00 PM [R] 117 Min.

Crazy Rich Asians
Jan. 26th @ 1:00 PM [PG-13] 120 Min.

Operation Finale
Jan. 29th @ 1:00 PM [PG-13] 123 Min.

Ages 18 & up

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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:



The Tipton County Museum, Veterans
Memorial & Nature Center Presents
Fun with Acrylics

With Barbara Flowers McBride

- When:** Friday mornings, 9:30—11:30
January 11, 18, 25, & February 1, 2019
- 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**

Finding Your Kin: An Introduction to Genealogy

GENEALOGY LECTURE at the Tipton County Museum

**presented by
Archivist/Genealogist Sherri Onorati**

**Saturday, Jan 26, 2019
10 - 11:30am**

**Lecture cost: FREE for Museum Members
\$5 for non-Museum members**

**Come learn why Genealogy is the
fastest growing hobby!**

**We'll talk about what genealogy is,
why it is important and how to start.**





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The Magic of Watercolor

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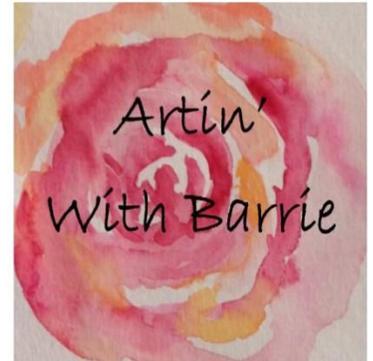
Barrie Foster

Watercolor is the only transparent art medium, making it one of the most beloved forms of art today! Embark on your own personal journey with this enchanting medium during this four week class, led by nationally award winning artist Barrie Foster. No previous art experience is required. Please call the Tipton County Museum to register and for a supply list.

When: Wednesday mornings, 9:30—11:30, February 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2019

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

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



Tipton County Museum,
Veterans Memorial & Nature Center
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The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial
& Nature Center Presents

Artist Series for Kids

Jacob Lawrence

When: Saturday, February 2, 2019, 1 to 3 p.m.

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

Fee: \$20 Museum Members, \$25 General Public

The children will learn that Jacob moved from the south to the north in an African-American migration because it was difficult for African-Americans to find work in the south. They will then paint one of his paintings in acrylics. All materials will be furnished, and a snack will be provided. A sibling discount is available. Ages 10 and up. Please call the Tipton County Museum at (901) 476-0242 to register.

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751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN
(901) 476-0242



The Tipton County Museum Presents

Go with the Flow

With Artist in Residence

Debra Howze

Join us for an exhilarating afternoon of art! Deb 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 supplies. Please call the museum to register.

When: Saturday, February 16, 2019, 1 to 3 p.m.

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

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

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Gioiello Featured Artist



Charles Avent

Charles was raised the son of a career Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy who served in World War II and Korea. His parents always encouraged his creativity with music, drama club, and the arts. He spent most of his young life in Southaven, Mississippi. In addition to writing, Charles enjoys cooking and spending time with family and friends.

He and his wife Patricia live in Atoka.

Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center



Veteran of the Month
January 2019

Robert Lee Ellis



Born on January 20, 1932, Bob Ellis joined the U.S. Army in March of 1948 at the age of 16. After completing basic training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, he spent two years at Schofield Barrack on Oahu, Hawaii. He arrived in Korea as part of the 5th Regimental Combat Team on August 1, 1950, and was wounded on December 13 of that year. While in the hospital in Japan, he was awarded the Purple Heart Medal. There was just one problem - the officer presenting the medals at the hospital ran out before he got to Bob! After his initial hospital stay in Japan, he was sent back to the States and for the next two years was in and out of 10 different hospitals. Although he still hadn't received his Purple Heart, his focus was on healing and recovery. He was honorably discharged on March 15, 1959 without ever receiving his Purple Heart.

Sometime in the 1970's Bob received a call from the Department of Defense asking him to come to Chicago for the presentation of his Purple Heart and other medals. Unfortunately, the timing was poor; and he was unable to attend the ceremony. As the years wore on, the Veterans Administration became involved but still no medal was forthcoming. During a conversation with the late Tennessee Senator Fred Thompson, Bob mentioned that he would really like to receive his medals. Thanks to Senator Thompson, Bob finally received his medals during a ceremony in Munford City Park in 1997. For his service to our country, Bob was belatedly presented the Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, and Good Conduct Medal. He had received the United Nations Service Medal, Korea Service Medal, and National Defense Service Medal prior to his discharge in 1959.

After the Army, Bob enjoyed a long career as a local truck driver for Strickland Transportation. He married Fay Cole Ellis in 1962, and they have 5 children. They moved to Tipton County in 1969. He and Fay are members of River of Life Assembly of God Church, where Bob has served on the Elder Board and is currently Elder Emeritus.

Bob enjoys fishing and wood-working but has had to slow down using saws because of eye problems. One thing that has never changed is his wonderful sense of humor. You can always expect a quick comeback from the "ole war Vet" as he is lovingly called by some. Bob is a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He was nominated for Veteran of the Month by his good friend Rosemary McCane.

Reception was held at Museum in Honor of Robert L. Ellis - 2019's First Veteran of the Month



A large crowd of family, friends, fellow veterans, and community supporters gathered at the Tipton County Museum Tuesday night to honor Bob Ellis as January's Veteran of the Month. Ellis was presented an American Flag and certificate of appreciation for his service from Kathy Desjarlais of the Tipton County Veteran's Council and Barrie Foster, Museum Director. The Girl Scouts were also on hand to assist with the reception.



The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial
& Nature Center

Veteran of the Month Reception

Every 2nd Tuesday Evening at 6:30

751 Bert Johnston Ave.,

Covington, TN 38019

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