

From the Mayor's Desk

Thoughts and perceptions from Mayor Justin Hanson

Hello Friends and Neighbors!

It's budget time. It is absolutely necessary to analyze what is coming in and determine how best to allocate it. Indeed, nothing else goes well if budgeting doesn't work! We must be able to depend on a well-planned budget to get us through the fiscal year. Even with careful planning, we still sometimes have to amend our budget, as some things just can't be predicted! It is important as we go through this process, however, to share with you how it works. We are dependent on property and sales taxes. When these come in as budgeted, we can carry out services as planned. This is why it is important to shop at home, keep our properties updated and clean, and pay taxes, of course! *Everything* matters – and while it's difficult to get exact figures on some things, like how [much litter and blight effect property values](#), it is clear just how much [shopping and investing locally](#) can help grow a city's economic base – and that's undeniably true! *Everything* we do to participate in a vibrant community brings us that much closer to being just that vibrant community we all strive for. People in Covington are doing this quite well, by the way, and for that, I thank you! We had a great turnout at the recent Neighborhood Watch meeting and people are responding! I'm hoping for a large number of participants at next weekend's CLEAN-UP – FIX-UP event when we band together to canvass our neighborhoods for a city-wide cleanup. The more we do to freshen up the reputation, safety, cleanliness, and friendliness of Covington, the more it benefits *ALL* of us! Thank you for loving this fine town enough to do just that!

While deep in the budgeting process, I have been reflecting on just how we got where we are and just how we can continue to improve things. I have spent the entirety of my tenure as your Mayor focused on decreasing our debt while providing the absolute best services possible. It is a challenge, but one I accept with dedication. We are making progress, things are improving, and we are working diligently to make sure we do things and carry out business in ways that will result in putting us in a better financial position so that we can provide *much more* to you – our citizens, for whom we work! I must pay tribute to all of our department heads who have done an excellent job with the funding they are given. They have written grants and brought in private support to make up for what lacks in their budgets. They are some of the most dedicated, creative, industrious, spirited, and resourceful people I know and we couldn't be moving forward without them. But, the fact remains that we are paying out well over a million dollars every year for things such as an employee pension deficit, the Flat Iron lawsuit, and a biomass facility that sits dormant. I am focused and determined to get these and other items paid off and turned around so that we can redirect that money in ways that directly serves our citizens.

We are already seeing a payoff in the investment in our police department. With the addition of two new officers and implementation of 10 hour shifts, we are putting every single car we own on the streets, we are putting more officers on the streets at peak hours, and we are seeing numbers to indicate immediate improvements. You will read all about this in this week's Public Safety meeting notes below, but we have seen a huge increase in traffic stops, *many* of which have resulted in arrests. We've also seen an over 30% reduction in criminal activity! Overtime has been decreased from a high of 371 hours to 76 hours, which will create a savings of about \$73,000 annually, if these numbers stay the same. We are working to keep this trend going.

We are seeing results from our hard work and I ask that you continue to work with us in a city-wide team effort to bring about positive, high-quality living conditions in the City of Covington. Work, shop, and play at home – it pays off !! #shoplocal

Justin



Putting pencils to paper, and using the erasers, too – Mayor Hanson and Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn have been meeting with each department head to discuss budget requests. Everything being requested is not approved, as you might imagine, but the negotiations go on, as described in the mayor’s perceptions above. We are proud of our dedicated leaders who are loyal, dedicated, and focused on providing the very best services to the citizens of our city.

DEPARTMENTAL TIDBITS

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

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 call **DIRECT** at 901- 201-7573
 - Tipton County Sheriff’s Dept. - 901-475-3300
 - Central Dispatch – 901-475-4300
 - **Bring your neighbors and attend the Neighborhood Watch informational meeting at the Covington Civic Center on March 19 at 7:00 pm**

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!** 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 **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)**

COVINGTON PUBLIC WORKS:

- Please plan to join us for CLEAN UP - FIX UP in Covington's own neighborhoods! Bring your friends, neighbors, school groups, and others to draw attention to the importance of keeping our city clean. We will meet at the **Public Works maintenance facility at 410 E. Ripley Street on April 6 at 8:00 am.** Clean-up gear and lunch will be provided. PLEASE call ahead if you have a large project planned!
- 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

Public Works installs roadway to T-Ball Fields



Access to the T-ball fields at Cobb-Parr Park has been improved with a passageway installed from the parking lot at the pavilion to the T-ball fields where some games will be played.

As always, drive with extreme care and caution in and around the ball fields!

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

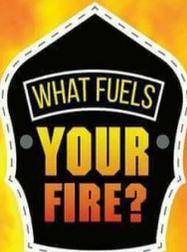
- Applications are accepted ONLY during the time of a posted vacancy.
- You can complete an application and email it to our department through the Contact Us button on our website or bring it by our office Monday through Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm.
- [Click here to see all available job openings](#)
- MARK YOUR CALENDARS for [MUSIC on the SQUARE](#) which beings April 27!

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.

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](#).

<p>Make a Difference to Your Community.</p> <p>BE A COVINGTON VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER.</p> <p>www.VolunteerFireTN.org 1-844-Vol-Tenn (1-844-865-8366)</p>   <p>COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT 101 Tennessee Avenue, Covington, TN 38019 901-476-2578</p>	<p>HELP GROW FIRE SAFETY THIS SPRING!</p> <p>Test smoke alarms to ensure they are working. Replace batteries, if necessary.</p> <p>Place working smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of a home, including the basement.</p> <p>If you need a free working smoke alarm, contact your local fire department today.</p>  
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Click picture above to learn more!

Smoke Alarms at Home

SMOKE ALARMS ARE A KEY PART of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- There are two kinds of alarms. Ionization smoke alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. It is best to use both types of alarms in the home.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.



FACTS

- ❗ A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- ❗ Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level. Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound. Most homes do not have this level of protection.
- ❗ Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.



**NATIONAL FIRE
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**
The leading information and knowledge resource
on fire, electrical and related hazards



- Three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms
- More than one-third (38 percent) of home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarms are present.
- The risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half in homes with working smoke alarms.

If you need smoke detectors in your home and you are in the coverage area of the Covington Fire Dept. call 901-476-2578 during normal business hours. We have a limited supply of FREE smoke detectors available and we will even install them at no charge.

CODES:

- Revised sign ordinance is on [City website](#)
- Sign applications are on the [City website](#)
- Inoperable Motor Vehicle as defined in the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code, is a vehicle which cannot be driven upon the public streets for reason including but not limited to being unlicensed, wrecked, abandoned, in a state of disrepair, or incapable of being moved under its own power. In Chapter 3 of the Property Maintenance Code, 302.8 Motor Vehicles. Except as provided for in other regulations, no inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle shall be parked, kept or stored on any *premises*, and no vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled. Painting of vehicle is prohibited unless conducted inside an *approved* spray booth. Exception: A vehicle of any type is permitted to undergo major overhaul, including body work, provided that such work is performed inside a structure or similarly enclosed area designed and *approved* for such purposes. Please report all CODES issues to 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. JOIN US FOR 2019 CLEAN-UP FIX-UP! See info below or call 901-476-9613 ext 146 or email planning.building@covingtontn.com



SHOW YOUR COVINGTON PRIDE
JOIN US FOR:
CLEAN UP / FIX UP
MARCH 29TH— APRIL 5TH 2019
CLEAN UP WALK – SATURDAY
APRIL 6TH 8 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.
BEGINS AT 410 E. RIPLEY AVE.

#COVINGTONPRIDE



Lunch will be provided after the event. Door Prizes Too!!

BECAUSE YOU CARE - SHOW YOUR PRIDE
NOT ONLY AT YOUR HOME
- BUT ALSO IN OUR CITY
BY JOINING US DURING CLEAN UP/FIX UP WEEK



Visit the city website:

WWW.COVINGTONTN.COM and
Covington Public Works on Facebook
For ongoing Clean Up/ Fix Up ideas
And programs.

#COVINGTONPRIDE

PARKS AND RECREATION:

**JOIN US IN OUR CLASSES FOR IMPROVED STRENGTH, FITNESS, AND HEALTH!
We offer a variety of classes for all your fitness levels that are taught by certified instructors who are able to assist you as needed. Come on in and try them out!**



SPIN BIKE GROUP



DAYS: TUES & THURS

TIME: 9:30AM-10AM

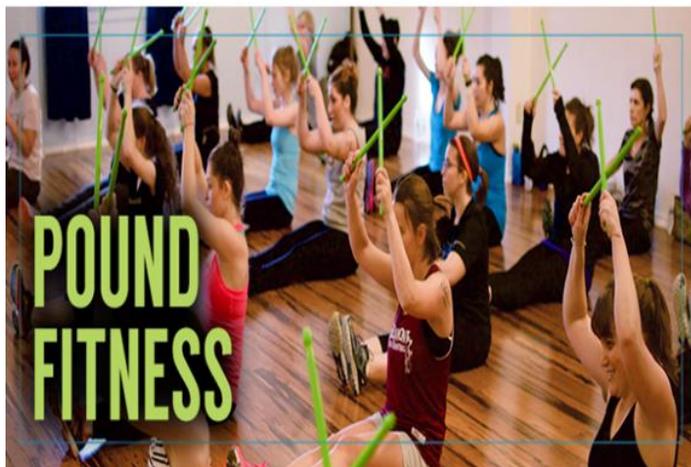


POUND - ROCKOUT. WORKOUT



DAY: SATURDAY

TIME: 10:15AM-11AM





WHEN

Monday & Wednesday
9:30-10:30 AM
7:00- 8:00 PM



790 Bert Johnston Ave
 Covington TN 38019

STARTING FEB. 11TH

BENEFITS

Dynamic Core Workout
High Calorie Burn
Weight Loss
Positive Self-Image
Exercise in Disguise (Dancing)

Ask us for a Coupon to try a class for **FREE**



TRX



With these moves, you'll jumpstart your fitness journey as you build muscle and melt away fat.

- TRX PLANK.
- TRX LOW ROW.
- TRX OVERHEAD BACK EXTENSION.
- TRX SQUAT.
- TRX CHEST PRESS.
- TRX LATERAL LUNGES.
- TRX ROTATIONAL WARD.
- TRX HAMSTRING CURLS.

Starting March 5th

Tuesdays & Thursdays

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM w/Shane

Start Slow
 Covington 
Finish Strong

Yoga

with **Caroline & Michelle**



Mondays 7:15-8PM
Tuesdays & Thursdays

8:30-9:30AM & 5:00-6:00PM

Covington Sportsplex
 790 Bert Johnston Ave
 901-476-3734



Start Slow
 Covington 
Finish Strong

Cardio Mix with Pam



Mon, Wed, & Fri Mornings
8:30-9:30 AM

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 790 Bert Johnston Ave
 901-476-3734





2019 Membership Incentives

New Members

- ✓ Receive (2) FREE VIP Passes (great gift for a friend or relative).
- ✓ \$25 gift card*

Member Referral Program

Members that refer (2) NEW members before June 30, 2019 receive:

- ✓ 1 entry in our drawing to receive a FREE pool party.
- ✓ \$50 gift card*

Early Renewal Rewards Program

Members that renew their membership before June 30, 2019 receive:

- ✓ 3 additional months of membership for FREE.
- ✓ (2) VIP passes for one Free Month.
- ✓ 1 entry in our drawing to receive a FREE pool party.
- ✓ \$50 gift card*

Monthly Members pay for 3 months get 1 FREE

These membership incentives end June 30, 2019

*\$50 gift card can be redeemed for Parks and Recreation merchandise, fees (except membership fees), concessions and rentals.

+Does not apply to monthly membership renewals



MUSEUM:

The Tipton County Museum, Veteran's Memorial and Walking Trail is an active place! We have events almost daily. We have a wide variety of educational materials and *welcome* school groups. You can rent our grounds and conference room for your events, as well. Come visit us and visit our website. Call 901-476-0242 for more information and support our work! Join us for these upcoming events:

- Museum continues to offer oil and acrylic classes on Fridays. Barbara Flowers McBride teaches these classes. Fee is \$60 for Museum Members and \$80 for the general public
- Museum will offer an Open Studio on Saturday, March 16 for painting, scrapbooking, journaling, and other crafts. Call 901-476-00242 for more information. This event is free and open to the public
- Sherl Rose will host a Nature Walk and Garden Tour at the Museum on April 27 in honor of Earth Day. This event will take place at 10:00 and is free and open to the public.
- May Fest is shaping up at the Tipton County Museum and will take place on May 4th. There will be food, crafts, music and fun. Please call 901-476-0242 for more information. This event is free and the public is invited.

Volunteers help on Museum Grounds

Tipton County Master Gardeners and other *dedicated volunteers* held a work day at the Tipton County Museum last Saturday. They raked leaves, weeded beds, tended to plants, applied mulch, and **more**. THANK YOU!



SAVE THE DATE!



SATURDAY
APRIL 13, 2019

Don't miss this opportunity to gather on the beautiful Covington Square and race-run-walk for the [Go Lucy Go Foundation](#). You can register to participate as an *active* runner or as a *spirit* runner by clicking [here](#). There's a kids race, as well! Please enjoy the music, awards, food, and fabulous shopping on our lovely town square after the race. This is a WIN-WIN for all of us – particularly the children at [LeBonheur Children's Hospital](#), and we thank the Go Lucy Go Foundation for the work they do helping families of children in need. Email info@golucygo.org for more information.



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



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



CARNIVAL

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY !



Saturday April 13, 2019 10am

CARNIVAL BOUNCERS, GAMES, SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCES & DELICIOUS FOOD

**PARADISE CHURCH MINISTRIES 520 SIMONTON ST.
COVINGTON, TN 38019**

Public Safety Committee Hears Reports from Chiefs

Police report decrease in crime; Fire reports on training and community involvement

The Public Safety Committee held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting at Covington City Hall on March 26th with the following present: Chairman Alderman Keith Phelps, Alderman C.H. Sullivan, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Mayor Justin Hanson, Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis, Covington Fire Chief Richard Griggs, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, and Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn. Also present were Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderman Danny Wallace, and Margaret and Laura Fleming.

Alderman Phelps called the meeting to order at 4:00 with a quorum present and called on Covington Police Chief Buddy Lewis for his report.

CPD Chief Buddy Lewis:

- 57 people attended the Neighborhood Watch informational meeting on March 19 at the Covington Civic Center. Lewis is pleased with attendance and will provide all committee members and those present with the PowerPoint presentation CPD used at the event. Next phase is to spread the word and generate more interest in Neighborhood Watch. Lewis reported that one of the participants reported a suspicious vehicle in the neighborhood, which resulted in 4 arrests and the seizure of marijuana and Oxycodone pills, along with nearly \$1000 in cash. Lewis stated this is exactly the kind of result he wants from people in Covington and he encourages people to continue to work together in Neighborhood Watch programs in their communities. Lewis is hopeful that more people will host neighborhood watch meetings in their own neighborhoods and allow CPD to participate in every step of the process. Lewis stated to **call 901-201-7573 to report any suspicious activity**. This goes straight to the supervisor on duty.
- Update on the newly implemented 10 hour shifts at CPD. Lewis stated this is really making a difference putting many more police officers on the streets during peak hours, and every car on the streets during a 24 hour period. Lewis stated that he and others on the command staff are also participating as well as the gang unit – putting as many as 12 cars out on our streets
- Overtime update – Chief Lewis provided a pie-chart to committee members showing the great reduction in overtime from 371 hours to just 76. The detectives and the Canine unit may still have overtime, as does the School Resource Officer, but the 10 hour shifts have made a drastic reduction in overtime – about 70% in just one month.
- Community Involvement Plans – Lewis said that the Command Staff is in the process of having an event at Frazier Park this summer to include young people, as well as everybody. He wants to coordinate with Unilever for ice cream and others to make this an event to enjoy. He is also working on a National Night Out in August. He is encouraging officers to get out of their cars and talk with people who are outside to build relationships and community support.
- Certified officer Dewayne Dowell is expected to come back on board at the Covington Police Department and Lewis hopes to have him working in a couple of weeks. Another certified officer has also been hired and is expected to be here soon, adding two more officers to our staff.
- Lewis stated the CPD officers who were deployed are in Poland. He has allowed them to keep their city emails and hopes to stay in close communication with them.
- Lewis stated he has asked to be a part of the DSCC Corrections and Law Enforcement Advisory Committee and he has accepted this position. They will meet once a quarter to discuss the criminal justice program they have. Lewis hopes DSCC can become a POST Certified training academy.
- February stats: 116 arrests, 87 citations issued, 2104 calls, and 12,623 patrol miles driven. There is also a 70% increase in traffic stops since February, many of which have resulted in arrests, and a 30% decrease in crime.

Alderman Phelps asked about having some additional meetings to bring the committee up to date on police facility plans and ideas that were done in the past regarding a new police building. Lewis stated he will get some dates together from which to choose. Any and all additional meetings will be publicized.

Motion was made and seconded to accept Chief Lewis's report, and that motion passed.

Chairman Phelps then called on Richard Griggs to report from the Covington Fire Department, and thanked him for stepping up and working with the department and the committee.

Chief Griggs:

- Engine 2 has been repaired and is back in service.
- Working on budgeting with department and Mayor – will make it work.
- Inservice training will continue through the end of this month completing the annually required hours
- ISO evaluation – on April 2 Griggs will travel to Lexington to meet with their fire chief to discuss what was done there to reduce their ISO rating. Griggs anticipates our ISO rating will go down, improving our status.
- Pre-planning for ISO – we will see trucks out in places around town checking on businesses and other locations.
- Volunteers hours for February are 369, worked by 9 volunteers
- Run Report from Feb 22 to March 22 shows 144 calls were responded to including, but is not limited to:
 - 36 medical assistance
 - 30 rescue-EMS incidences
 - 25 Emergency Medical Services
- Rogers Services continue to test our fire hydrants.
- One of our volunteer fire fighters
- Chief Griggs completed the Fire Officer IV Certification and is one of 60 people in the State to hold this certification.
- Skills training was held at CFD hosting CHS HOSA students. Griggs stated these students are CERT trained ([Community Emergency Response Team](#)) and are excellent recruits for our fire department. Mayor Hanson stated that the CHS HOSA program is nationally recognized and is a great program. Griggs encouraged the Board to pay tribute to these students.
- Captain Scott Davis has resigned from CFD and that position will be opened for hiring a replacement.. Davis is seeking a private business venture.
- Inspector Assessment took place this week – Griggs thanked Chief Lewis for providing an officer for role play during the assessment. Griggs is hoping for a report later this week indicating their choice of candidates for the Fire Inspector position.
- Smoke detectors are available and free. Please let CFD know if you need them.
- Volunteer recruitment is still active and open – if anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter, please call 901-476-2578 or register at www.volunteerfiretn.org
- CFD will participate in a fundraiser for Drug Free Tipton – will be cooking Boston butts at North Fire Station.

Alderman Danny Wallace offered his cooker for the fundraiser.

Mayor Hanson motioned to accept Chief Griggs' report and Alderwoman Yarbrough seconded. Motion passed.

Chief Lewis stated CFD has applied for a \$20,000 grant to be used for radar and overtime. He will keep the committee posted on the status of this.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 28, 2019

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TIPTON COUNTY CELEBRATES NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

Covington, Tenn. – The Tipton County Health Department is proud to be a part of **National Public Health Week** April 1-7, 2019. NPHW is about celebrating the power of prevention, advocating for healthy and fair policies, sharing strategies for successful partnerships and championing the role of a strong public health system.

“Improving the health of our residents is extremely important to us, and Public Health Week is an opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of public health in our communities,” said Matt McDaniel. “We look forward to continuing to work with our local partners to provide people with more opportunities to live and maintain a healthy lifestyle.”

The Tipton County Health Department takes an active role in the health of Tipton County residents through many primary prevention projects and programs to help prevent disease before it happens. These include:

- **Baby & Me Tobacco Free** – helping pregnant women and new mothers stop smoking
- **TNSTRONG** – Youth-led movement advocating for tobacco-free lifestyles
- Community walking/biking trails
- School Walk/Run Clubs
- Women, Infants and Children, or WIC – supplemental nutrition for mothers and young children

“In addition to primary prevention programs and projects, the Tipton County Health Department provides numerous services including well-child exams, immunizations, birth and death certificates, family planning and children’s dental care,” said Matt McDaniel. “We encourage and invite the public to call or come by to learn about the many services we have to offer.”

The Tipton County Health Department is planning activities for **National Public Health Week**.

National Public Health Week is sponsored by the American Public Health Association. Learn more at www.nphw.org.

Visit the Tennessee Department of Health online at <http://tn.gov/health>.
Connect with TDH on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn @TNDeptofHealth!](#)

Tipton County Health Department Offers “Go Girl Go” Program



Pictured L - R are Ms. Erica Sherfield , Crestview Middle School Guidance Counselor, Go Girl Go Participants and Tipton County Health Department PHE Shenika Bond.

The Tipton County Health Department and Crestview Middle School partnered together to implement the “Go Girl Go” Curriculum that targets elementary through high school girls who might live sedentary lifestyles. The “Go Girl Go” curriculum is a unique education program created by the Women’s Sports Foundation that uses four “Go Girl Go” characters and champion athletes to educate girls about the importance of being physically active and avoiding risky health behaviors. Tennessee BMI School Summary reveals that during the 2016 -2017 school year 39.2 percent of students in Tipton County Schools were either overweight or obese and 44.94-46.25 percent of 8th grade girls were overweight or obese. The curriculum consists of 12 lessons that focus on particular topics such as Building Confidence, Bullying, Nutrition, and Physical Activity. This partnership is expected to grow with more participation in the upcoming school year.

Mayors Hanson and Huffman joined forces against Violence



April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, therefore Tipton County Executive [Jeff Huffman](#) and Covington Mayor Justin Hanson presented a joint proclamation of recognition from the Courthouse steps. This month-long campaign helps raise public awareness about sexual violence.



The effort also educates communities on the importance of **reporting** sexual violence and ways to prevent it. Both mayors thanked those in law enforcement and non-profit agencies who work together on these cases and do everything possible to protect victims. [Click here to learn more.](#)

**THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME
BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
TIPTON**

- ✓ Highest Ranking Acute Care Hospital in Tipton or Shelby County by Medicare.gov
- ✓ Quality Care You Can Count On - National Quest Award Winner for High Value Healthcare 2018
- ✓ Joint Commission Accredited
- ✓ Press Ganey Award Winning Ambulatory Surgery Service Offering Out Patient Infusions
- ✓ Specialized Rehabilitation Services To Help You Get Well
- ✓ Dependable Radiology Services
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Ribbon Cutting as West Tennessee Eye Clinic

Members of the Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce along with the South Tipton Chamber, West Tennessee Eye staff, and friends, gathered at the clinic last week for a ribbon cutting.



What's Missing from this photo? *YOU!*

The Tipton Community Chorus meets on Mondays from 6:00-7:30 PM at St Matthew's Episcopal Church on Munford Street in Covington - right across from Covington City Hall. Like the Marines, we are looking for a few good men....and ladies too, *of course!* Please join us!



MONDAYS AT 6:00 PM, ST.
MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN
US AND BEGIN
REHEARSAL FOR MAYFEST ON MAY 4TH.



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

Stay Informed with the Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce [Newsletter](#) where you will see JOB POSTINGS, NEWS, and EVENTS pertaining to our local area!

Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for a fun way to get involved with your local community?

The Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce
has volunteer opportunities available for upcoming events!



Call 901 476 9727

OR Email: lauren@covington-tiptoncochamber.com

for further details.

Dyersburg State and TCAT-Newbern/Covington/Ripley Chosen to Co-host [CMT's Empowering Education Tour](#) April 3

CMT's Next Women of Country Courtney Cole to Perform on DSCC's Dyersburg Campus

In an effort to increase the number of work-ready residents in the state, Country Music Television (CMT) has joined forces with Tennessee Board of Regents - The College System of Tennessee - for a free multi-city concert tour targeting rural areas of the state this spring to encourage Tennesseans to pursue higher education. The tour will begin on April 3 and travel to four Community Colleges across the state. Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) and Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT)-Newbern/Covington/Ripley will kick-off the tour as they co-host the event on DSCC's Dyersburg campus April 3 at 6 p.m. inside the E.H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium. Tickets are free and can be reserved online at www.dsc.edu. Even though the event is free, a ticket is required for entry – so be sure to get yours quickly!

The event is free to the public and will include a resource fair beginning at 5:30 p.m. with free hot dogs and drinks for all attendees. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with CMT to open up the show at 6:30 The Dyersburg High School Choir, under the direction of Dustin Walters, will perform as an opening act for Courtney Cole.

The partnership between CMT and the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) was announced last fall at the TBR Presidents' Meeting in Nashville and aims to encourage more Tennesseans to attend college – whether to earn an academic degree or a technical or occupational degree or certificate – paving their way to successful careers that will benefit themselves and their families. CMT's "Empowering Education" initiative offers four community colleges across the state the opportunity to receive additional support at a local level, including a free concert at each stop featuring CMT's Next Women of Country, Courtney Cole.

"As someone who graduated from college in Tennessee, I am thrilled to be working with CMT and TBR to spread the message of the potential education has to change your life," stated Cole. "I can't wait to tour the state, put on a really fun show, and encourage people to follow their dreams."

For more information, contact Amy Finch, director of public information, at 731-286-3347 or finch@dsc.edu.



Calling All Tipton County Artists!!!!

We need *YOU* to enter

"ASPIRATIONS"

The 2019 Tipton County Art Exhibit

Sponsored by

The Tipton County Museum, The Tipton Arts Council, Inc.
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Awards include Best of Show, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Best Use of Color,
Best Creativity, & Honorable Mentions.

Hurry! Entry Deadline is April 12!

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





BCHRR Equity, Inclusion & Service to Others Day PROJECT#12218

Join Us In Service



MY@FUTURE
Virtual Graffiti
Wall Digital Project

Friday, April 12, 3PM - 7PM, Volunteers will create up to 300 Happy Day cards, Comcast Cares Day Equity and Inclusion themed artwork to teach youth that they matter and all are welcomed at BGC. The My.Future team will teach volunteers how to create and share a digital graffiti wall.

Site Leader: Felisha Mason

Site: Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region (BCHRR)
412 Long Avenue, Covington, TN, USA

CCD Project Coordinator: Evangeline Parker-Guest

Register at: www.comcastinthecommunity.com

BGCHRR Youth of the Year Sets Records

Jhonnaya Wilcox, the 2019 Youth of the Year from the Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region in Covington, is the first female, youngest, and first to place in the TOP 6 in the State of Tennessee's BGC Youth of the Year competition in Nashville!



Jhonnaya Wilcox (C) is surrounded by her mother Sialene Wilcox, BGC Director James Moore, Program Director Felicia Mason, Mentor Annette Johnson, and Chairman of the Board of Directors Morgan Stitt Davanzo at the State Youth of the Year Conference in Nashville.

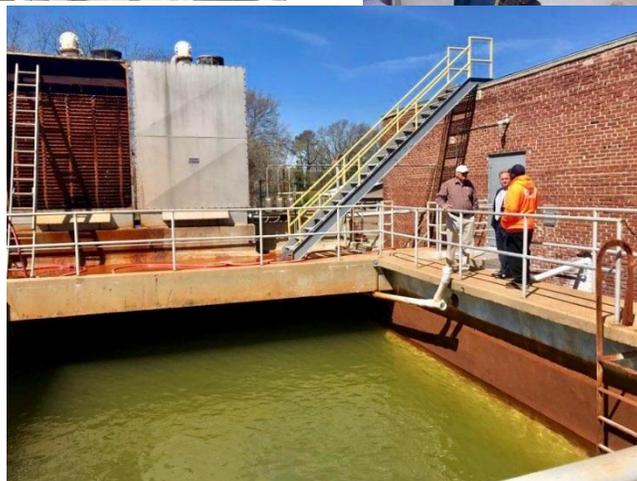
TRA Total Youth visited with Mayor Hanson

Total Youth is a leadership program offered through the South Tipton Chamber of Commerce. One of the requirements is to visit with elected officials and other leaders. These ladies spoke with Mayor Hanson about college and careers.



Mayor Inspects Equipment at Water Plant

Mayor Hanson joined Public Works Director David Gray (L) and Water Plant Manager James Mason (R) at the city's water facility to view equipment that is being repaired, replaced, some that was recently installed.



Upcoming EVENTS

All regularly scheduled committee meetings are at **4:00 pm** in the Lower Level Conference Room at Covington City Hall at 200 West Washington Street. All Board of Mayor and Aldermen meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month at **5:30** in the Conference Room on the second floor at Covington City Hall. ALL are open to the public.

- 1st Tuesdays – Public Works Committee
 - Jeff Morris, Chairman
 - Minnie Bommer
 - Danny Wallace
 - 2nd Tuesdays – General Welfare and Public Relations Committee
 - Minnie Bommer, Chairman
 - Keith Phelps
 - C.H. Sullivan
 - 3rd Tuesdays – Finance and Administration Committee
 - C.H. Sullivan, Chairman
 - All aldermen attend
 - 4th Tuesday – Public Safety Committee
 - C.H. Sullivan
 - Johnetta Yarbrough
-
- April 06 – **CLEAN UP – FIX UP COVINGTON** – 8:00-11:30 am beginning at 410 Ripley Street in Covington
 - April 06 – Lawn and Garden Expo – Brighton High School -9:00 – 4:00
 - April 06 – Pitch – Hit – Run at Meuller Brass Fields in Covington. [click here for more information](#)
 - April 06 – Jr. Homerun Derby – Meuller Brass Fields in Covington. [click here for details](#)
 - April 12 – JOB FAIR in Covington – [click here](#) to learn more.
 - April 13 – [GO LUCY GO 5K-10K](#) and kids fun run in COVINGTON! **JOIN THE FUN ON THE SQUARE!**
 - April 13 – Paradise Church Children’s Carnival – [click here to learn more](#)
 - April 27 – A Walk in Nature – 10:00 am – Tipton County Museum [click here for details](#)
 - April 27 – [Music on the Square](#) begins
 - April 27 – 26th annual Carl Perkins Center Dinner and Auction – [click here for more information](#)
 - May 04 – Farmers Market opens – 8:00 am – 2:00 pm
 - May 11 – Acrylic Pouring Workshop at Museum – 1:00 – 4:00. [Click here for details](#)
 - May 16 – Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce Spring Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament at Covington Country Club
 - May 25 – A Day of Art studying [Eugene Delacroix](#) – Tipton County Museum - [click here for details](#).



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](#)
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[Tipton County Schools](#)
[South Tipton Chamber of Commerce](#)
[Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region](#)
[Covington Aquatic Center](#)
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*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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April 12, 2019
8:30am - 1pm
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- Basic computer skills
- Workforce Preparation
- Individualized and small group instruction
- English classes

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can fill out the form at
<https://bit.ly/2tc5PQ3>

volunteer



Volunteer- We have service opportunities for businesses to support us whether it be a donation drive or team building through dog walking groups!
If interested, please contact us at volunteertcas@gmail.com.

If you would like to volunteer as an individual, you can fill out a form by clicking this link: <https://bit.ly/2SdaeA7>



THE CLOPTON LINE DANCERS

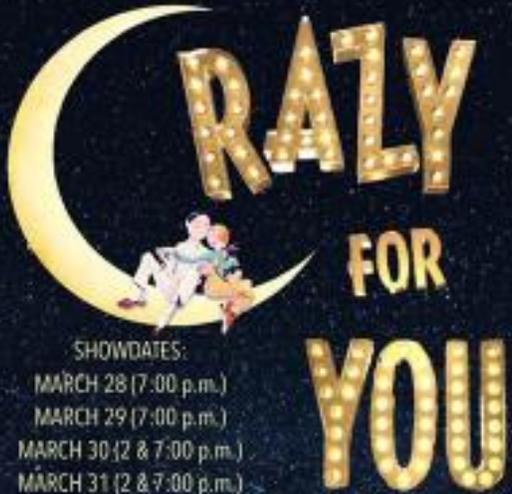
**April 2nd, 10:00 AM - Magonia Creek and 10:45 AM - Glendale Commons, April 9th,
11:00 AM - Fox Hollow Community**

The Clopton Line Dancers will be entertaining at local nursing homes and rehabilitation centers in Covington.
You are welcome to join them at these facilities!

Tipton Rosemark Academy Theatre

TIPTON-ROSEMARK ACADEMY THEATRE PRESENTS:
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Book by Ken Ludwig
Co-conception by Ken Ludwig and Mike Dobson
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SHOWDATES:
MARCH 28 (7:00 p.m.)
MARCH 29 (7:00 p.m.)
MARCH 30 (2 & 7:00 p.m.)
MARCH 31 (2 & 7:00 p.m.)

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<http://www.tiptonrosemarkacademy.net/site/super-school-arts-theatrical.asp>

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Get your dog groomed and protect your lovable pet.

Schedule your appointment today!

Walk Across Tennessee

Team Tipton Healthier TN



Begin logging your miles March 18th!

It's not too late to register a Team!

1. Register yourself: <https://goo.gl/forms/rQN7ZgGVBJjEarZF3>
2. Get together with up to 7 of your friends, nominate a team captain and then have the captain visit: <https://goo.gl/forms/hSTFEouvnsZINieC3>
3. From March 18th - May 6th get moving! Your team goal is 500 miles, and that can be walking or other activities.
4. On every Tuesday, starting March 19th, your captain will need to enter in the team mileage, so you will need to let your captain know how far you went.
5. Questions? Ask here or email teamtptonhntn@gmail.com

Tourism Shop Sale

*Winter Clearance on all
Barnwood Signs!*
Each unique piece is hand
lettered and now just \$15!
Drop by the Chamber office
Monday – Friday between
8-5 and find a tasteful gift
or souvenir.

**INVENTORY
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GET EM WHILE THEY LAST – [Covington-Tipton County Chamber](#) Office on the Square in Covington.

901-476-9727



2019 COMMUNITY HOLY WEEK NOONTIME SCHEDULE

Monday, April 15: Location—Covington First Baptist Church – 2106 Highway 59
Preacher: Rev. Tom Ralstin

Tuesday, April 16: Location—Covington First Presbyterian Church – 403 S. Main Street
Preacher: Rev. Ed Hawkins

Wednesday, April 17: Location—Covington Assembly of God - 1861 Highway 51 South
Preacher: Rev. Scott Sealy

Thursday, April 18: Location—Covington First United Methodist Church – 145 West Church Street
Preacher—Rev. Chuck Williams

Friday, April 19: Location—Central Christian Church – 400 South Maple Street (no lunch)
Preacher—Rev. Dan Camp





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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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.

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[Click here for details.](#)

Tipton County Extension Master Gardeners
12th Anniversary



LAWN & GARDEN EXPO



Brighton High School

Saturday, April 6th, 9am – 4pm

EXPO Guest Speakers



10 am

Backyard Chickens: Tips on Coop Construction and Maintaining your Flock

Blair Combest, a Horticulturalist and resident, self-proclaimed chicken wrangler with the Memphis Botanic Garden, cares for the MBG's Buff Blue Columbian Brahma chickens (yes, we mean Blue Chickens!), and will help you to select the right location, design, and construction methods for your backyard coop, deal with predators, select the right breed for you and understand chicken feed and supplemental nutrition.



12 noon

A Garden Humming with Visitors

Carol Reese, Ornamental Horticulture Specialist for the Western Region Extension in Jackson, Tennessee, will help you invite more hummingbirds to meet you in the garden with these plants. She will emphasize a few great vines in this presentation, along with some innovative structures to support them. She'll also spotlight some of her favorite perennial salvias, which always provide good supplies of nectar for these feathered jewels.



2 pm

How SMART are Your Trees?

Joellen Dimond will talk about the ways trees help people and how we can care for and enjoy them. Joellen Dimond is currently a Tennessee State University Extension Agent in Tipton County, a regular guest on *The Family Plot Gardening in the Mid-South* PBS show, and one of the authors of the Herbaceous Ornamentals Chapter of the Extension Master Gardener Handbook.



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

Save the Date



Harlem Legends Basketball Show Coming Back to Dyersburg State April 6

The Dyersburg State Community College All Star Team is gearing up to take on the Harlem Legends in a friendly game of basketball to raise scholarships for deserving students. The Harlem Legends Celebrity Basketball Show is set for April 6, at 12 p.m., inside the E.H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium on the Dyersburg campus. A Harlem Legends Youth Clinic will be offered before the show at 10 a.m. The Harlem Legends, a group of former Harlem Globetrotters, NBA players, NFL players, USA Olympians and other professional athletes, will play against the Dyersburg State All Stars.

The All Star team will consist of local businesspersons, community leaders and alumni including A.J. "Hoopster" Adams, Greg "The Golden Boy" Anthony, Leigh Ann "Bad to the Bone" Brandeberry, J.D. "Can-Do" Cantu, Shayanne Cole, Marshall "Nightmare" Crawley, Harold "J-Nike" Hildreth, John "The Mayor" Holden, Dr. Elizabeth "The Bullet" Lu, Kenny "The Total Package" Lyte, Chris "Big Money" Weik, and Kim "The Principal" Worley. The All Star team will be coached by DSCC's Men's and Women's Head Basketball Coach Charles Taylor.

Youth ages 7-14 years old are invited to attend the Harlem Legends Youth Basketball Clinic beginning at 10 a.m. The cost to attend is \$25 per child and includes admission to the 12 p.m. show, fun basketball instruction from the Harlem Legends, an autographed team photo and a workout booklet. The Clinic will also stress the importance of education and leading a drug-free lifestyle.



The opportunity to purchase an autographed basketball from the team for \$20 will also be available. The Youth Clinic is limited to 70 children. The cost to attend the Harlem Legends Basketball Show at 12 p.m. is \$15 general admission presale, \$20 at the door, and \$30 VIP admission. The VIP admission tickets include preferred seating, an autographed team photo, access to the hospitality suite before the game, and a meet and greet with the Harlem Legends at 11 a.m.

Youth Clinic registration forms can be picked up and tickets can be purchased at the Business Office inside the Eller Administration Building on the Dyersburg campus. For more information, contact Amy Finch at finch@dsc.edu or 731-286-3347.

Dyersburg State Community College



Harlem Legends Celebrity Basketball Show

April 6, 2019

Dyersburg State Community College, E.H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium

10:00 a.m. - Harlem Legends Youth Basketball Clinic
\$25 per child (ages 7-14 yrs) Includes admission to 12 p.m. show.

12:00 p.m. - Harlem Legends Celebrity Basketball Show
Harlem Legends vs. Dyersburg State All Stars
featuring former Harlem Globetrotters & NBA players

\$15 General Admission presale • \$20 at the door • \$30 VIP Admission

The Harlem Legends are a group of former Harlem Globetrotters, NBA players, NFL players, USA Olympians and other professional athletes. DSCC alumna and former Harlem Globetrotter Michael Douglas will be on hand as the Harlem Legends take on the DSCC All Stars in a friendly game of basketball!

Youth Clinic Registration Forms can be picked up and tickets can be purchased at the Business Office inside the Eller Administration Building on the Dyersburg campus. For more information, contact 731-286-3349 or clay@dsc.edu.



Save the Date!



50th Anniversary Reception

In honor of

DYERSBURG STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Friday, April 12, 2019
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Student Center Commons
1510 Lake Road, Dyersburg, Tennessee

RSVP to Edith Carlton at 731-286-3300 or carlton@dsc.edu

Tipton County 4-H March Newsletter



*Congratulations to our county 4-H
Middle School 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



8th grade County Winner



7th grade winners



Congratulations to our 4-H Horse Bowl and Hippology Team who competed at the state contest in Knoxville, Tennessee. They placed 10th out of all the Junior Teams who competed statewide. We are so proud of all their hard work!



6th grade County Winners

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

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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
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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	
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Adult 5X-Large		\$15.00	
		Total	

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

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

*Survivor of Child Sexual Abuse from
Adoptive Father, Penn State Coach
Jerry 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

Band Lineup

APRIL 27

COUSINS BAND

MAY 4

CROSSROADS BAND

MAY 11

INFINITY BAND

MAY 18

NEW GENERATION BAND

Music begins at 7pm and ends at 9pm during scheduled Saturday evenings on our historic square.

Non-profit organizations will be on site to provide a variety of concessions.

Bring your lawn chairs and come join the FUN!

Call Karen at the Covington Civic Center for more information.

901.475.7139



Presents An Evening Of Celebrating Local Innovation

2019

GALA AND AWARDS

Tuesday

April 30th

PRE EVENT SOCIAL: 5PM

DINNER & PROGRAM: 6PM

\$30/PERSON OR \$300/TABLE OF 8



**AWARD NOMINATIONS AND EVENT
REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 4TH!**



Date: March 5, 2019

TO: The 80's Rewind Advertisers and Sponsors
FROM: The 80's Rewind Event (A Class Group Effort)
RE: Sponsorship and Souvenir Book (Corrected Copy)

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.**

We cannot throw an event of this magnitude without a purpose and fortunately for us, we have two: first to have fun obviously and the second more deserving reason is, to provide scholarships to high school students. We all understand the importance of students getting a college education and how expensive that education can be so, we are having a party to raise money. With your assistance in the form of ads in our memory book, donations & sponsorship, we will be able to achieve our ultimate goal.

We would love to have you aboard in case you have any ideas that you would like to share with us, and which will help improve the scale and reach of our project. 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.

Sincerely,

KELVYN A. THOMAS
Event Coordinator

KEY CONTACT: Kelvyn Thomas, (424-215-4913) (Owner Burnett and Family BBQ) is a Covington High School Graduate (Class 1984). He worked at The Veranda Restaurant (1985-1988) and he was a DJ at Rollies Roller Rink (1985-1988). Kelvyn joined The United States Air Force in 1988 and after 24 years of active duty service, he retired in 2012. Email Camera Ready Advertisement:

the80srewind@outlook.com Mailing Address: The 80s Rewind, P.O. Box 61, Covington, TN 38019



[CLICK HERE TO HEAR DEMO FROM HEADLINING ARTIST FOR THE 80'S REWIND EVENT](#)

Tipton County Public Library News

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



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



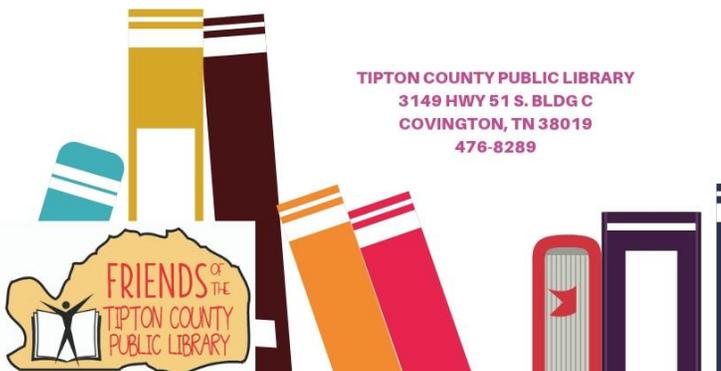
FRIENDS OF THE TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

ANNUAL SPRING BOOK SALE

**FRIENDS OF THE TIPTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY MEMBER'S ONLY NIGHT
APRIL 25TH 4-7:00 PM**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
APRIL 26TH 10-4:00 PM
&
APRIL 27TH 10-2:00 PM**

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS AND THEIR INFLUENCE ON TIPTON COUNTY HISTORY

Presented by Mr. David A. Gwinn, Tipton County Genealogist and Local Historian

March 30, 2019 at 10:00AM

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This program is part of Revisiting the Founding Era, a three-year national initiative of the Glider Lehrman Institute of American History presented in partnership with the American Library Association and the National Constitution Center, with generous support from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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April 2nd @ 1:00 PM [PG-13] 130 Min

A Star is Born (2018)

April 4th @ 6:30 PM [R] 135 Min.

A Star is Born (1955)

April 5th @ 1:00 PM [PG] 154 Min.

The Mule

April 9th @ 1:00 PM [R] 116 Min.

A Star is Born (1976)

April 12th @ 1:00 PM [R] 140 Min.

On the Basis of Sex

April 23rd @ 1:00 PM [PG-13] 120 Min.

A Dog's Way Home

April 30th @ 1:00 PM [PG] 137 Min.



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

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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 Presents

“Pour and More”

An Acrylic Pouring Workshop

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. Ages 10 and up.

When: Saturday, May 11, 2019. 1 to 4 p.m.

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

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

Tipton County Museum
751 Bert Johnston Avenue, P.O. Box 768,
Covington, TN 38019
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The Tipton County Museum,
Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

Presents

“Nature Walk & Garden Tour
with Sherl Rose”

When: Saturday, April 27, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Where: Tipton County Museum
751 Bert Johnston Ave.
Covington, TN 38019
(901) 476-0242

Fee: FREE!!!!

Please join us for an enchanting morning at the Tipton County Museum as Sherl Rose shows you the magic that lies within the half mile Nature Trail, then leads you through a tour of the herb gardens. Refreshments will be served, and everyone is invited. See you there!



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.





The Tipton County Museum

Presents

French Romantic Artist

Éugene Delacroix

Lecture & Art Class

Saturday, May 25, 2019



Delacroix was a French artist who is considered the leader of the French Romantic School movement, and was a big influence on the Impressionists. Art and Garden Historian Dominique Bellott returns to talk about this fascinating artist during the morning session, and Museum Director and professional artist Barrie Foster will



lead the class in painting his "Soleil-couchant-à- Champrosay" in acrylics on a 16 X 20 canvas in the afternoon. No previous art experience required, and we provide all the supplies. Refreshments will be served. You may participate in one activity without the other.

Lecture: 10 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Fee: Free to Museum Members,

\$5 General Public

Art Class: 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

Fee: \$35 Museum Members

\$40 General Public



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Gioiello Featured Artist



Jean Wheeler

Jean attended the Memphis Academy of Art in the late 1960's and moved to Tipton County in 1982. She has had a career in Graphic Arts, then in Screen Printing. An award winning artist, she enjoys painting local landscapes in oils.

She is a member of the Bartlett Art Association and the Tipton Art League. Jean also loves gardening and in 2017 Jean became a Tipton County Master Gardener. She lives on a small farm in Tipton County where she has a large vegetable garden every year.



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Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center

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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Reception Held at Museum in Honor of Minnie Bommer

The Conference Room was full of guests and supporters who gathered to support the work of Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, who is being highlighted this month at the Tipton County Museum



L-R Museum Director Barrie Foster, Archivist Sherry Onorati, Master Gardener Sherl Rose, and Vice-Mayor Johnetta Yarbrough stand with Alderwoman Minnie Bommer (C) at the reception honoring her and her work in the community.

Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center



Veteran of the Month
March 2019

Victoria Outlaw-Coone



Born and raised in Alabama, by the age of seventeen Vickie knew she wanted to leave Alabama and felt that joining the Army would provide that opportunity. However, once she arrived at the recruitment center and saw the Marine recruiter in his dress blues, she chose the Marine Corps instead! Under age and still in high school, she signed up under the delayed enlistment program with the approval of her mother. After boot camp at Parris Island, she was stationed at Cherry Point, North Carolina, for three years. She reenlisted for another three and was transferred to Millington Naval Air Station where she worked as an administrative clerk and was promoted to Sergeant. At the end of her second enlistment, she had a difficult decision to make: she could continue her career in the Marine Corps, or she could get out to raise her infant son. She chose her son and never looked back. It was definitely the right decision. He grew up to earn his Doctorate Degree in Theology and is now Pastor of Redeemer Baptist Church in Memphis.

For her service to our country Vickie was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Meritorious Mast, and Letter of Appreciation. Vickie is proud of the fact that four out of five of her promotions were meritorious. After her honorable discharge from the Marine Corps, she sold real estate for a year, then went to work for World Color in the traffic department when it opened in Covington in 1989. Seven years later, she started a new career managing the Memphis terminal for Cargo Master, a freight brokerage company. She yearned to own her own business, so in 2005 she opened Outlaw's Furniture & Mattress in Atoka. Her business was so successful that she opened her second store last year, Victoria's Furniture Gallery in Memphis.

During her training at Parris Island, she met a special fellow Marine, Teddy Coone. They dated for a year but ultimately split, because they were both pursuing careers in the Marine Corps. Many years later they found each other on Facebook; and on April 6, 2013 they were married. Teddy has a full time job onboard Naval Support Activity Mid-South in Millington and works at the furniture store as well. Vickie's son Jeremy is married to Alicia; they live in Memphis and have four children: Gabriel, 9; Luke, 7; and two year old twins Amia and Aleigh. Vickie and Teddy are members of the Combat Vets Motorcycle Association and the Marine Corps League. Vickie was nominated for Veteran of the Month by H.T. Ray.

Reception held at Museum for March Veteran of the Month

Family, friends, and fellow veterans gathered at the Tipton County Museum and Veteran's Memorial to honor March Veteran of the Month Retired Marine Victoria Outlaw-Coone.



The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial
& Nature Center

Veteran of the Month Reception

Every 2nd Tuesday Evening at 6:30

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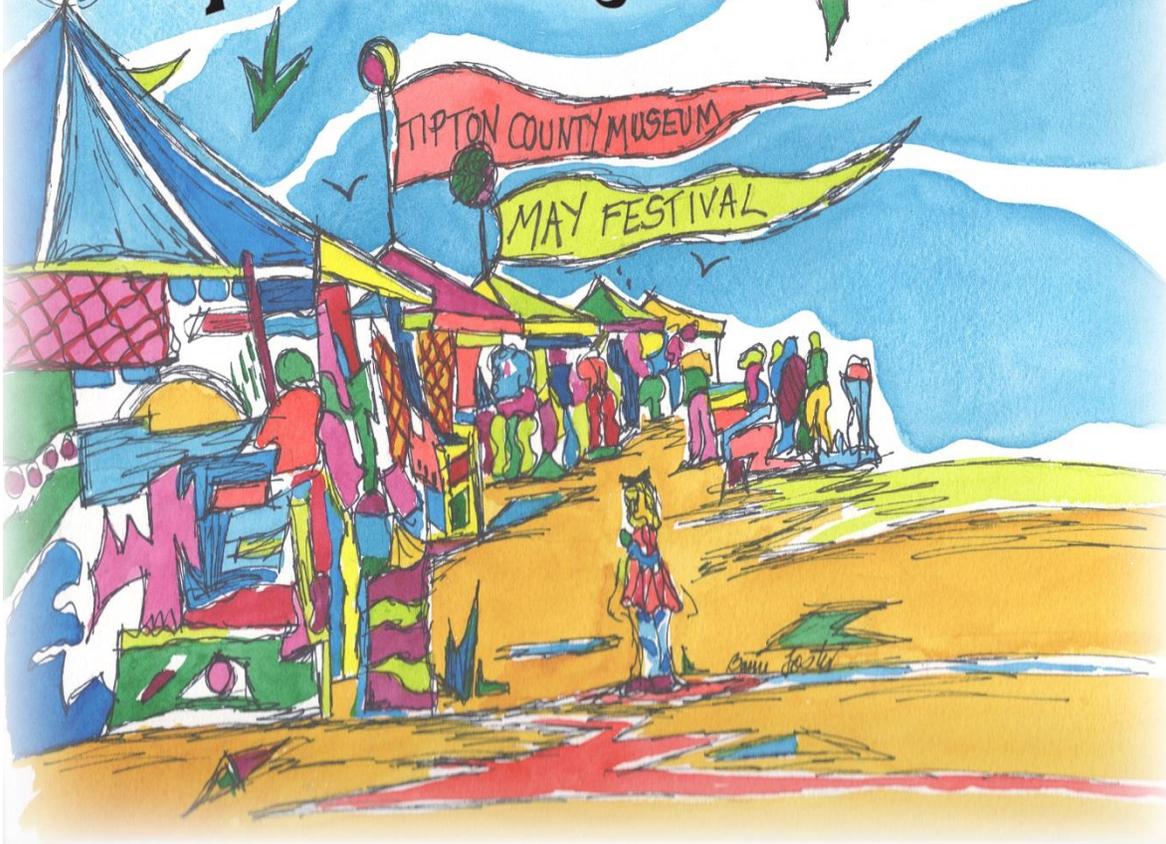
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