

From the Mayor's Desk

Thoughts and perceptions from Mayor Justin Hanson

Hello Friends and Neighbors!

Strategic planning is defined by [The Balanced Scoreboard Institute](#) as an organizational management activity that is used to set priorities, focus energy and resources, strengthen operations, ensure that employees and other stakeholders are working toward common goals, establish agreement around intended outcomes/results, and assess and adjust the organization's direction in response to a changing environment. It is a disciplined effort that produces fundamental decisions and actions that shape and guide what an organization is, who it serves, what it does, and why it does it, with a focus on the future. After more than a year of gathering data, analyzing results, and going through our budgets, your city Board of Mayor and Aldermen, department heads and some departmental directors, the city attorney, and others met with our facilitators in a retreat last Saturday where we were all actively involved in prioritizing results into action plans for the very purpose as defined above – and here are the results.

The group determined the number one action plan moving forward is to quantify debt capacity and establish a capital improvement plan (CIP) covering a five year period. Ranking second in importance is to form a **Mayor's Blight Team** which will be comprised of officials from planning, code enforcement, legal, fire and police departments, the health department, and others. This group will meet monthly to review priority cases, document outcomes, establish parameters and guidelines, and produce reports with accomplishments and recommendations. Another action plan revolves around the formation of a Covington Land Bank. This would enable us to accept/acquire blighted properties and facilitate redevelopment. Other priorities include evaluating the need for more police officers, establishing a redevelopment district with Tax Increment Financing opportunities (TIF), and continue to promote affordable homeownership through blight removal and economic development.

Each department head had the opportunity to talk about their top priorities, budget needs, and future plans. It was so very important for everyone to learn what goes on in other departments and more importantly to see how intertwined they are in achieving common goals. Everything is important and every area in city government is impacted by the strengths and challenges of the others. This retreat gave all of us the opportunity to learn from each other and our esteemed facilitators. As we focus on our greatest challenges as established by our public surveys – crime and public safety, jobs, workforce development and education, blight removal and codes enforcement – we can align our priorities and budgets to reflect specific actions toward improvement. Our focus does not end with these top recommendations, but we now have clear priorities based on public input and the analysis from our well trained department heads and dedicated city leaders. As we tackle these in our upcoming budget planning processes, we will align our priorities to yours in ways that will benefit the growth and continuous improvement for our city for years to come. I want to thank all of our citizens and our employees who are actively engaged in this process and I appreciate *your* support as we forge ahead in a positive and proactive manner.

Justin

My mission is to provide productive and positive leadership that results in ongoing improved living conditions for all the citizens of Covington, Tennessee.

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 PUBLIC WORKS:

- 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.
- Rogers Hydrant Service - an independent contractor - will be in town to test flow rates of our fire hydrants beginning February 4th. If you happen to notice any discoloring of your water, please call us at 901-476-9531 to report it.
- Call 901-476-9613 ext 118, ext 127, or ext 146 or 901-237-8165 for questions or concerns

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!** 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, family reunions, and church events. For more detailed rental information, contact Director Mack at (901) 476-3734.



Hours of Operation

Master Swim: M-F 5am-7am
Water Aerobics: M, W, F 10am-11am
Water Aerobics: M, T, Th 6pm-7pm
Water Aerobics: Sat 9am-10am
Open Swim: M-F 3:30-6pm
Open Swim: Sat 10am-5pm
Patron Swim (Members only): Sun 1pm-5pm
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Mondays 7:15-8PM
**Tuesdays & Thursdays
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Cardio Mix with Pam



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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](#).

Updates from the Chief

- ISO audit will take place in Covington beginning in April. CFD will be ready! We are working on things now and have been, as we are looking ahead to drop our ISO rating, which will help with citizen insurance rates. Will be focused on this for the next two months, as well as working with new fire inspector, Codes, GIS and Public Works departments.
- CFD has experienced some repeater issues with radios. We've had some problems with the generator and currently have a temporary fix. However, we need to include some cost-sharing in the new budget. We are also looking at a second repeater site. Things are working fine now, but money needs to be invested in this system. We believe this will work best as a unified effort from several city departments, including fire, police and public works.
- There have been some generator issues again at North Station, as well as at City Hall, therefore we are investigating options and have received a quote from Cummins for maintenance contract. We will be studying this further.
- Each year, I conduct an annual review with all my staff. We have been working through this since the first of the year and will wrap up this month. It is always refreshing to have those conversations with your workforce.
- Right now, the Fire Department has three employees on FMLA

Michael Naifeh, MBA, EFO, CFO



Fire Chief

Covington Fire Rescue

901-476-2578 office

901-579-9057 cell

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

CPD PRESS RELEASE:

On January 30, 2019, officers with the Covington Police Department arrested Caleb Hill for possession of drugs and guns. The arrest was the result of a traffic stop for violation of the seat belt law. The traffic stop occurred at the intersection of Simonton and Craig Streets.

Officer Amy Brooks observed the driver of the vehicle in violation of the seat belt law and initiated the traffic stop. Upon approaching the vehicle, a strong odor of what appeared to be marijuana was apparent. Officers

with the special crimes unit made the scene and assisted in the investigation. Officers also witnesses two automatic rifles in the in the vehicle and other illegal drugs. Hill was charged with no drivers license, violation of the seat belt law, simple possession of schedule VI drugs, possession of schedule IV with intent, and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

“This is a great example of good aggressive police work”, stated Chief Buddy Lewis. He continued with, “Our officers will continue this type of enforcement. Our statistics reflected that during 2018, the Covington Police Department made approximately 4000 traffic stops. I am very proud of the work of the officers involved in this case and we will continue this aggressive style of policing.”

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)**

CODES:

- Revised sign ordinance is on [City website](#)
- Sign applications are on the [City website](#)
- Did you know if you want to operate a business in your home there are specific steps to take? It is classified as an Incidental Home Occupation the definition is: An occupation or profession carried on by the members of a family residing on the premises in connection with which there is no sign used; provided, however, that such use shall not noticeably increase traffic to, or significantly alter the outside appearance of the residence involved and that not more than twenty-five (25) percent of the total actual floor area is used for the home occupation. Contact Codes to schedule an appoint to start the process. 901-476-9613 ext 146
- 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 901-476-9613 ext 118 or 237-8165 to report.

MUSEUM:

- Water Color classes at Museum every Wednesday in February 9:30 – 11:30
- Artist Series for Kids (open for anyone ages 10 +) will focus on Jacob Lawrence February 23 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 take place every Saturday in February
- **Dr. Charlotte Fisher – Paving a Path in Tipton County** is the new exhibit at the Tipton County Museum. Please join us on February 5th at 6:00 for a reception honoring Dr. Fisher. The museum will feature Alderwoman Minnie Bommer in March – stay tuned for details.
- Understanding the US Census lecture will be Saturday, March 2 at 10:00.
- A Moment on Nature with Sheryl Rose video series will continue with videos posted monthly

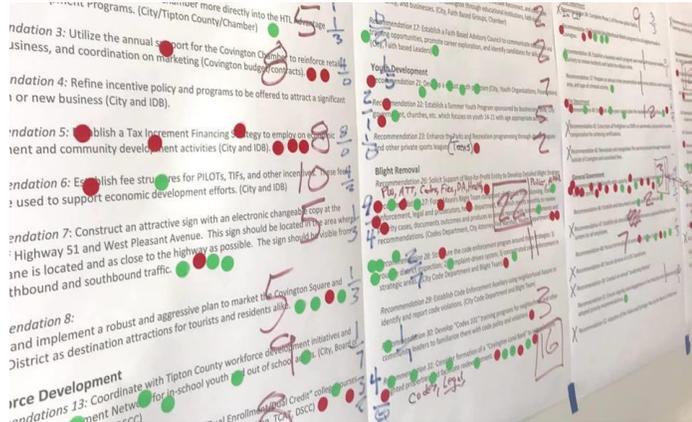
Large Crowd present at the first February Garden Series event at Museum

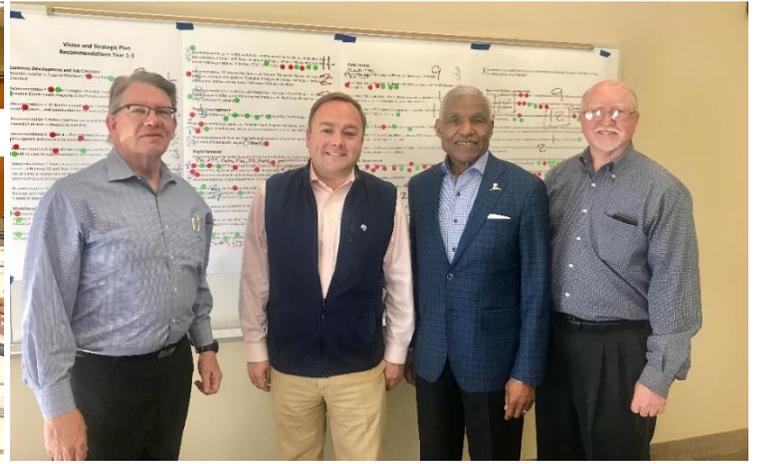


Archivist Sherry Onorati welcomed Dr. Chris Cooper, Master Gardener and creator of WKNO's "The Family Plot" as the first speaker of this year's [February Garden Series](#) at the Tipton County Museum. There was a very large crowd present for his presentation. Join us each Saturday for more gardening ideas and tips!

City of Covington Held Retreat to Discuss Citizen Input, Departmental Needs, and Financial Plans for Future Development

After working with facilitators Mayor A.C. Wharton (The Wharton Group), Dexter Muller (Pinnacle Planning Advisors), and Charlie Goforth (Goforth Planning and Management) for several years to gather data from citizens and analyze City finances, Mayor Hanson, Department Heads, Aldermen, and several other city employees met Saturday to discuss strategies for moving forward.





I wish to extend my most sincere appreciation to all of our city employees, facilitators, and the Aldermen who spent their Saturday focusing on the needs and pathways to achievement for the City of Covington.

Mayor Justin Hanson

Canaan Church signs Deed for Property – Will use for Expansion



Dwain Edwards, Chairman of the Deacon Board and Betty Craver from Canaan Baptist Church of Covington signed the deed along with Mayor Hanson, Tina Dunn, and Notary Jason Jenkins with the City of Covington, for land the City sold them for a Family Life Center. This sale was discussed in Finance/Administration Committee and then approved by the full Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Meet your Favorite Princesses and Heroes, Enjoy Brunch, and Support [CHS HOSA!](#)



Come and meet your favorite Disney Princesses and characters from Frozen, Cinderella, Tiana and the Frog, Beauty and the Beast; as well as heroes from Paw Patrol, Batman, and Transformers at the Princess and Heroes Brunch on Saturday, Feb 16. 10am-12pm. at [The Manor at Mount Carmel](#). \$15/child – one adult admitted free with each child – additional adults are \$5 each.

Mayor Hanson met with TOTAL Youth from CHS

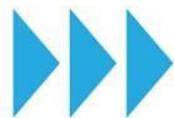
The Total Leadership Program in Tipton County is a joint project of the Covington-Tipton County and South Tipton County Chambers of Commerce. The program commenced in 1998 and was later developed for youth with the same concept. TOTAL provides a learning experience to help develop community awareness and leadership skills. The program focuses on current issues and concerns in Tipton County. Youth participation is open to any high school junior (11th grade) from Brighton, Covington and Munford High Schools, Tipton Rosemark Academy and Tipton Christian Academy. They must be residents of Tipton County, have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and be certified by the School Site Coordinator.



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Public Works Committee Agrees to Upgrade GPS and Move Forward with Sewer Repairs

The Public Works Committee held their regular monthly meeting at Covington City Hall on February 5th at 4:00 pm. Present were Chairman Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman Danny Wallace, Public Works Director David Gray, Utilities Manager Calvin Johnson, Codes Enforcement Officer Lessie Fisher, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Mayor Justin Hanson, GIS-IT Coordinator Nic Shaw, Streets and Sanitation Manager James Dowell, and Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware. Also present were Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Alderman C.H. Sullivan, Records Clerk David Gwinn, and Margaret Fleming.

Chairman Morris called the meeting to order with a quorum present and called on Director David Gray to make his report.

Public Works Director David Gray:

- City of Covington has had GPS on public works trucks and equipment for about 10 years. Gray stated that he has found that the software we are using is outdated and will no longer be compatible with AT&T after 2019. He is preparing to address this in this next budget, as he is currently paying over \$500 a month for the service in addition to the AT&T bill. Replacement for these units with current company (ActSoft) is over \$8000 and will cost over \$9000 a year. Gray has contacted LB Technologies who sent representatives to Covington for a demonstration of their products. Their costs *include* the phone bills for a total of \$7020 annually, and they will install their units into our trucks and equipment at no cost. This is a substantial savings to the city with upgraded technologies, and Gray asked to change to LB Technologies contingent on the ability to terminate the current contract with ActSoft. Nic Shaw stated he was present for the demonstration and was pleased with what he saw. Alderman Wallace asked Shaw if he had done any background checking on LB Technologies, and he stated he has not, but shared that they have their products and services with TDOT and the City of Germantown. Alderwoman Bommer then motioned that the committee agree to allow termination of ActSoft and to proceed with LB Technologies. Alderman Wallace seconded and that motion passed.
- STP (Surface Transportation Program) Funding – Gray stated we have approximately \$143,000 in STP funding we must commit for surface transportation in Covington in 2019, or we will lose this opportunity. Gray included a map in his agenda to show streets that qualify for resurfacing. He went through this with committee members explaining where these are and pointed out specific sections that are in need of paving. Gray stated we can request TDOT come in and do a study and perhaps have additional funding for paving. He proposed that phase 1 would be to take care of all the NEPA requirements, which would leave about \$80,000 for paving. Once those NEPA studies are done, they will be good for three years. Therefore, when we get new STP monies in 2020, we can use it all toward paving. Gray stated not only are NEPA studies required on the front end, but he feels there are other things that need to be done prior to paving – such as milling over-paved surfaces down to prepare them for resurfacing. Gray asked for the committee’s permission to proceed with locking in funding for resurfacing with STP funds and Alderwoman Bommer made that motion. Mayor Hanson seconded. Motion passed.
- Water main extension to Rialto Industrial Park has been completed and Gray expects it to be fully functional by the end of this week.
- CDBG Sewer Grant is being utilized to use cameras in our sewer system to look into our old piping and troubleshoot as needed. Gray stated this study has found about 400 feet under Highway 51 through Covington that is a high priority for repairs – particularly before TDOT comes in to resurface Highway 51. He recommended tearing up the sidewalk along this area rather than going under the roadway.

Because of the findings and urgency of these repairs, there isn't enough money in this grant cycle to cover the investigation *as well as* the necessary repairs. However, Mayor Hanson stated this will help qualify us for another CDBG when that opportunity arises. Obviously, this will be a multi-year process, and we can use Public Works Enterprise Funds in the meantime and not have to dip in to our General Fund.

- Water Main extension at South College and Hastings Way is underway and we are seeking approval to proceed. Gray hopes to have this line in and functioning by end of May.
- Rodgers Hydrant Services will be in town this week to flush and test hydrants throughout the city. Gray stated PW is working with the fire department for increasing flow to improve our ISO rating.
- Gray stated work continues at Frazier Park and there's just a few minor things left for completion, including pouring concrete for sidewalks through the park. Completion date in March 8th and he has a meeting set with the contractor to discuss the progress.

Mayor Hanson motioned to accept Director Gray's report and Alderwoman Bommer seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Morris then called on Codes Enforcement Officer Lessie Fisher.

Fisher:

- Several complaints of heavy trucks not following truck route through the city and causing damages to our roads, curbs, and some yards. Specific streets are designated for these vehicles ***not to be on*** unless they are doing a job there. Fisher proposed adding several other streets to this list for "NO TRUCK TRAFFIC"
- During the February Planning Commission meeting, Zaxby's submitted a site plan for one of their restaurants in Covington. Their plan was approved contingent on meeting parking and other regulations. CHS was also approved for a minor addition to the Dr. J.S. Ruffin building, renovations to the old Holmes School building and a new concession and restroom building at the football field. Planning commission also discussed short-term transient lodging ([AirBnB](#) etc) and the adoption of the 2009 model ordinance of FEMA floodplain.
- Completed first round of blight eradication, which consisted of 11 structures. Fisher is working on round 2.
- Alderman Wallace asked about the number of business license requests that were made last month. David Gwinn stated there are a lot of requests, but not all of those qualify or are needed. Gwinn went on to say that we average about 15 new licenses issued per month, some of which are renewals.

Chairman Morris motioned to accept Fisher's report and Wallace seconded. Motion passed.

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

Covington City Hall will be closed in honor of Presidents' Day on February 18, 2019

[Click here to learn more about Presidents Day in the United States and why we celebrate](#)



February 9, 2019

10 AM – 4 PM

*Enjoy Shopping, Delicious Treats, and
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\$10 on Site*

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COVINGTON, TN**

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Congratulations to CIAA Dance Troupe

CIAA Dance and Drama teacher Deborah Walker takes the school's dance troupe to a [Tremaine Dance Conference](#) somewhere in America annually. This year, they attended the event in Dallas, Texas and won first place in their division as well as #1 overall for showmanship!



Congratulations to CMS Basketball Team

Crestview Middle School Boys Basketball moved passed Martin in the 2019 TMSAA Class AA Basketball Tournament to State Action. They will leave for action in Smyrna, TN on Friday, February 8 and will drive around the Covington Square at 9:15. Join us on the square for congratulating these young people and their coaches Gary Murdock, Sharman Coley, Kirk Winberry, and James Dowell and let's send them off with support as they represent us in State action.



Mayor Hanson Supports CMS Basketball



Assistant Coach James Dowell (L) brought some of the CMS State-Bound Basketball team members to Mayor Hanson's office to meet the Mayor and allow him to show his support for the team as they head to State action this weekend.

CHS Girls Basketball Coach Katrisha Glass Named TSSAA Female Coach of the Year

Over the course of six years, Katrisha Glass has a record of 111-55. In addition, under her direction the Lady Chargers have won 2 District Championships, 2 District Runner-Up Championships, 2 Regional Championships and made 3 Sub-State appearances. Most importantly, she is a Level 5 educator who leads a group of young ladies with a combined GPA of 3.5



Citizens Support CMS Chargers as they Head to State Basketball Action



Covington Police and Fire Departments escorted the Crestview Middle School Charger basketball team, cheerleaders, and supporters through town Friday morning to give them a supportive send-off as they travel to Smyrna, TN for State playoffs.

GO CHARGERS!

Covington Municipal Regional Planning Commission Hears Site Plans for Zaxby's and Covington High School

Representatives of the popular fast-food restaurant Zaxby's spoke to the commission in regards to their intent to locate in Covington. Donnie Wallace represented Covington High School in their efforts to add an additional concession stand and renovate existing concession stands locker rooms. Zaxby's site plan was approved contingent on meeting parking and other requirements, while the plans for CHS were approved.



Members of the planning commission examine maps to determine the location of a proposed Zaxby's restaurant in Covington.



Zaxby's reps Roger Wilson and Thomas Pugh answered questions regarding parking and other issues upon which final approval is contingent.



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The 2019 Tipton County Art Exhibit

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Awards include Best of Show, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Best Use of Color,
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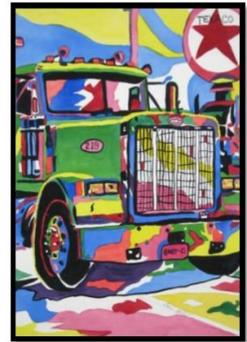
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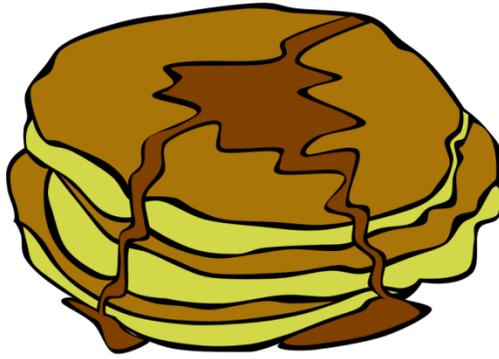
Download the Prospectus at www.Covingtontn.com/museum

Or pick up the form at the Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington, TN

(901) 476-0242





Covington Lions Club
64th Annual Pancake Breakfast

Saturday February 23, 2019
6:00 am – 11:00 am

Covington Integrated Arts Academy (CIAA)
760 Bert Johnston Av
Covington, TN 38019

Tickets: \$5.00
(Children 3 and under are free)

Get your tickets from any Covington Lions Club member.
All proceeds used to help local under-privileged citizens with
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Donations and **sponsorships** greatly appreciated.
Don't forget to bring your old eyeglasses (including sunglasses).
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511 E. Liberty Avenue, Covington, TN

Saturday, March 9, 2019

6 a.m.—2 p.m.

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The Tipton County Museum
Expansion Fund

Please support Veterans in Tipton County.

For any questions, please call

The Tipton County Museum

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Covington – Tipton County Chamber of Commerce

Executive Director Position

The Covington – Tipton County Chamber of Commerce is currently seeking an enthusiastic, motivated professional to attract new business and support the growth and development of existing business in the Covington and Tipton County areas. The person selected for this position will be responsible for clarifying, communicating and implementing the mission of the Covington – Tipton County Chamber of Commerce (“the Chamber”): He/She will serve as a community leader developing and maintaining relationships with area and state leaders in both public and private sector, as well as, advocating for new business in the area. He/She will work closely with the Board of Directors to focus the Chambers priorities and balance the needs of its members while maintaining daily operations of the Chamber office.

Executive Responsibilities

- Identify Chamber and community needs, design a program of work to meet these needs and evaluate the program periodically with recommendation for change, as necessary.
- Under direction of an annually changing Board of Directors, maintain continuity and consistency in operations and programs.
- Ensure the By-Laws are followed and assist the Board, committees, members and staff in interpretation of By-Laws in relation to any given question or program.
- Develop the Chamber budget and relate it to program goals. Maintain expenditures within the framework of the budget and prepare monthly financial statements and ensure they are audited annually.
- Location, design and maintenance of the Chamber office that will provide efficient operations and present an attractive front door for Chamber members, the community, and visitors.
- The ability to motivate and inspire volunteers.
- Maintain and expand membership.
- Employment of all staff, staff supervision, and evaluations. Develop and conduct on-the-job training, conferences and seminars to develop and maintain operations at peak efficiency. Enforce Chamber policies and procedures.
- Act as a liaison with the Board of Directors, Chamber members and the community.

— With the Board of Directors – Earn and maintain the respect and confidence of the Board. Prepare a meeting agenda for monthly meetings, maintain meeting minutes and records, carry out plans and programs of the board according to policies, initiate new programs for consideration by the Board and keep them informed regarding status/results.

EMAIL COVER LETTER AND RESUME TO

SHERRIE YARBRO

syarbro@tipton-county.com

by February 22, 2019



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

- Tuesday, February 19 Pappy & Jimmy's 749 N Main St
- Tuesday, March 19 Pappy & Jimmy's 749 N Main St
- Tuesday, April 02 Sookie's Bake Shop on the Square
- Tuesday, April 16 Sookie's Bake Shop on the Square
- Tuesday, April 30 Sookie's Bake Shop on the Square
- Tuesday, May 14 Sookie's Bake Shop on the Square
- Tuesday, May 28 Sookie's Bake Shop on the Square
- Tuesday, June 11 Sookie's Bake Shop on the Square
- Tuesday, June 25 Sookie's Bake Shop on the Square

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

*The Clopton Line Dancers
will be performing at
Magnolia Creek Nursing
Facility*

**SHARING LOVE
WITH THE COMMUNITY
THROUGH SONG
AND DANCE.**



*February 12th, at 10:00
AM*





Kneading-A-Massage
420 Highway 51 South
Covington TN, 38019
901-476-0660
731-460-1639

Your sweetie will LOVE a gift certificate for a massage for Valentine's!!
Use code RELAX for \$10 off a one hour relaxation massage.

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Bring in your significant other
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BBQ

102 N. Main St
Covington, TN 38019
Wednesdays - Saturdays
11 AM - 9 PM
(901) 313-9388

Census Bureau Begins Jobs Recruiting Effort for 2020 Census

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of workers for temporary jobs available nationwide in advance of the 2020 Census. By visiting 2020census.gov/jobs applicants have the opportunity to apply for a range of positions, including recruiting assistants, office operations supervisors, clerks, census field supervisors and census takers. The positions will be located across 248 Area Census Offices nationwide and offer flexible work hours, including daytime, evenings and weekends.

Available jobs:

- *Recruiting assistants* travel throughout geographic areas to visit with community-based organizations, attend promotional events and conduct other recruiting activities.
- *Office operations supervisors* assist in the management of office functions and day-to-day activities in one or more functional areas, including payroll, personnel, recruiting, field operations and support.
- *Clerks* perform various administrative and clerical tasks to support various functional areas, including payroll, personnel, recruiting, field operations and support.
- *Census field supervisors* conduct fieldwork to support and conduct on-the-job training for census takers and/or to follow-up in situations where census takers have confronted issues, such as not gaining entry to restricted areas.
- *Census takers* work in the field. Some field positions require employees to work during the day to see addresses on buildings. Other field positions require interviewing the public, so employees must be available to work when people are usually at home, such as in the evening and on weekends.

Applicants will be placed in an applicant pool for 2020 Census field positions for positions they qualify for and will be contacted as work becomes available in their area. For more information, visit 2020census.gov/jobs or contact 1-855-JOB-2020.

Applicants may also contact the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

For more information, please visit 2020census.gov/jobs or the Census Bureau's Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn pages.



SPRING SPORTS SIGN-UPS ARE UNDERWAY!



2019 Spring Softball

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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CITY OF COVINGTON
YOUTH
SPORTS

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



CITY OF COVINGTON
YOUTH
SPORTS

2019 Spring NFL Flag Football

Ages 5-13

**Only
\$50***



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



**Signups start
January 2nd**

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 COVINGTON

YOUTH 2019 Spring
SPORTS Soccer



**Only
\$55***



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

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DATE: Feb. 23, 2019

TIME: 1:00 PM

**LOCATION:
TIPTON COUNTY LIBRARY**

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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 February – [Paint the World](#) in oils or acrylics with Barbara Flowers McBride
- 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](#)
- February 09 – [CHOCOLATE TOUR](#) on the COVINGTON SQUARE! 10:00 – 4:00
- February 12 – [Sharing the Love](#) at Magnolia Creek Nursing Facility – Clopton Line Dancers will perform!
- February 12-19-26 – Kids in the Kitchen – Youth cooking through 4-H – students grades 4-6. [click here for info.](#)
- February 16 – Princesses and Heroes Brunch at the [Manor at Mt Carmel](#) benefitting [CHS HOSA](#). [click for details](#)
- February 16 – **Go with the Flow** pouring class – come enjoy this fun art form! [click here to learn more](#)
- February 23 – [The Nutcracker Movie](#) – Tipton County Library – 1:00
- February 23 – [DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE!](#) Covington Civic Center – mark your calendar – updates coming!
- February 23 – 64th annual Lions Club [Pancake Breakfast](#) at Covington Integrated Arts Academy.
- February 23 - [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.
- March 09 – Eat breakfast and/or lunch at LITTLE JIMMY’S LUNCHBOX and **all tips and donations** go to the Tipton County Museum and Veteran’s Memorial Expansion Fund. Bring the whole family – enjoy a great meal – [help the museum!](#)



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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**CITY OF COVINGTON CIVIC CENTER
PRESENTS
"Me and My Guy"
2019 DADDY DAUGHTER DINNER & DANCE**

WHERE: Covington Civic Center
100 West Washington Avenue Covington

DATE: Saturday, February 23, 2019

TIME: Seating Begins: 6:30pm
Dinner Served: 7:00pm
Dance: 7:30pm-8:30 pm

COST: Daddy & Daughter \$25 (\$5 per sibling)
(Chaperone May Be Any Adult Father Figure)

AGES: 4 Years Old - 12 Years Old

There will be a D.J., a photo booth, and lots of dancing.

Wear your best party attire!

Reservations **ONLY** and they must be made by noon February 15, 2019.
Reservations can be made at the Covington Civic Center, Monday-Friday, from
9am-4pm. For more information, call Karen at 901.475.7139.



Successful Gardening—A February 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, 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:





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.

Follow WIN on

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**for up to date information
and Hiring Event flyers:**
Workforce Investment Network

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

The Workforce Investment Network (WIN) is a partner of the American Job Centers. This agency is a recipient of taxpayer funding, and serves the City of Memphis, Shelby County, and Fayette County. The Career Center System is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. TTY: 1-800-848-029

Revised 08/09/2018

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!

[Click here for details.](#)

Calling All Tipton Countians.....



For more information, contact Choir Director Chuck Clark at 901-474-1052 or contact@chuckclark.online



**JOIN US WEDNESDAY
AND LEARN HOW TO DO THE
"CAJUN MOON TWIST"
TO "THE CHATTAHOOCHE".**

**TCCA LINE DANCING, 9:45
AM, WEDNESDAYS, LOCATED
AT THE COVINGTON CIVIC
CENTER.**

**IT MAY BE COLD
OUTSIDE, BUT IT IS WARM INSIDE.**

[Tipton County Commission on Aging](#) is located in the Covington Civic Center at 100 West Washington Street. Call 901-476-3333 for more information.

Black History Month Events Planned at Dyersburg State

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) will host the following activities and events to celebrate Black History Month in February:

- Tuesday, Feb. 12, 6-9 p.m. – Movie Night! DSCC will showing the movie “Hidden Figures” at 6 p.m. inside the Student Center, room 104 at the DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County. Free admission.
- Tuesday, Feb. 26, 1 p.m. - Soul Food Luncheon, DSCC Dyersburg campus, Student Center. Free will donation recommended.

In addition, African-American exhibits will be on display at all DSCC Learning Resource Centers during the month of February. For more information, please contact Stephen Thomas, director of student life, at 901-475-3166 or stthomas@dsc.edu.

DSCC Announces Fall 2018 Dean’s List and Honor Roll

Dr. Kay Patterson, Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) interim vice president for the College, recognizes students for their scholastic achievements each semester. **To be included on the dean’s list, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours of college level courses during the semester and earn a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher for the semester.** Those making the dean’s list from Tipton County for fall 2018 are:

- **Atoka** - Rebekah Blazer, Madison Brown, Sierra Byrum, Joseph Cina, Noah Cina, Brittany Cunningham, Tanner McCoy, Mackenzie Emery, Madison Emery, Emily Gray, Jennifer Gulotta, Austin Kiernan, Morgan Kiernan, Brenna Lockhart, Kristin Long, Dustin Pindell and Dominique Wander
- **Brighton** - Ivy Barnes, Anthony Burlett, Tyler Carmack, BreAnne Carter, Darion Field, Sara Grevy, Mayleigh McDivitt, Sara Pangburn, Autumn Payne, Ashton Quarles, Nicole Roest, Kerry Senecal, Stanford White, Melina White Sherron and Carrie Witwer
- **Burlison** - Felecia Barnett, Terry Pruitt and Lilyan Williams
- **Covington** - Mikaela Barbee, Alexis Bradfield, Richard Edmondson, Ashli Ford, Joshua Harvell, Kelsey Holt, Hanna Johnson, Ian Marsinko, Currie McIntyre, Anthony Oldham, Hayden Parker, Caroline Price, Madelyn Ray, Lauren Smith, Brooklyn Terry and Jamie Tindall
- **Drummonds** - Autumn Cooper, Tabitha Landrum, Tayler Pannell, Jamie Pruett, Nathan Smith and Owen Wright
- **Mason** - Zachary Dickinson
- **Munford** - Charles Bowling, Emma Bowman, Alexia Clark, Jason Heavner, Tiffany Hurst, Gabriel McDermott, Lanie Prince, Jackie Stevens and Kimery Wilson

Congratulations

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Please make a donation to support prevention and you can get a T-Shirt!



APPAREL ORDER FORM

Tipton County

April is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month

Make a donation of \$12 or \$15 to the Exchange Club - Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse and you will receive a t-shirt.

All apparel runs true to size.



Size	Quantity	Donation	Total Amount
Youth X-Small		\$12.00	
Youth Small		\$12.00	
Youth Medium		\$12.00	
Youth Large		\$12.00	
Youth X-Large		\$12.00	
Adult Small		\$12.00	
Adult Medium		\$12.00	
Adult Large		\$12.00	
Adult X-Large		\$12.00	
Adult 2X-Large		\$15.00	
Adult 3X-Large		\$15.00	
Adult 4X-Large		\$15.00	
Adult 5X-Large		\$15.00	
		Total	

Ordering Dates: March 8th and March 22nd (Payment due when order is placed)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CARL PERKINS CENTER

707 South Main Street, Covington, TN 38019 -- Phone: (901) 476-1515

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

SAVE THE DATE
for a
Supercalifragalisticexpialidocious

*26th Annual
Dinner & Auction
Special Guest Speaker
Matthew Sandusky*



April 27, 2019
6:00pm
803 S. College
Covington, TN
Covington High School
Gymnasium



**TO BENEFIT
THE CARL PERKINS CENTER**

“Music on the Square” set to begin April 27

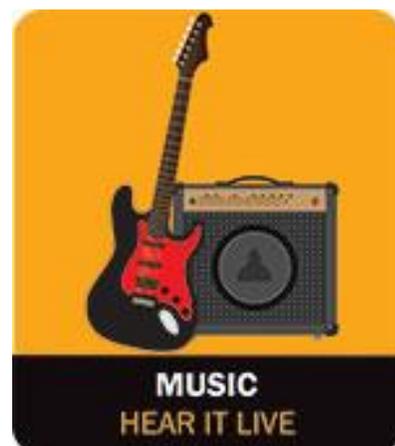
Music on the Square is set to begin April 27th. Music begins at 7pm and ends at 9pm during scheduled Saturday evenings. Non-profit organizations will be on site to provide a variety of concessions.

This year, as in the past, bands interested in showcasing their music and sharing their talents are encouraged to complete an application for consideration. Applications can be found at covingtontn.com.

For more information, contact Karen Griffin at the Covington Civic Center, 901.475.7139, or email kgriffin@covingtontn.com.



Bring your lawn chairs and come join the FUN!





Date: February 2019

TO: The 80's Rewind Advertisers and Sponsors

FROM: The 80's Rewind Event – Group of Classes Effort

RE: Sponsorship and Souvenir Book

The 80s Rewind is a celebration of the *best decade yet*. It is a two-day weekend party for The **Classes of 1980 - 1989** that will take place on June 14 and June 15. 2019 will be a milestone year for the following classes: **The Class of 1979** will celebrate "**40 Years Beyond High School.**" **The Class of 1984** will celebrate "**35 Years Beyond High School**" and **The Class of 1989** will celebrate "**30 Years Beyond High School,**" therefore making this **The Premiere Event of the Year.**

It doesn't matter how you get here - just get here! You can show up in a Little Red Corvette, as long as you are ready to party like it's 1999. So, dust off your leg warmers or leggings, miniskirts or bodysuits, and tease up your hair, or put on a muscle shirt, or acid washed jeans, or grab your baggies, parachute pants or sweat/tracksuit and put on a fat gold chain. Because this event will be like a class reunion - **on steroids.** So, tell a friend to tell a friend to tell another friend, that **The 80s Rewind** is going to be the event that you *do not want to miss.*

Entertainment will be provided by Professional Comedians and a World-Renowned Recording Artist from the 80s. This will be the first time a major recording artist of this magnitude has performed in Covington, TN, since the days of these Late Great Iconic Artists; **Isaac Hayes, Little Milton** and **BB King.** This event aims to promote two outstanding high school graduating seniors with college scholarships and **Your Business** to the World.

This two-day event is projected to attract more than **800 patrons.** As a major sponsor, **Your Business** will build brand awareness and it will generate unique revenue opportunities. With **Your Cooperation** and **Support, The 80s Rewind,** will be **The Premiere Event of the Year** and it will be the only one of its kind, in the City of Covington, TN.

Your participation in this historical moment will help us to continue making a positive impact in our communities. We are requesting your sponsorship, ads placements and/or ticket purchases. The attached documents contain information regarding advertisement in the commemorative booklet. Your business showcase and your presence at this event will be greatly appreciated.

CONTACT **Kelvyn Thomas, Event Coordinator - 424-215-4913** for more information, advertisement opportunities, and registration forms!

Email Camera Ready Advertisement: the80srewind@outlook.com

Mailing Address: The 80s Rewind, P.O. Box 61, Covington, TN 38019

Souvenir Book Advertising Rates:

Center Spread	\$250
Full Page	\$100
½ Page	\$75
¼ Page	\$50
Business Card	\$25

TIPTON COUNTY **UT**EXTENSION INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

Upcoming Agricultural Extension Meetings

February 6, 2019: UT Extension Tipton County **Winter Production Meeting**- Tipton County Farm Bureau, 1798 Hwy 51S in Covington starting at 9:00 a.m. with breakfast. Weed control, diseases and varieties will be covered. For more information, contact Becky Muller at 901-476-0231 or beckymuller@utk.edu.

February 14 and 15 2019- Area **UT Extension Advanced Master Beef Class**. The class will run from 8-5 both days and will be held at the H & R AgriPower meeting room (2262 Anderson Avenue, Brownsville, TN 38012).Cost: \$125.00 with BQA Certification. For more info call Becky Muller at 901-476-0231 or beckymuller@utk.edu.

February 21, 2019: UT Extension Tipton and Fayette County Extension Offices along with Bunge will be hosting a **Winter Row Crop Marketing Meeting** at Braden Station Restaurant, 189 Hwy 59 Mason 38049 from 11:30 a.m. with lunch. For more information, contact Becky Muller at 901-476-0231 or beckymuller@utk.edu.

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click anywhere on the newsletter below to read it in its entirety

Tipton County 4-H February Newsletter



**Congratulations to our 4-H Public
Speaking Winners!**

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

Picture immediately to the right is our 9th and 12th grade county winner
who compete at Western Regional Contest February 5. Our 9th grade contestant
Jacinta received 3rd place and our 12th grade contestant received 5th place in the
region!

Bottom Left Hand Picture is our Top five winners in the 4th grade

Bottom Right Hand Picture is our Top five winners in the 5th grade

Our 4th and 5th grade winner will move onto the Sub regional contest March 14th.
We wish them the best of luck!

**We are so proud of our public speakers who participated
in the 4-H Public Speaking Contest this year!**



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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!



Sp Adobe Spark

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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Tipton County Public Library News

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



Love your Library month

Winter Book Sale!

Friends of the Tipton County Public Library

February 1st - February 28th

\$2.00 per bag

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COVINGTON, TN 38019



THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALES WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT DONATIONS!



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BLDG. C
COVINGTON, TN 38019
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

COME JOIN THE

TIPTON COUNTY STITCH ALONG

All Skill levels are welcome! Bring a project to work on, or if you want to learn bring the following supplies: A skein of Red Heat Super Saver yarn and a size H crochet hook or size 10 knitting needles.

We will be meeting at the Tipton County Public Library on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 10:00-12:00PM



Preschool Story Time!

EVERY WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY @ 10:00 AM

stories, music, crafts, & movement activities.



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



Movie Days



First Man

Feb. 5th @ 1:00 PM [PG-13] 141 Min.

The Secret Garden

Feb. 8th @ 1:00 PM [G] 102 Min.

Johnny English Strikes Again

Feb. 12th @ 1:00 PM [PG] 89 Min.

Pillow Talk

Feb. 15th @ 1:00 PM [NR] 103 Min.

The Patriot

Feb. 22nd @ 1:00 PM [R] 165 Min.

Eat Pray Love

Feb. 23rd @ 10:00 AM [PG-13] 134 Min.

Hunter Killer

Feb. 26th @ 1:00 PM [R] 121 Min.

Dirty Dancing

Feb. 28th @ 6:30 PM [PG-13] 105 mins

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WALK-INS WELCOME!

Monday	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Wednesday	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

JANUARY 28 - APRIL 15, 2019



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

[Click here to read Museum Newsletter](#)

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:**



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

The Magic of Watercolor

With

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
751 Bert Johnston Avenue,
Covington, TN 38019
(901) 476-0242





Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

Presents

“Dr. Charlotte Fisher: Paving a Path in Tipton County”

Opening Reception: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Exhibit Dates: February 1, 2019—May 31, 2019

Dr. Fisher comes from a long line of Tipton County farm families and has accomplished many great achievements in her lifetime. This exhibit covers her past, her present, and her plans for the future. Please join us on February 5 as we celebrate and honor this remarkable woman!



Tipton County Museum
751 Bert Johnston Avenue
Covington, TN 38019

Dr. Charlotte Fisher Honored with Exhibit and Reception

Celebrating a life of achievement, Dr. Charlotte Fisher was surrounded by family, friends, and co-workers Tuesday night at the Tipton County Museum where an exhibit about her life is on display.





Genealogy Seminar at Tipton County Museum

Last Saturday, Archivist Sherry Onorati led discussion on how to find Your Kin!



There's some kind of interesting class at our Museum almost every weekend! Don't miss out! [Click here](#) to see complete listings. Sherry's next lecture on [genealogy will be March 2nd](#).



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Tipton County Museum 2019 Artist in Residence Debra Howze

After earning her Associate's Degree in Commercial Arts in 1975, Debra entered the world of art not sure of what aspect she would like to do. Forty years later, she has dabbled in pottery, stained glass, sculpture, calligraphy, pen and ink, acrylics, crafts, and photography. She credits the Tipton Art League as being instrumental in her success as an artist. She has taught art locally both to adults and children in the community for several years. Debra loves travelling and spending time with friends. She and her husband live in Atoka.



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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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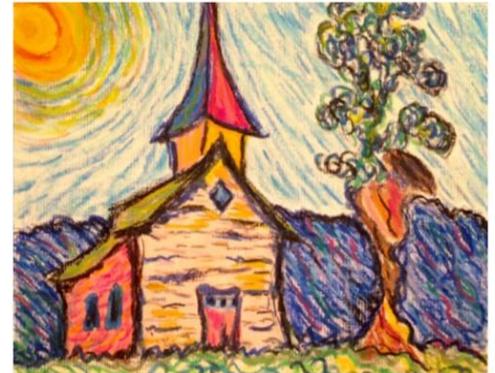
Paint the World In Oil or Acrylics

With Barbara Flowers McBride

When: Friday mornings, 9:30—noon
February 8, 15, 22, & March 1, 2019

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

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



FEAR NO ART!!!! Barb will show you how easy it is to paint in oil or acrylics.

No previous art experience is required. Please call the Tipton County Museum for the supply list and to register for the course.

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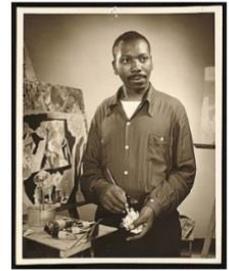
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Artist Series for Kids Jacob Lawrence



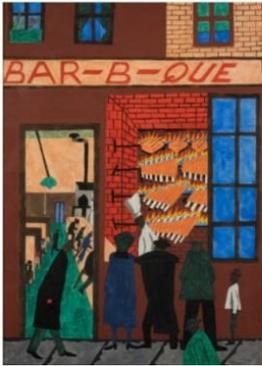
When: Saturday, February 23, 2019, 1 to 3 p.m.

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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Presents

“Minnie Bommer: *A Jewel* in Covington’s Crown”

Opening Reception: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Exhibit Dates: March 1, 2019—June 30, 2019

The Tipton County Museum celebrates Women’s Month in March by honoring Minnie Bommer, an outstanding community leader who has dedicated her life to service. She has worked tirelessly to honor women in Tipton County, and now it is our turn to honor her!

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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.

Genealogy Basics: Understanding the U.S. Census

GENEALOGY LECTURE at the Tipton County Museum

presented by
Archivist/Genealogist Sherri Onorati

**Saturday, March 2, 2019
10 - 11:30am**

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

**Come learn how to
read the U.S. Census
and what valuable
information can be
found within its pages!**

The image shows a historical U.S. Census Population Schedule form, tilted at an angle. The form is densely packed with columns and rows of data, including names, ages, and other demographic information. The header includes "DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE-BUREAU OF THE CENSUS" and "POPULATION SCHEDULES". The form is filled with handwritten entries, and the columns are labeled with various categories such as "Name", "Age", "Sex", "Race", "Marital Status", "Occupation", and "Education". The form is a typical example of the data collected during a U.S. census.

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Veteran of the Month
February 2019

David Quinn



David Quinn was born in Richmond, Kentucky, on November 24, 1960. Upon graduation from high school in 1978, he attended Eastern Kentucky University prior to his enlistment in the United States Navy in August of 1980. After completing Basic Training in Great Lakes, IL, he attended Signalman "A" School in Orlando, Florida. His first of nine sea duty stations was the USS MAHAN (DDG-42) home ported in Charleston, SC. He also had tours aboard the USS Pensacola (LSD-38), USS Portland (LSD-37), USS Tortuga (LSD-46), USS Mount Whitney (LCC-20), USS Wasp (LHD-1), USS Enterprise (CVN-65), USS Essex (LHD-2), and USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69). His Shore Tours included Navy Recruiting Stations in Princeton, WV, and Wytheville, VA, Signalman Class "A" School in Orlando, FL, and Great Lakes, IL, and Afloat Training Group in Norfolk, VA. He loved Shore Duty so much that he terminated his last two assignments around the 18 month mark to return to Sea Duty.

While at Afloat Training Group, he became involved in a project to combine the Ratings of Signalman, Quartermaster, Boatswain's Mate and Operations Specialist where he was very vocal as to why the Navy should scrap that plan because three of the four rates required security clearances and that would potentially put an end to several Sailors' careers. While successful in stopping that project, it would eventually lead to the end of his Signalman rating and he would convert to Boatswain's Mate to finish his career after 30 years.

His awards include the Combat Action Ribbon, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (4), Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, Navy "E" Ribbon (6), Navy Good Conduct Medal (8), National Defense Medal (2), Armed Forces Expedition Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (18), Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait) and Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon.

David is the Son of a Retired Navy Machinist Mate, George David Quinn, and his wife, Darlene Kay Quinn. He has two sisters; Mariann Quinn of Carlisle, Kentucky, and Colleen Taylor of Owensboro, Kentucky.

David married Rene' Higgins Quinn of Memphis, who he met when he rented an apartment in Norfolk and she just happened to be the Resident Manager of the apartment complex. They were married on 29 June, 1985, and have two children, Shane David Quinn (Dominique) of Houma, LA, and Chance Zachary Quinn of St. Louis, MO. They have two grandchildren, Auerora Skye Quinn and Levi Ford Quinn.

David is a Past Commander and Life Member of Tipton County's Ray-Pinner Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4840 and is West Tennessee District 9 Junior Vice Commander. He is also a member of Covington's American Legion Post #0237 and a member of the Tipton County Veterans Council. He and Rene' are members of Liberty Baptist Church in Covington. David was nominated for Veteran of the Month by Wanda Bellow.

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Veteran of the Month Reception

Every 2nd Tuesday Evening at 6:30

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