

## From the Mayor's Desk

## Thoughts and perceptions from Mayor Justin Hanson

*Hello Friends and Neighbors!*

Workforce development is a major priority in Covington and Tipton County, as it is in many other parts of the country. It seems like everywhere you go there are “help wanted” signs. It truly is a good time to be searching for a job – and there are plenty out there! In order to develop a workforce, we believe it is important to talk to the youngsters about careers. I have been to two career fairs this week, and several City of Covington departments participated as well. We found that students are genuinely interested in what kinds of jobs are available and what kinds of skills are needed to fill them. These are jobs available right here in our own community! Students asked engaging questions and listened intently as we discussed all the different kinds of careers available in city government. Of course, the foundation for becoming actively employed is to continue learning, growing, and being curious. We provided information for the kids with some tips and guidelines to help our future generation think about some things and make good decisions. I wanted to share these with you so you can reiterate these with all the young minds out there and help them become well prepared to be future employees for the City of Covington or anywhere else they’d like to work!

- Attitude – of course it is important to be able to read and write and do the math, but many times people learn their jobs *while doing them* – on the job training, as it is called. So, while general knowledge is a great start, attitude is what gets you in the door and creates more opportunities for you. It is important to use good manners, be pleasant, and be willing to learn new things. Attitude is reflected in the way you speak, dress, behave, and in the language you use
- Adaptability – Things change and we will either change with them or get left behind. Always be willing to learn new things, do things differently, and be willing to learn and grow.
- Work Ethic – To do **any** job, you have to **BE THERE**. It is important to go to work regularly, get to work on time, be appropriately dressed, come in with a good attitude, and follow directions.
- Health – it is vital that you take care of yourself and keep yourself healthy. Good health is the cornerstone for learning new information and remembering it. Most employers will conduct drug testing before hiring employees, and will continue with random testing throughout employment. Alcohol and other drugs have no place in the work environment. Employees represent the company for which they work and are hired to carry out specific duties that cannot be done under the influence of drugs and alcohol. Using drugs is a sure way to be **unemployed**. Focus on what helps you stay healthy and able to carry out the duties of your job.
- Keep Facebook and other social media clean – employers will do research on prospective employees. What do you want them to see about you? Even if you delete your accounts, many times pictures and posts don’t go away. Don’t post things about yourself online that are illegal, immoral, or unhealthy.
- Get involved. Learn as much as you can. Attend meetings. Ask questions. Talk to professionals. Keep yourself focused on the right things, and make good decisions

That sounds like a lot – but it’s all true. We want our future workforce to be as informed as possible so they can think for themselves and move forward in a proactive manner. I found these career fairs to be an excellent way to communicate with our young people and I was very impressed with the students with whom I interacted. I have and will continue to support our schools and the work they are doing for **our** children, **our** workforce, and **our** many businesses, industries!

*Justin*



# COMING THIS SUMMER

## Covington Park & Recreation

### summer CAMPS

Choir June 3-7  
Ages 5-10 8AM-12PM

Volleyball June 24-28  
Ages 9-14 8AM-12PM

Flag Football June 3-7  
Ages 9-13 8AM-12PM

Futsal July 15-19  
Ages 5-12 8AM - 12PM

Arts & Crafts June 10-14  
Ages 5-9 8AM-12PM

Art July 22-26  
Ages 10-18 8AM-12PM

Boxing June 10-14  
Ages 8-16 8AM-12PM

Basketball – (Boys) July 22-26  
Ages 10-13 8AM-12PM

Softball June 10-14  
Ages 5-13 8AM-12PM

Basketball –(Boys) July 22-26  
Ages 14-18 \*12PM-4PM

Soccer June 17-21  
Ages 7-12 8AM-12PM

Basketball – (Girls) July 29-Aug. 2  
Ages 10-13 8AM-12PM

Swimming June 17-21  
Ages 5-18 8AM-12PM

Basketball –(Girls) July 29-Aug. 2  
Ages 14-18 \*12PM-4PM

Nature June 17-21  
Ages 10-18 8AM-12PM

**\$55 per Camp**  
**Camp includes**  
**Breakfast & Lunch**  
**\*Lunch ONLY Camp**

Dance June 24-28  
Ages 5-18 8AM-12PM

Ralph Breaks the Internet  
May 23 – Sports Complex

Mary Poppins  
June 13 -Baltzer Field

Aquaman  
July 12 – Aquatic Center

Spiderman  
into the Spider Verse  
July 19 – Frazier Field

Incredibles 2  
August 6 – Frazier Field



### Aquatic Center

June 3-7 - Learn to Swim Level 1&2 (11-12PM)

- Adult learning the basics (5-6 PM)

June 10-14 - Learn to Swim Level 3 (11-12PM)

June 17-21 - Swim Camp Ages: 6-18 (8-12PM)

June 24-28 - Learn to Swim Level 4 (11-12)

July 1-5 - No lessons

July 8-12 - Preschool aquatics (ages: 4-5)(11-12PM)

July 15-19 - Parent & Child aquatics (ages: 6 mos-3)(5-6PM)

July 22-26 - Adult Stroke Refinement (5-6PM)

# 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](http://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](http://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 Police Chief Buddy Lewis spoke to fellow officers from around the Mid-South at the Memorial Park Cemetery’s Fallen Officer Memorial Service. Chief Lewis remembered officers from the Covington Police Department and called out the names of Sgt. John Delashmit and Sgt Charles Lanny Bridges, both of whom lost their lives in the line of duty.

## **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 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.
- IF YOU SMELL NATURAL GAS – CALL US! 901-476-9631 or 901-476-7163
- 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.



**The Covington Aquatic Center 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.

To learn more about swimming, pool rentals, park rentals, youth sports, adult sports & fitness, our museum, summer Camps, movies in the parks, and more - please Call 901-476-3734 or [click here](#).

## CODES:

- Revised sign ordinance *AND* Sign applications are on the [City website](#)
- **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](mailto:planning.building@covingtontn.com)

## 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](#).

**Make a Difference  
to Your Community.**

**BE A COVINGTON  
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER.**

[www.VolunteerFireTN.org](http://www.VolunteerFireTN.org)  
1-844-Vol-Tenn (1-844-865-8366)



### COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

101 Tennessee Avenue, Covington, TN 38019  
901-476-2578

**HELP GROW FIRE SAFETY  
THIS SPRING!**

Test smoke alarms to ensure they are working.  
Replace batteries, if necessary.

Place working smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area,  
and on every level of a home, including the basement.

If you need a free working smoke alarm, contact your local fire department today.



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## 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

- ① A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- ① 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.
- ① 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.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:**



3 Races



12 Obstacles

2019  
Covington  
Rotary



3  
Sprint  
2 Mile  
Team (Relay)

Saturday June 8, 2019  
8AM 2Mile Start Time  
Covington Confidence Course  
Cobb-Parr Park  
Covington TN 38019



Sprint - \$29  
2 Mile - \$49  
Team - \$99



POUND - ROCKOUT. WORKOUT



DAY: SATURDAY  
TIME: 10:15AM-11AM



**COVINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES SUMMER CAMPS FOR KIDS.**

**Register on our website or call 901-476-3734. HURRY - camps will fill up quickly!**

CAMP	INSTRUCTOR	DATES	TIMES	AGES	LOCATION
Choir	Justice Mack	June 3-7	8AM-12PM	5-10	SPORTSPLEX
Flag Football	Antonio Gaines	June 3-7	8AM-12PM	9-13	FRAZIER PARK
Arts & Crafts	Allison Coontz	June 10-14	8AM-12PM	5-9	SPORTSPLEX
Boxing	Anthony Campbell	June 10-14	8AM-12PM	8-16	JC BUILDING
Softball	Jessica Bearden	June 10-14	8AM-12PM	5-13	SPORTS CMLPX
Nature	Sherl Rose	June 17-21	8AM-12PM	10-18	TC MUSEUM
Soccer	Maddie Ray & Lily Yates	June 17-21	8AM-12PM	7-12	BALTZER FIELD
Swimming	Eva Williams	June 17-21	8AM-12PM	5-18	CAC- POOL
Baseball	Jake Winberry	June 24-28	8AM-12PM	7-10	WHITLEY FIELD
Dance	Deborah Walker	June 24- 28	8AM-12PM	5-18	SPORTSPLEX
Volleyball	Caroline Price	June 24-28	8AM-12PM	9-14	SPORTSPLEX
Futsal (Indoor Soccer)	Maddie Ray & Lily Yates	July 15-19	8AM-12PM	5-12	SPORTSPLEX
Art	Barrie Foster	July 22-26	8AM-12PM	10-18	TC MUSEUM
Basketball (Boys)	Shane Butler	July 22-26	8AM-12PM	10-13	SPORTSPLEX
Basketball (Boys)	Shane Butler	July 22-26	12PM-4PM*	14-18	SPORTSPLEX
Basketball (Girls)	Shane Butler	July 29-Aug 2	8AM-12PM	10-13	SPORTSPLEX
Basketball (Girls)	Shane Butler	July 29-Aug 2	12PM-4PM*	14-18	SPORTSPLEX
\$55 per camper					
MOST camps include breakfast AND lunch					
*Lunch ONLY camp					

**MUSEUM:**

The Tipton County Museum, Veteran’s Memorial and Walking Trail is an active place! We have events almost *daily*. There’s a wide variety of educational materials and we *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 to support our work!



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  
901-476-0242



## **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**

- Job 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](#).
- Check out the schedule and other special events for this year's BBQ Fest. [click here to learn more](#)

### **Public Works Committee Approves Consulting Outside Engineering Firm for Water Investigation**

The Public Works Committee held their regular monthly meeting at Covington City Hall on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at 4:00 pm. Present were Alderman Chairman Jeff Morris, Public Works Director David Gray, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman Danny Wallace, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Codes Enforcement Officer Lessie Fisher, Utilities Manager Calvin Johnson, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, and Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware. Also present were Records Clerk David Gwinn and Margaret Fleming. Chairman Alderman Jeff Morris called the meeting to order at 4:00 with a quorum present and called on Public Works Director David Gray for his report.

Public Works Director David Gray:

- 2019 Paving Requests – attached to committee agenda:
  - Hill Street from Highway 51 to Simonton – total cost \$35,594.60
  - Tuxedo Drive - \$18,432.71
  - Feezor from Bledsoe to Dixon - \$8,716.69
  - Feezor from East Liberty to Bledsoe - \$6,867.70
  - Simonton Street from TN Ave to Wortham - \$60,752.71

Gray provided committee with a map showing where the paving requests are located throughout the city and specifics of each project, with 1.5 inches of asphalt on each location. Gray stated after paving, there will be about another \$18,000 - \$20,000 of striping to be done. Gray went on to say he is in conversations with TDOT now for paving on streets classified as “functional”, including parts of Hope Street, Tennessee Ave, East Ripley Street, East Liberty, Murphy, and South College Street. Because those are functional (classified) streets, other monies can be used to pave these. Gray stated he is working with A2H engineers to classify more streets so we can get even more paved. This requires a large amount of paperwork and permitting by the State and he doesn't expect this to begin until 2020.

Alderwoman Bommer motioned to accept Gray's paving schedule as presented and Alderman Wallace seconded. After a brief discussion, Morris called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Gray continued with a discussion regarding Utility Board training that will take place in Covington on May 16 at the Covington Civic Center. He provided the committee members with an agenda and answered some of their questions.

May 19 - 25 is National Public Works Week and the CPW will have a fish fry on May 24 in celebration of this event. Gray invited city employees and Aldermen to attend & pay tribute to the hard working members of the Covington Public Works Department.

Gray provided the committee with an update on our defunct gasification plant – Lloyd Lipman and representatives from SES (Southern Environmental Service) met with members of TDEC (Tennessee

Department of Environment and Conservation) in Nashville about SES doing business at the Covington facility. Lipman reported that he is optimistic SES will be permitted by TDEC to do business at this location. Gray provided copies of several emails from Lipman and from TDEC regarding this issue. As previously reported if the State of Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation permits SES to operate at this facility, the City of Covington will lease the facility to SES.

Gray reported he has been working since September trying to get Town Creek cleaned out. Gray has been in touch with engineers and State environmentalists for this purpose. Gray stated he attended a meeting in Atoka last week with other representatives regarding creek and river clean-outs. Gray reported that while the meeting went well, he was able to talk with people, make further contact, and has had a follow-up conference call with West Tennessee Hatchie River Basin Association regarding this issue. Gray reported they will send a representative to survey the area and Gray will accompany them in evaluating the creek through Covington. Gray reported that the City of Covington is not allowed to work in Town Creek, therefore he has consulted with State representatives for this purpose. He stated after this upcoming visit, he will update the committee.

Director Gray stated he is continuing to evaluate the water situation in the parking lot at Bald Butcher. Gray has conferenced with owner Lynn Billings multiple times and done multiple digs and other testing to try to find the source of this problem. Billings has had experts from TVA come in and “listen” for water leaks in and around his parking lot. This evaluation resulted in a possible leak along the retaining wall on the east side of the parking lot. Gray called in an emergency-locate service, and they responded within about an hour. At that time, CPW started digging in this area looking for a leak. All they found were phone cables, and a gas line. They dug down six to seven feet in and around the area, and found no water – only dry dirt. Later, Gray reported they used a Pipe-Horn to look for any other water pipe that may be in the area. They used this on the entire area – all along the bank, along Sherrod Street, and all along the east side of the parking lot. They dug along an area and found some mud, but found no pipe. The holes they dug filled up with water within about 30 minutes. Gray took samples of that water to have it tested for chemicals. The water was analyzed from several locations in this area. Gray then took water from an old well that is supplied by ground water in another area adjacent to the Water Plant, and tested that water as well. These test results in the water from these different locations showed very similar results. Gray stated he has tried multiple efforts, dug up multiple areas, and followed the suggestions from the TVA experts. Gray has consulted with Rye Engineering from Erin, Tennessee, and they have given him an estimate of \$2500 a day to come in and do further investigations. Gray said he has looked for a water leak in every possible area and by every possible means he can, and he cannot find one. Therefore, he believes this is simply groundwater that is surfacing due to the large amounts of precipitation we have had in the area since September, 2018.

Alderman Wallace asked if the water Gray had tested compares to City water, and Gray said that city water has much higher levels of Chlorine and Fluoride than any of the samples taken from the Bald Butcher parking lot and the ground water he tested. Because Gray has uncovered old wells and cisterns throughout the city, he says he cannot say absolutely there is not a leak in something, but he cannot find a leak. Wallace asked Gray what his expert advice is on this issue, and Gray stated he believes the City should spend the money to have this company come in and do an independent study of the area. Wallace asked Gray if he has the money in his budget for this testing, and Gray said he does in a water line-item in his budget. Wallace then motioned to have this company come in and test this location not to exceed \$5000, and Alderwoman Bommer seconded. After a lengthy discussion, Chairman Morris asked for a vote and the committee unanimously voted to approve bringing in Rye Engineering for further expert investigation in this area, not to exceed \$5000.

Morris motioned to accept Director Gray’s report and Alderwoman Bommer seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Morris then called on Lessie Fisher for her report from Codes

Building Inspector and Codes Enforcement Officer Lessie Fisher:

- Fisher has two open positions in Codes. Jason Jenkins from Codes has been selected as the new fire inspector at the Covington Fire Department. She hopes to have interviews for these two positions soon and get back to full staff.
- Fisher explained how grass-cutting is addressed, from the initial complaint through investigations, and a timeline that gives property owners time to get their grass cut. Fisher reported that when they get a complaint, they immediately inspect and photograph the property. They subsequently send letters to property owners. After a length of time required by State law, the City of Covington can contract with a lawn service to get the grass cut, invoice the owner, and lien the property.

Morris motioned to accept Fisher’s report and Bommer seconded. Motion passed. There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 5:38.



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

- 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**

## City of Covington Offers On-Line Bill Pay

**We have a new payment system to accept your online and pay-by-phone payments. Click the link to make your payments online.**

If you would like to call in to make a **TAX payment by phone, you can dial 844-867-1859**, toll free. REMEMBER you must have your receipt number to complete your payment.

To make a **UTILITY payment by phone, you can call 844-876-2911**. You will be asked to enter your account number.

These are both fully automated lines. Phone payments only accept MasterCard, Discover and Visa. If you wish to use PayPal or American Express, you will need to make your payment online.



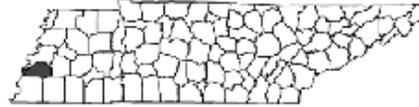
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# UTIA CAREER OPPORTUNITY

## POSITION INFORMATION

Position X1612 – Tipton County

Title: **Extension Agent**  
 Program Area: **Family and Consumer Sciences**  
 Clientele Served: **Adult**  
 Headquarters: **Covington, TN**



Screening of applicants' credentials will begin 05/30/2019 and will continue until the position is filled.

Date Issued: 04/30/2019

Effective Date: 07/01/2019

### SALARY

Commensurate with training and experience. This position is funded jointly by UT Extension and Tipton County. Tipton County Government funds 32% of the position salary and benefits costs.

### BENEFITS

Group hospitalization and life insurance; State Retirement; Workers' Compensation; sick and annual leave; numerous University of Tennessee and state benefits programs, including liberal time off for holidays, and longevity pay after three years of service; reimbursement for official travel.

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Plan, execute and evaluate adult Family and Consumer Sciences educational programs.
- Secure and train volunteer leaders and serve as an educational resource for the Family and Consumer Sciences programs within the county.
- Meet with, advise and train leaders of organized Family and Consumer Sciences groups, including Family and Community Education Clubs.
- Responsible to the County Extension Director and must keep current on the latest research information in Family and Consumer Sciences.
- Provide leadership for a program of activities that meets the needs of all eligible clientele regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or veteran status.
- Assume other duties as assigned.

## NEW APPLICANTS

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor's degree in Family and Consumer Sciences is required.
- A 2.7 cumulative GPA (BS degree on a 4-point scale) or an earned Master's Degree is required. Preference will be given to applicants with a MS Degree, and/or work experience in a related field.
- A complete application package will include a 1) letter of interest, 2) a resume or curriculum vitae, 3) and official or unofficial transcripts showing degree(s) conferred.

Please apply online by clicking this link: [Apply for Extension Educator Positions](#)

UT Extension Phone: (865) 974-7245  
 212 D Morgan Hall Fax: (865) 974-0882  
 Knoxville TN 37996-4525

E-mail: [UTExtensionPersonnel@utk.edu](mailto:UTExtensionPersonnel@utk.edu)  
 Web Site: <http://utextension.tennessee.edu>

## TENNESSEE AGENT TRANSFER REQUESTS

### REQUIREMENTS

- Request for transfer/reassignment may be approved if applicant:
  - has normally been employed with Extension in their current location a minimum of eighteen (18) months;
  - has a performance rating of satisfactory or above for the previous eighteen (18) months; and
  - training appropriate for the assignment.
- Attach a complete application package which includes a 1) letter of interest, 2) a resume or curriculum vitae, 3) and official or unofficial transcripts showing degree(s) conferred.

Please complete an internal/transfer application online by clicking the link: [Internal/transfer Application](#)

## 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](mailto:lauren@covington-tiptoncochamber.com)  
 for further details.

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to place your order and show your

**CHARGER SPIRIT!**

Join with the Crestview Middle School Football and Track teams as we show our support for our Covington Charger Schools. Our teams will be selling Charger yard signs so you can proudly show your support for the awesome Charger schools in our town.

Sign dimensions and details: 18" x 24"  
- includes metal stakes for the ground and printed on both sides (proof above)

Expected arrival: May 13

Cost: \$20



# Coming Soon Fall 2019 !!



## Dental Assistant Technology

A 12-month program that prepares students to become members of the dental health care team. The course includes theory with demonstrations and classroom instructions. Students receive supervised experience performing procedures using study models, mannequins, and other simulated methods.

## Pharmacy Technology

A 12-month program trains students for employment in retail and wholesale pharmacies, home health care and long term care facilities. Students learn to become skilled in medication, prescription, preparation, reconstitution and IV preparation.



For More Information Contact:

Miranda Miller  
mmiller@tcatcovington.edu  
TCAT Covington /New Healthcare Facility  
1600 Highway 51 South  
Covington, TN 38019  
901-475-2526



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County Chamber of Commerce  
NEWSLETTER.

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## Career Opportunity

**JOIN OUR  
TEAM**

The Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce  
is accepting applications for a Full-Time

**Membership Services Director!**

[Click here to read the job description and for application details.](#)



**APPLY TODAY!**

# Mayor Celebrates Working Mothers Day



Mayor Hanson celebrated and promoted Working Mothers' Day on May 10 with several of the working mothers at Covington City Hall. He wore his green tie in honor of all working mothers and stated that he is celebrating working mothers who help keep our city going every day! We are grateful for them and all women who love, protect, provide, care, and encourage all those around them.



## Baptist Memorial Hospital-Tipton



Masquerade  
JEWELRY & ACCESSORIES

\$5

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SALE

Proceeds Benefit Tipton County Medical Scholarships

Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 7 am – 7 pm  
Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 7 am – 2 pm

*Baptist Memorial Hospital - Tipton*

Cash & Debit/Credit Cards Accepted

**BUY JEWELRY – PROVIDE MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS IN TIPTON COUNTY!**

**ATTENTION ALL TIPTON COUNTY VETERANS AND/OR WIDOWS OF VETERANS -  
YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR VA BENEFITS**

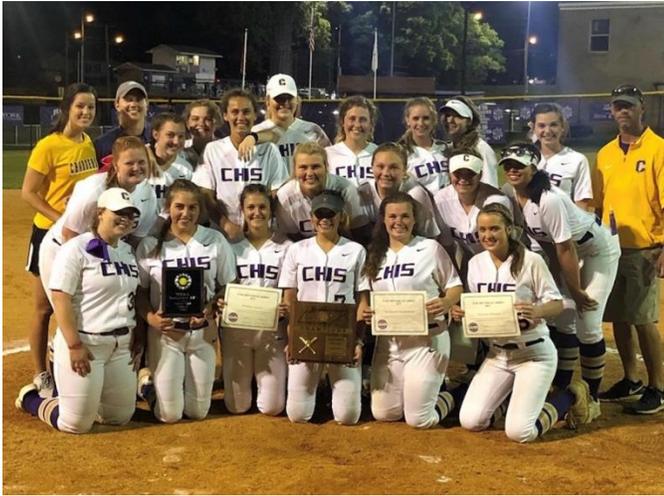
A recent court decision has opened the doors to over 190,000 Navy Sailors of Vietnam waters for Veterans and/or survivors' benefits.

If you are one of these Veterans or a Family member of one those please call the Tipton County Veterans Service Office for assistance in seeing what benefits are available and filing these claims. Unlike the advertisements by lawyers and other claims agents, the Tipton County Veterans Service Officer is FREE. NO CHARGES EVER.

Additionally, if you are Veteran and/or a Widow of a Veteran you should contact the Veterans Service Office to schedule an appointment to see if you are eligible for benefits which you have been missing out on all these years. War Time ERA Widows and Veterans can be eligible up to \$2,000.00+.

Please call the office at 901-476-2456. Office Hours are Monday to Wednesday 8-4.

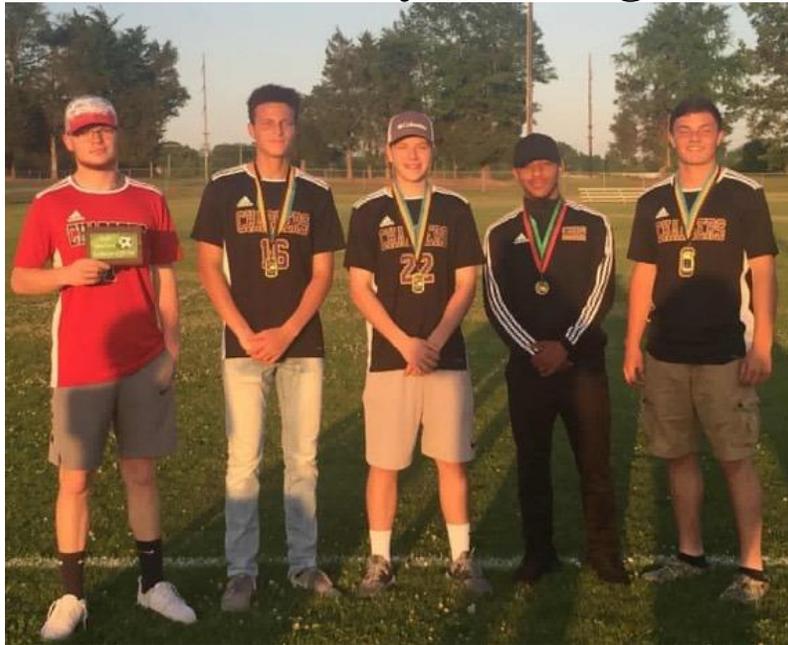
## CHS Softball and Baseball Teams Advance



**Charger Baseball and Softball teams are District Champions!**



## CHS Soccer Players Recognized



Congratulations to **CHARGER** soccer players Alex Cook, who was named District Goalkeeper of the Year, Justice Mack, Kaden Naifeh, and Tucker Roach, All District Team, and Mario "Mo" Hayslett, Elisha Segars, and Rone McCubbin were named to the All District Tournament Team

# **DSCC Announces May and Summer Semester Offerings**

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) will offer a variety of classes during its upcoming May and summer semesters. Students returning home for the summer are encouraged to take advantage of these courses. Advising and registration for May and summer semesters is taking place now.

May semester will begin May 13 and end May 31. During this time, DSCC will offer classes such as Communication/Speech, Database Concepts, English Composition I, U.S. History, Literature, Introduction to Music and Introduction to Sociology.

Summer semesters will offer a variety of on-ground and online courses including Accounting, Administrative Professional Technology, Art, Astronomy, Biology, Business, Careers in Healthcare, Chemistry, Communication/Speech, Computer Information Technology, Criminal Justice, Emergency Medical Services, Early Childhood Education, Economics, Education, Engineering Systems Technology, English, French, Geography, Health Information Management, History, Information Systems, Mathematics, Music, Nursing, Orientation, Philosophy, Physical Education, Physical Science, Political Science, Psychology, Reading, Social Work, Sociology, Spanish and Theater.

Full-term summer session will begin June 3 and end Aug. 8. First-session summer classes will begin June 3 and end July 5. Second-session summer classes will begin July 8 and end Aug. 8. TN eCampus online classes begin May 28 and end Aug. 2.

For a full list of May and summer classes offered, visit [www.dsc.edu](http://www.dsc.edu), click on 'Future Students' and select 'Class Schedule.'

Students are encouraged to make an appointment online with an advisor before registering for classes by visiting [www.dsc.edu](http://www.dsc.edu) and clicking on 'Future Student' and 'Make an Appointment.' An appointment can also be made by contacting a One Stop Center at the Dyersburg campus at 731-286-3350, the Gibson County Center at 731-855-1419 and the Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County at 901-475-3100.

## **DSCC to Offer Three-Week CNA Program in May with Testing in June**

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) will offer a three-week Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program beginning May 13 and ending May 31 at the Dyersburg campus. Students completing the program will sit for the Tennessee CNA certification exam to be scheduled in June 2019. The program will consist of six credit hours and will include both lecture and clinical classes. Students may be eligible to receive Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding and should contact their local American Job Center for more information. Those interested in the CNA program should apply as a non-degree student at [www.dsc.edu/apply](http://www.dsc.edu/apply). For more information, contact the division of nursing at 731-286-3390 or [cherry@dsc.edu](mailto:cherry@dsc.edu).

## DSCC Holds Nursing Pinning Ceremony

On May 4, Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) honored its 65<sup>th</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> nursing classes with a ceremony for 24 graduates in the Advanced Standing LPN to RN Fast Track program and 29 graduates in the traditional nursing program. The ceremony took place inside the E.H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium on the Dyersburg campus. A total of 1,748 nursing students have graduated from DSCC over the past 38 years.

The ceremony began with nursing graduate Tracey Oniovos of Memphis leading the invocation. Amy Johnson, dean of nursing, opened the ceremony with an introduction of nursing staff and faculty. Dr. Karen Bowyer, president of DSCC, acknowledged the graduates and congratulated them on their accomplishments. She recognized Sara Rose of Dyersburg, a student that took dual enrollment classes at DSCC and was able to graduate as an RN within two years of graduating from Dyersburg High School. Regent Barbara Prescott addressed the graduates on behalf of the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR). “Class of 2019, you are a part of history because this is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of Dyersburg State Community College,” stated Prescott. “For 50 years, this college has been a vital part of the success of West Tennesseans and the communities that it serves. You can be proud to be alumni of Dyersburg State.”

The ceremony proceeded with the recognition of 32 first-year nursing students and officers for each class. Traditional nursing class officers included Michael Gearin of Union City, president, Brandi Roberts of Mansfield, vice president, Jason Turner of Martin, secretary, Brittany Price and Sarah Rose both of Dyersburg, historians, and Taylor Hollingsworth of Dyersburg, treasurer. LPN to RN nursing program class officers included Rebecca Thornsberry of Jackson, president, Brian Mainers of Jackson, vice president, Kinsey Nelson of Blytheville, Arkansas, secretary, and Jennifer Griffin of Oakfield and Ashley Young of Atoka, historians.

Michael Gearin, traditional nursing class president, addressed his classmates. “We all come from different backgrounds and we all have different beliefs and views of the world,” stated Gearin. “Somehow despite those differences, we managed to come together as a community with a sense of comradery. We have supported each other when things were hard. We’ve celebrated our victories and shouldered the burden when the road got a little too long.”

Rebecca Thornsberry, LPN to RN nursing class president, also addressed the graduates and thanked those who supported them throughout their journey. “It has been said a river cuts through rock, not because of its power, but because of its persistence,” stated Thornsberry. “While it took strength and courage for us to complete this program, it is our persistence that ensured our success. Today, May 4, 2019, our determination to get through the late nights and early mornings, has finally paid off.”

Dr. Bowyer presented the Friend of Nursing Awards, chosen by each of the nursing classes, to Brenda Springfield, custodian.

The Scholastic Award, presented to the student with the highest grade-point average (GPA), was presented to traditional nursing graduate Taylor Hollingsworth, who graduated with a 3.70 GPA, and to LPN to RN graduates Brian Mainers, who graduated with a 3.54 GPA and Ashley Brown of Union City, who graduated with a 3.58 GPA.

The Peggy Pendergrast Faculty Award was awarded to LPN to RN graduate Jennifer Griffin. This special award, given in honor of Peggy Pendergrast, the founding director of the DSCC nursing program, is presented to a student demonstrating the qualities that are essential for effective nursing practice.

The Clinical Practice Award, selected by members of the nursing faculty, was presented to traditional nursing graduate Jason Turner of Martin and to LPN to RN graduate Racheal Lumley of Ripley. This award is given to nursing graduates who demonstrate qualities such as the practice of nursing as a humanistic art and science, the

recognition of each person as a unique individual and acceptance of legal and ethical professional accountability.

Traditional nursing graduate Casey Callins of Kenton presented the Friendship Award, chosen by class members, to fellow classmate Austin Dew of Hornbeak. LPN to RN graduate Roxanne Dowell of Covington presented the Friendship Award to classmate Michelle Blair of Dyersburg.

Amy Johnson, DSCC dean of nursing, presented class pins to the graduates. Following tradition, each nursing graduate received a ceramic replica of the lamp carried by Florence Nightingale, a pioneer in the nursing profession. Nursing graduates lit the lamps and recited the Nightingale Pledge.

**The 24 graduates of DSCC's May 2019 Advanced Standing LPN to RN fast track class included:**

- Atoka – Ashley Young
- Atwood – Tosha Coleman
- Blytheville, AR – Kinsey Nelson
- Brighton – LaToya Hall
- Brownsville – Candace Hines
- Covington – Janet Black, Roxanne Dowell, April Sangster
- Dyersburg – Michelle Blair
- Gleason – Tyler Martin
- Gosnell, AR – Danielle Spears
- Halls – Amber Moody
- Jackson – Audrey Akin, Titus Maclin, Brian Mainers, Rand Martindale, Rebecca Thornsberry
- Kennett, MO – Kayelyn Gillette
- Lexington – Daemon Key
- Oakfield – Jennifer Griffin
- Portageville, MO – Valerie Kellams
- Ripley – Racheal Lumley
- Union City – Ashley Brown, Yolonda Dysart

**The 29 graduates of DSCC's May 2019 traditional nursing class included:**

- Alamo – Taylor Bolton
- Burlison – Lora Flanagan
- Dyersburg – Sabrina Anglin, Darian Berkley, Olivia Crane, Arvetta Duncan, Taylor Hollingsworth, Brittany Price, Sarah Rose
- Halls – Allyson Crum, Leah Mayfield
- Hornbeak – Austin Dew
- Kenton – Casey Callins
- Mansfield – Brandi Roberts
- Martin – Jason Turner, Taylor Yott
- Memphis – Jennifer Maclin-Tyler, Tracey Oniovos, Jamie Tyson
- Newbern – Alesha Bibb, Kylee Holland
- Ridgely – Holly Jowers, Kaitlyn Quick
- Ripley – Rachel Heflin, Taylor Rice
- Rives – Ashley Woodcock
- Trimble – Hope Funderburk
- Union City – Michael Gearin, Autumn Oseman

*The Stitching Store*

[Click here to view the latest newsletter from the Stitching Store!](#)

They are coming up on their 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of being open.

They also have all sorts of new product arrivals!

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The Tipton Family Association of America  
7132 Emily Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33908

Spring 2019

Newsletter # 34

## The Tipton Family Association of America Newsletter

### Tipton Family Association of America Annual Meeting and Reunion

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#### SAVE THE DATE

Event: Tipton Family Association of America Annual Meeting and Reunion  
Date: October 11th and 12th 2019  
Location: Waynesville NC  
RSVP: Due to the time of year (leaf change) the hotels and motels book in advance and fill up quickly, so please RSVP and reserve your room ASAP.

**Hotel 1:** Oak Park Inn  
Contact Number: 828.456.5328  
Cost: \$266.30 double for 2 nights includes tax  
\$255.20 King for 2 nights includes tax  
NOTE: Make sure to tell them you are there for the TFAA.

**Hotel 2:** Lake Junaluska  
Lambuth Inn  
Contact Number: 828.454.6734  
Cost: \$89.00 per single/double, tax not included (Non-Renovated Room)  
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901-476-2621

**BAPTIST**

# Covington High School hosts Career Fair

Through the combined efforts of the Tipton County Workforce Development Office and the administration at Covington High, a career fair was presented to students where they could actually visit various booths, learn about a variety of careers, and gather information to help them choose a career path and take classes to boost their success. This event was planned to help our local industries develop a pipeline of talent to enter careers in our community



# Crestview Middle Schools hosts Career Fair

Teachers, Administrators and Guidance at Crestview Middle School organized a career fair for students to help them investigate various career paths, gather information, ask questions, and make plans to help them reach their career goals. The City of Covington was represented by our Fire Department, Police Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Public Works Department, and the Mayor's Office.



Mayor Hanson joined Shenika Bond, Public Health Educator from the Tipton County Health Department, Covington Firefighters, and the children & Staff at [Northwest Tennessee Head Start](#) in Covington for a *Walk with the Mayor* as part of [A Healthier Tennessee](#). They walked along the lovely walking trail in Frazier Park



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays – Public Works Committee
  - Jeff Morris, Chairman
  - Minnie Bommer
  - Danny Wallace
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays – General Welfare and Public Relations Committee
  - Minnie Bommer, Chairman
  - Keith Phelps
  - C.H. Sullivan
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays – Finance and Administration Committee
  - C.H. Sullivan, Chairman
  - All aldermen attend
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Public Safety Committee
  - C.H. Sullivan
  - Johnetta Yarbrough
- May 11 – Acrylic Pouring Workshop at Museum – 1:00 – 4:00. [Click here for details](#)
- May 11 – [Music on the Square](#) with Infinity Band
- May 13 – Soft Launch with food, fun, music and free gifts – Unique Floral & Gifts. [Click here for details](#)
- May 14 – May Veteran of the Month Reception – Tipton County Museum, 751 Bert Johnston Ave. 6:30 pm
- May 16 – Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce [Spring Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament](#) at Covington Country Club
- May 16 & 17 – Jewelry sale at Baptist Hospital Tipton to support local medical scholarships! [click here](#)
- May 18 – Household Hazardous Waste Collection – Brighton High School – 9:00 – 1:00. [Click here to learn more](#)
- May 18 – [Music on the Square](#) with New Generation Band.
- May 25 – A Day of Art studying [Eugene Delacroix](#) – Tipton County Museum - [click here for details](#).
- May 26 – Bull Day at Frazier Park – [click here to learn more](#)
- May 30 – June 01 – [BBQ FEST](#) and [CAR SHOW](#)
- June 08 – Tea Time at the Museum – don't miss this! [click here for details](#)



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Covington and Tipton County

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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](http://www.covingtontn.com)

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MUSEUM  
VETERAN MEMORIAL  
MUSEUM CENTER

*The Tipton County Museum and Friends  
Present*

## *Tea Time at the Museum*

*Please join us Saturday, June 8, at 10:00 a.m. for a special fundraiser for the Tipton County Museum's Expansion Fund. Herb connoisseur Sherl Rose will give a brief lecture on herbs and their culinary uses. Herb based iced teas and refreshments will be prepared by our gardening friends and Covington Mayor Justin Hanson and friends will be our servers!*

**When:** Saturday, June 8, 2019 from 10 -11:30 a.m.

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

**Fee:** \$20 in advance / \$25 at the door

Presale tickets are available from the Tipton County Museum  
or the Covington-Tipton Co. Chamber of Commerce

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

# 6<sup>th</sup> Annual BULL DAY



**SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2019**  
**Frazier Park**  
**412 Long Ave. Covington, TN 38019**  
**5:00-7:00**

Death is never easy. However, through the strength of God and prayers of family and friends, we are able to go on. That's why we continue to celebrate the life and memory of our brother and friend, Orlandus Kamal Cobbins, affectionately known to us as 'Lil' Bull'. In 2012, Bull was a victim of a senseless robbery turned murder. In his short 29 years of life, he was fortunate to touch and change many lives of kids as well as adults through his career as a barber.

On May 26<sup>th</sup> - Bull Day - we are celebrating his life by encouraging our community to stop the violence and crimes. We will celebrate with food, sports activities, music, and games. Our ultimate goal is to promote safety and to prevent our youth from engaging in malice and illegal activities. It's time to help *build* our neighborhoods and *heal* our community.

We invite you to Bull Day so you can share your expertise with us. We are convinced that your personal, spiritual, and educational journey can be used to inspire someone else. Please join us in this effort by setting up a tent or booth to promote peace and encourage others to be successful.

Vendors are welcome to set up FREE of charge. Volunteers are needed.

The entire community is invited to attend this peaceful day of food, fun, and fellowship.

If you would like to contribute in any way, please contact me, Ayanna Dowell @ (901) 361-8807 or [adowell@tipton-county.com](mailto:adowell@tipton-county.com).

Respectfully,  
Ayanna Dowell

Memphis Classic Chevy Club presents

# COVINGTON CAR & BIKE SHOW IN THE PARK

Saturday, June 1, 2019

In Cobb Parr Park, Covington, TN With  
*Covington's World's Oldest BBQ Contest*

Registration Begins at 8am

\$25 Registration

Spectators Free



Net Proceeds Benefit the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home



For More Information Contact Burt Milam 901-626-7731 or Billy Golden 901-438-1995

FOR MORE INFORMATION, TO  
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# 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



# 2019 47th Annual Covington "World's Oldest" BBQ Festival Events Schedule



## Thursday, May 30th

Setup	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Park Closure	11:00 pm

## Friday, May 31st

Teams and Vendors Setup	8:00 am
Meat Inspection Begins	9:00 am
Mandatory Head Cooks' Meeting	4:00 pm- Judging Tent
Sauce Turn-In	4:45 pm
Anything But Turn-In	5:15 pm
Dessert Turn-In	5:45 pm
Corn Hole Tournament Registration	6:30 pm – Baltzer Field
Opening Ceremonies	7:00 pm – Main Stage
Lawn Tractor Pull	7:15pm – Equestrian Arena Cobb Parr Park
Corn Hole Tournament	7:30 pm –Baltzer Field
Live Music – Dr. Zarr's Funk Monsters	8:00 pm–Main Stage
Quiet Time Begins	12:30 am

## Saturday, June 1st

Quiet Time Ends	6:00 am
Judges Check-In	8:30 am
Judges Mandatory Briefing	9:00 am
Classic Chevy Car Show Registration	8:00 am - Upper & Lower Level Prkg Lots-Cobb Parr Park
Classic Chevy Car Show Open to Public	9:00 am - Upper & Lower Level Prkg Lots-Cobb Parr Park
Whole Hog Judging	10:00 am
Pulled Pork Judging	11:00 am
Ribs Judging	12:00 Noon
On-Site Finals Judging Begins	1:00 pm
Awards Ceremony	5:00 pm –Main Stage
Demolition Derby	7:00 pm – Equestrian Arena Cobb Parr Park

Corn Hole Tournament	\$50 Entry Fee per Team
Dr. Zarr's Funk Monster	No Admission Fee
Lawn Tractor Pull	\$10 per Person General Admission – 5 and under FREE
Demolition Derby	\$10 per Person General Admission – 5 and under FREE
Classic Chevy Club Car Show	No Spectator Admission Fee - \$25Entry Fee for Vehicles

### **After 4:00pm Cooking Teams and Vendors Must Enter West Side of Park.**

**Only 1 vehicle will be allowed in the cooking area between 4:00pm, Friday, May 31st and 5:00pm Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Vendor's vehicles must be parked in designated areas after unloading. Site breakdown is not allowed until after award presentations.**

Call 901.485.3075 for More Information



# Local Smoke

This year, Covington World's Oldest BBQ Cooking Contest will add a new area for people interested in having a place of their own, but don't want to enter the cooking competition. This area will be known as "Local Smoke".

Local Smoke is for anyone who would like to put up a tent to cook and/or have a place for their friends and family to call "home" during the Friday night festivities of the BBQ Fest. Local Smoke area will be in the grassy area just outside the equestrian arena that overlooks the BBQ Fest. Participants in Local Smoke will be allowed to put up their tent beginning Friday morning, May 31, at 8 am. All tents must be staked down. If you plan to cook in your assigned area, you will need a fire extinguisher that is in good condition and properly tagged.

The fee for a 10 x 10 spot at Local Smoke will be \$25. Space here is very limited with no water hook-up and very limited access to electricity. All 10 x 10 areas will be on a first come, first serve basis. (Date application and fees are received.)

Why would you not want to participate in this fun atmosphere at the BBQ Fest?

Applications for the Local Smoke area can be picked up at the Covington Civic Center, 100 West Washington Avenue, Monday –Friday from 9am-4pm, or on line at [covingtontn.com](http://covingtontn.com). All applications must be received by May 24<sup>th</sup>, at 4pm.

# Mayor Hanson got Flocked!



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**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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**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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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
April 29, 2019

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## **TDH CONFIRMS TWO ADDITIONAL MEASLES CASES**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Tennessee Department of Health State Public Health Laboratory has confirmed two additional cases of measles in residents of East Tennessee. This brings the total number of measles cases in Tennessee in 2019 to three. The two new cases are associated with the first measles case in Tennessee this year which was announced April 18, and were identified as part of the ongoing contact investigation.

“We expected to have more measles cases linked to the first one, and these new cases occurred in people we had identified and were monitoring as contacts of the first patient,” said Tennessee Immunization Program Medical Director Michelle Fiscus, MD, FAAP. “The good news is there are no additional contacts of these new cases that have not already been identified.”

TDH is providing information about measles and how to prevent it online at [www.tn.gov/health/cedep/tennessee-measles.html](http://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/tennessee-measles.html). This page includes the number of measles cases in the state this year, which will be updated daily by 3 p.m. Central time if additional cases are confirmed.

While this outbreak investigation is currently centered in East Tennessee, all Tennesseans should be aware of measles and its symptoms. Measles symptoms may include fever, runny nose, body aches, watery eyes and white spots in the mouth. Several days after these symptoms start, a red, spotty rash typically begins on the face and spreads over the body. Symptoms may develop any time in the 21 days following exposure to the illness. Nearly one in three measles patients will develop ear infections, diarrhea or pneumonia. Measles can be fatal in approximately one to two out of every 1,000 cases.

All Tennesseans are urged to ensure they are up-to date on MMR vaccine, which is extremely effective in preventing infection. The measles virus is highly contagious and can stay airborne or live on surfaces for up to two hours. People recently infected with measles may not have any symptoms of illness, but can transmit the virus for about five days before the typical measles rash appears.

Anyone who believes they or a loved one has measles symptoms should stay home and contact a health care provider to make arrangements to visit a health care facility before going to a health care center to prevent further exposure of others to the illness.

People with questions about how to protect themselves against measles should call a health care provider, the [local health department](#) or a hotline established to provide answers to questions from the public about measles. The hotline number is 865-549-5343; calls to the hotline will be answered from 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Central time/8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Eastern time

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**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event**  
**Saturday – May 18, 2019**

Sponsored by Tennessee  
Department of Environment  
and Conservation

**9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**  
**Brighton High School**  
**8045 Hwy 51 South, Brighton**

Household Hazardous Waste - is defined as corrosive, flammable, toxic, or reactive materials used in your home, car or truck, or garden and lawn that is unwanted/unusable.



**Now's your chance... It's FREE!**

You can dispose of all those left over household chemicals, lawn and garden products and automotive materials that you've never known what to do with.

**Things to Bring:**

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Paint Strippers & Removers,  
Adhesives  
Oil-based Paint

**Miscellaneous**

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Pool Chemicals  
Photo Processing Chemicals  
Medicines & Drugs  
Reactive Materials  
Aerosols  
Compressed Gas  
Mercury Thermostats  
Mercury Thermometers  
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Lead

**Lawn & Garden**

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**NO Medical Waste, Infectious Waste, Radioactive Waste, Explosives, Ammunition, Electronics, Latex Paint, Motor Oil, Alkaline Batteries, or Any Empty Containers.**

**Waste from NON-household sources such as Businesses, Schools, Farms, Churches, Etc. will be accepted BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Call 615-643-3170 to request a price quote and schedule an appointment.**

**If you have questions or need additional information, please call 901-476-0254.**

For more information, check out [KEEP TIPTON COUNTY BEAUTIFUL](#)



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## TDH HIGHLIGHTS HEALTH IMPACTS OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES April is STD Awareness Month

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Sexually transmitted diseases are preventable and treatable, yet they remain a major public health issue in Tennessee and across the United States. April is **STD Awareness Month**, a time to raise awareness about the impact of STDs on the lives of Tennesseans and the importance of discussing sexual health with health care providers and partners.

“Working together to build awareness will help prevent the spread of STDs throughout the state of Tennessee,” said TDH STD Prevention Director Leo Parker. “Unfortunately, many of those who are infected don’t know it because many STDs show no signs or symptoms. This April, TDH is placing special emphasis on how to prevent sexually transmitted diseases and the importance of getting tested and treated.”

### STD Burden in Tennessee

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates there are approximately 20 million new cases of STDs in the U.S. each year with a sharp increase in infections in the last five years. Young people including those in Tennessee shoulder a considerable burden of these diseases:

**Chlamydia** – In 2017, the highest rates of Chlamydia infections in Tennessee were reported among 20-24 year olds, followed by 15-19 year olds. There were 13,644 cases reported among 20-24 year olds for a rate of 3,052 cases per 100,000 people in the age group. There were 9,947 Chlamydia cases reported among 15-19 year olds for a rate of 2,341 cases per 100,000 people.

**Gonorrhea** – In 2017, the highest rates of Gonorrhea infections in Tennessee were reported among 20-24 year olds, followed by 15-19 and 25-29 year olds. There were 4,063 Gonorrhea cases reported among 20-24 year olds for a rate of 909 cases per 100,000 people.

### Preventing STDs

There are effective ways to prevent, diagnose and treat STDs. Abstaining from sex, reducing the number of sexual partners and consistently and correctly using condoms are all effective prevention strategies to decrease the risk of becoming infected. Safe, effective vaccines are also available to prevent hepatitis B and some types of human papillomavirus or HPV, which can cause disease and cancer.

### Get Tested and Treated

STD screening and early diagnosis are essential in preventing transmission and long-term consequences of infection. Regular STD screening and prompt treatment of any infection are critical for everyone who is sexually active to protect individual health and prevent transmission to others.

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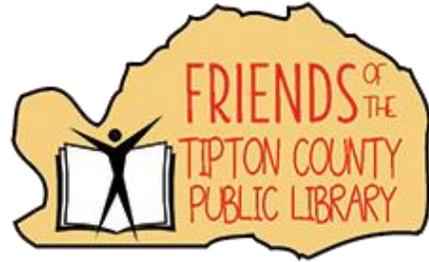
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## MAY EVENTS @ YOUR LIBRARY



**Tipton County Public Library**  
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**Monday-Thursday**  
8:00 - 7:00 PM  
**Friday**  
8:00-5:00 PM  
**Saturday**  
9:00-3:00 PM

**SUMMER HOURS**  
May 28-Sep. 3, 2019  
**Monday-Thursday**  
8:00-6:00 PM  
**Friday** - 8:00-5:00 PM  
**Saturday** - 9:00-3:00 PM

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AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support the **Tipton County Public Library** every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to the **Friends of the Tipton County Public Library**. On your first visit to AmazonSmile smile.amazon.com, you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Search for the **Friends of the Tipton County Public Library**, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.



The Friends of the Tipton County Public Library have signed up for the Kroger Community Rewards program as a way to earn money for the library. Visit the Kroger Community Rewards Enrollement page and either sign in to your Kroger account or create a new account. Register your Kroger Plus Card if you have not already. Click on your name in the Top left corner of the page to view your account summary. Scroll down to the Community Rewards section and click Enroll. The Friends of TCPL Organization Number is **YT023**

The enrollment is good for one year. So in order to continue to support the Friends you will be asked to re-enroll each year.

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The Library Board normally meets at 5:30 PM on the last Monday, of every other month in the Community Meeting Room. All meetings are open to the public.

Next scheduled meeting is June 3rd @ 5:00 PM



**GENEALOGY HELP**  
**MAY 13th @ 9:30**

The River City DAR will be here to help you with your research

**TIPTON COUNTY STITCH-ALONG**  
**MAY 18th 10-12:00 PM**

Crochet & Knitting Group bring a project to work on, or if you want to learn, bring the following supplies:  
Skein of Red Heart Super Saver yarn  
size H crochet hook or size 10 knitting needles

**COLORING CLUB**  
**MAY 21st @12:00PM**

**BOOK CLUB**  
*A Shelter in Place*  
by Nora Roberts  
**MAY 21st @ 1:00PM**

**MOVIE NIGHT**  
*Ages 18 & Up*  
*Isn't It Romantic*  
**MAY 23rd @6:30PM**  
[PG-13] 88 mins.



*Movie Days*  
Ages 18 & Up  
@ 1:00 PM

*Paint Your Wagon* -MAY 3rd [PG-13] 164 mins  
*Holmes and Watson* - MAY 7th [PG-13] 91 mins.  
*What Women Want*- MAY 10th [PG-13] 126 mins.  
*What Men Want*- MAY 14th [R] 117 mins.  
*Tammy and the Bachelor*- MAY 17th [NR] 89 mins.  
*Isn't It Romantic*- MAY 28th [PG-13] 88 mins



**May 30th @ 5:00 PM**

TAB is a group of teens ages 12-18, who meet once a month to help plan teen activities, select new materials, and volunteer.



**Friends of the Library Meeting**  
**MAY 23rd @7:00PM**



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**LIBRARY CLOSINGS:**  
**MAY 25-27th**



*Memorial Day*



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**LEGO CLUB**  
**MAY 2nd @ 1:00PM**  
**MAY 18th @ 11:00AM**  
**MAY 16th @ 4:00PM**

**HOMESCHOOL BOOK CLUB**  
**MAY 16th @ 1:00PM**  
*McBroom's Wonderful One-Acre Farm*  
by Sid Fleischman

**Make IT @yourlibrary**  
**MAY 2nd @ 4:00PM**  
**Ages 11 & under**

**Mother Goose Story Time**  
**Ages 0-2**  
**Every Thursday @ 9:00AM**

**Preschool Story Time**  
**Every Wednesday & Thursday @ 10:00AM**

**Muffins for Mom Story Time**  
**May 11th @ 10:00AM**

**1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**  
**Ages 0-PreK**  
Sign-up at the Library  
**READ BOOKS, WIN PRIZES**



**SUMMER READING May 28-July 31st**

**AGES 11 & UNDER** **Capture the Flag**  
**[PG] 94 mins**  
**MAY 29th @ 2:00PM**

**Summer Reading Kick-Off**  
**May 30th @2:00PM** **AGES 11 & UNDER**

**FAMILY MOVIE:**  
**E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial**  
**[PG] 115mins.** **ALL AGES**  
**MAY 31st @1:00PM**

**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:



**The Tipton County Museum Presents**

*Watercolor in May with Barrie Foster*

**When: Wednesday Mornings, 9:30 to 11:30,  
May 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2019**

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

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

Watercolor is the only transparent medium, making it one of the most beloved art forms today! Embark on your personal journey during this four week class, led by professional artist & Museum Director Barrie Foster. No previous art experience required. Please call the Tipton County Museum today to reserve your spot!



**The Tipton County Museum,  
Veterans Memorial & Nature Center  
751 Bert Johnston Avenue  
Covington, TN 38019  
(901) 476-0242**





# 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

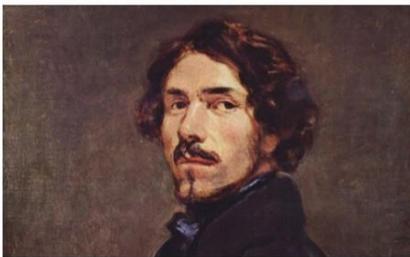
Presents

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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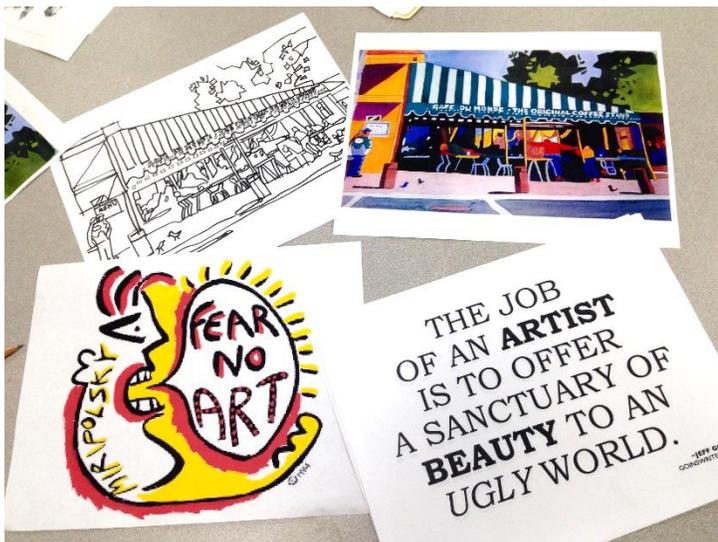
## Gioiello Featured Artist



### Elaine Weir Watkins

Elaine began making up stories and writing them down when she was in grade school. She also wrote poetry, and her fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Clark, would let Elaine read her poems to the class. Many years ago Elaine entered a featured article contest for a magazine and won. In addition to writing books and short stories, she writes a community news column for the Leader, which she has been doing since 1989. Elaine and her husband James live in Covington.

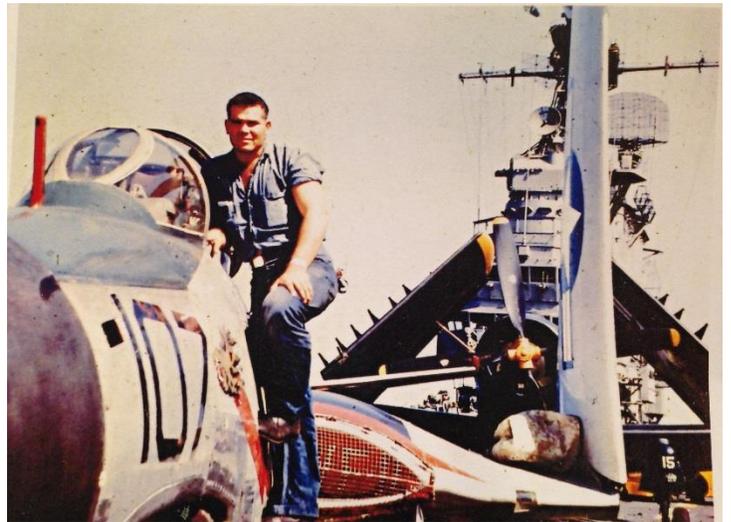
### Art Classes Continue at Museum – It’s *never* too late to get Involved!



Tipton County Museum,  
Veterans Memorial & Nature  
Center



*Veteran of the Month*  
May 2019  
**Joseph L.  
Malone**



Joseph Leno Malone was born on July 27, 1933, in the Mt. Carmel area of Tipton County and grew up on a dairy farm. While still in high school, he felt the need to serve his country; he joined the Navy Reserves, where he served from 1950 to 1953. When he transferred to active duty on January 24, 1953, his mother cried because she was afraid he would get shot. During his time in the Navy he was an Airman; his duties included taking care of the airplanes and performing rigorous preflight inspections. He was assigned to the USS Coral Sea (CV -43) as a Plane Captain where he was part of the Strike Fighter Squadron 11 (VFA 11), more affectionately known as the “Red Rippers”. Homeported at Naval Station Mayport in Jacksonville, Florida, they travelled to numerous ports, spending a month in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; the Straits of Gibraltar; Naples, Italy; Barcelona, Spain; and the Holy Land. His month in Cuba was punctuated with the fact that Marines with dogs patrolled the fences. One of his most vivid memories is also one of the scariest. While he and his pilot were traveling at altitude over Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana, the plane’s engine failed because of a vapor lock. Frantically he and his pilot jointly worked to correct the problem. Once his pilot was able to pull back on the throttle, the problem was corrected; and they landed safely. Joseph is very proud of the fact that he always followed the rules and regulations of the Navy and was never disciplined for poor behavior or performance. He was honorably discharged on January 13, 1956. For his service to our country he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal.

He returned home after the Navy to work on the family farm, which also included raising beans, corn, and cotton. He met the love of his life, Betty, a schoolteacher; and they married on April 19, 1952. In 1957 he and Betty built their home on the family farm in Tipton County, where they raised their children, a daughter Melanie and a son Brett. Melanie lives nearby in Burlison; but sadly son Brett, who lived on an adjoining farm, died in 2018 from cancer. Joe and Betty have four grandchildren: one lives in Memphis, and the other three live in Tipton County. Joe and Betty are members of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Covington where Joe has served as Deacon for more than 60 years. Joe was nominated for Veteran of the Month at the Tipton County Museum by his good friend H.T. Ray, who was Veteran of the Month in August of 2017.

The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial  
& Nature Center

## Veteran of the Month Reception

Every 2nd Tuesday Evening at 6:30

751 Bert Johnston Ave.,

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