

# Newsletter - July 31, 2020

Mayor Justin Hanson



- District 1 Vice Mayor Johnetta Yarbrough Alderwoman Minnie Bommer
- District 2 Alderman Jeff Morris Alderman Keith Phelps
- District 3 Alderman C.H. Sullivan Alderman Danny Wallace

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1st Tuesdays - Public Works Committee Jeff Morris - Chairman, Minnie Bommer, Danny Wallace

2nd Tuesdays - General Welfare and Public Relations Committee Minnie Bommer - Chairwoman, Keith Phelps, C.H. Sullivan

3rd Tuesdays - Finance and Administration Committee C.H. Sullivan - Chairman, All Aldermen/Alderwomen attend

4th Tuesdays - Public Safety Committee Keith Phelps - Chairman, C.H. Sullivan, Johnetta Yarbrough

All regularly scheduled committee meetings are at 4:00 pm in the Lower Level Conference Room at Covington City Hall at 200 W. Washington St. All Board of Mayor and Aldermen meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month at 5:30 pm in the Board Room on the 2nd floor at Covington City Hall. ALL are open to the public. Official meeting minutes and agendas can be found by visiting <u>www.covingtontn.com</u>.

#### Public Safety Committee Meeting – 7/28/20 – 4:00 p.m.

Present via Virtual Meeting: Chairman Keith Phelps, Alderman CH Sullivan, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Mayor Justin Hanson, Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderman Danny Wallace, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Chief Larry Lindsey, Chief Richard Griggs, Tina Dunn, Rebecca Ray, Margaret Fleming, Echo Day

#### **Covington Police Department Report – Chief Larry Lindsey**

Personnel

- Currently 6 open Law Enforcement positions and 2 civilian positions open. 3 law enforcement position are from the C.O.P.S. (Community Oriented Policing Services) Grant and remainder were unfilled to upgrade technology
- Interviewing on Thursday this week

Technology Upgrade Status

- Watson's upgrade is complete and officers are utilizing all elements of upgrade
- Laptops, mobile printers, Mobile C.A.D. (Computer Aided Dispatch)
- Positive feedback from officers
- Have received new cell phones for officers. When security software is configured, officers will be able to use much of new technology from their cell phones

#### Grants

- Received a total of 3 new grants: C.O.P.S. Grant \$375,000, Department of Justice COVID-19 Grant \$35,000, THSO (TN Highway Safety Office) Grant for overtime \$20,000
- Motion made to accept grant, 2<sup>nd</sup>, roll call, approved

Sole Source Letter Approval

- Need Committee approval to move forward with purchases
- The first is to purchase two All Traffic Solutions Traffic Sign Board Trailers.
- The second is for Flock Camera System approved for purchase in Finance & Administration Committee 7/21
- Motion made to approve both sole source letters and purchases, 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion,

Submitted Stats Report

Submitted Total Calls for Service Report

Chairman Phelps discussed with Chief Lindsey about the utilization of new technology

Motion to accept report, 2<sup>nd</sup>, roll call, accepted

#### **Covington Fire Department Report – Chief Richard Griggs**

Community Events: Bicycle Park Grand Opening

Volunteer Hours for June: 108

Submitted Run Report June 18-July 23.

County coverage area collections: \$79,495

Awarded FEMA Micro Grant to purchase personal protective equipment related to COVID response

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Environmental study being completed on each fire station for FEMA assistance to firefighter grants COVID-19 approved Fire Prevention

Fireworks Update – Thanked Committee for acting to ban sale and use in City of Covington

- Letter to legislators regarding types of dangerous fireworks being sold. Sick Leave Accumulation Change

- Alderman Bommer suggested Chief speaks with HR

- Chairman Phelps would like to get clarification and recommendation and bring it to the next meeting Care report (Free Smoke Alarms)

Discussed server, Nic Shaw suggested getting new server and not tying in to City Hall Tommy Dunavant will be retiring on August 18<sup>th</sup>

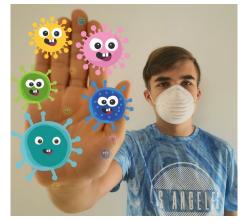
- Would like to have reception at Civic Center on August 18th

Motion made to accept report, 2<sup>nd</sup>, roll call, accepted

Chief Lindsey further discussed reports as tracked by new technology

There being no further business, meeting is adjourned

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#### Masks Required at Tipton County Schools

After discussions with County Executive Jeff Huffman as well as updated recommendations from the Health Department, Le-Bonheur, and the UT HSC, Tipton County Board of Education agrees that a mandatory mask requirement is the appropriate next step to slow the spread of COVID-19. Our hope is that the mask requirement and other safety protocols such as social distancing will help keep schools open for learning.

## **NEW COVID TESTING SITE TIMES!**



Beginning Monday, July 20th, the drive-up COVID-19 testing site at the Tipton County Health Department will be giving FREE tests Monday - Friday, **8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** The Tennessee National Guard is on hand to administer the tests. You can drive through and get your free test regardless of symptoms. Tipton County Health Department is located at 4700 Mueller Brass Rd.



The Tennessee Pledge was developed by Governor Lee, the Unified Command Group (UCG) and Tennessee's Economic Recovery Group (ERG) with input from health experts, state and local partners and business and industry leaders. It includes specific recommendations which enable most businesses to reopen responsibly without the burden of heavy mandates. This will be a gradual process, with room to adjust as data is evaluated. For links to all of Governor Lee's guidelines, please visit our website at <u>www.covingtontn.com</u>.



Tennessee Governor Bill Lee's Economic Recovery Group (ERG) has developed the TN Strong Mask Movement, partnering with more than 30 flagship brands to distribute close to 300,000 free or low-cost cloth face coverings, at a projected value of more than \$3 million, across the state. Now, residents can stay safe while wearing brands synonymous with Tennessee from the worlds of sports, education, and business.

Each business will distribute branded cloth face coverings at little to no cost across their own channels or with the help of the State of Tennessee, which could include employees, fans or nonprofit partnerships. Companies can visit <u>https://tn.gov/governor/covid-19/economic-recovery/mask-movement</u> for additional information. The general public can also visit the link above to order a TN Strong branded mask.

Participating brands include: • Amazon • Austin Peay State University • Belmont University (courtesy Dickens Family) • BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Foundation • Bridgestone • Bristol Motor Speedway • Chevrolet • East Tennessee State University • FedEx Express • Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge and Sevierville of Sevier County • Gibson Brands • Graceland • Jack Daniel's • Lipscomb University (courtesy Ezell Foundation) • Memphis Grizzlies • Middle Tennessee State University • Nashville Predators • Nashville SC (courtesy Ingram Charities, distributed in partnership with United Way of Greater Nashville) • Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc. • SomethingInked • Tennessee Bankers Association • Tennessee Farm Bureau Health Plans • Tennessee Tech University • Tennessee Titans • Tractor Supply Company • TriStar Health • Union University • University of Memphis • University of Tennessee, Knoxville (courtesy The Boyd Foundation) • Unum Group • Vanderbilt University • Volkswagen Chattanooga

## **Crestview Elementary School Reopening Plan**

The reopening plan for Tipton County was presented and approved during the School Board meeting Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020. A **staggered schedule** for students desiring face – to – face learning opportunities will begin on August 17<sup>th</sup> and will continue through the <u>first three weeks of school</u>. An alternative distance learning opportunity will also be available.

Parents and Students: The first step you must complete is whether you want to enroll in the face-toface learning opportunity at school or to enroll in the distance learning opportunity. Your decision will be informed during the online enrollment/registration process, which opened on Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and concludes on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Information on how to complete this enrollment process on <u>Family</u> <u>Access/Skyward</u> was provided with the report card distribution. All students must complete this process to be enrolled in Crestview Elementary School</u>. If you do not have internet access or need help with the online registration process, you can go to the Central Office July 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm – 7:00pm. CES will be open on July 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am – 3:00pm and July 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am – 7:00pm.

At CES, the face-to-face staggered schedule will be the following:

Students with a last name beginning with A-K will attend on Monday and Wednesday.

Students with a last name beginning with L-Z will attend on Tuesday and Thursday.

Fridays will be used for intervention/remediation and will be individually scheduled depending on need. Your child's teacher will contact you if this is needed for your child.

We have worked with CIAA, CMS and CHS to ensure that blended families all have the same two days assigned.

If there are multiple last names within a family but they all fit with the A-K or L-Z division, then they will attend on the appropriate days. (Example: If the student last names are Barnes and Davidson are within the same family, the family would attend Monday and Wednesday; if the student last names Moore and Smith are within one family, the family would attend on Tuesday and Thursday.

If there are multiple last manes within a family and they fall in BOTH the A-K and L-Z division, then the schools have assigned these families and you will receive a phone call from your child's teacher to alert you of the days assigned for your family (Example: if the student last names Barnes and Moore within one family, the family will be assigned by the school and will receive a phone call the week of August 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>.

The students of CES will meet all scheduled classes on each day they attend for the first three weeks of school. Students attending on Monday/Wednesday will see their teacher(s) twice a week. This is true for the Tuesday/Thursday group as well. <u>Extended learning opportunities will be provided for the days they are NOT in attendance</u>. All work will be required and will be used for the student's grade.

Because we have worked to ensure a balance of students within our building during each two-day staggered schedule, we will NOT be able to adjust assigned days for your student.

We look forward to working with our families in some capacity. #chargerpride #onefamily

## Covington High School Information for Re-Entry

#### July 16, 2020

During the 2020-2021 school year, students have two options: to attend school on campus or virtually through distance learning. In addition, we will begin the year on a staggered schedule (more information below). For students who attend on campus, we will be using a blended learning strategy of classroom instruction along with virtual learning on days when not on campus. Packets will be provided to students with no online access. An alternative distance learning opportunity is also available for those who do not want to attend on campus. The distance learning option will require devices (other than a cell phone) with reliable internet access. Parents must decide whether you will enroll your student in classroom instruction on campus or the distance learning off campus. You will choose between the two during the online enrollment/registration process. Parents must complete this between now and July 31<sup>st</sup>. ALL STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE THIS PROCESS.

### Safety

We will be taking the temperature of every student before they enter the building. There will be only 3 entry points into the building (MAIN ENTRANCE, GYM HALLWAY, BAND HALLWAY). Students will follow a four class schedule to limit contacts. There will be a school nurse on site every day. Only students, faculty, and essential personnel will be allowed to enter the building.

## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Registration / Enrollment dates- Now thru July 31st

Students with last name beginning with A-K will attend on Monday and Wednesday.

Students with last name beginning with L-Z will attend on Tuesday and Thursday.

Last name A-K: first day is Aug. 17th

Last name L-Z: first day is Aug. 18th

If you have students with different last names that fall into different schedules, then your students will follow the schedule of the oldest sibling. Ex. (oldest sibling has the last name Alexander and attends CHS and younger sibling has the last name of Washington and attends CES, CMS, or CIAA.) Your students would follow the scheduled days for the oldest sibling.

Additional information will be coming soon. Please check our CHS webpage and other social media sites for updates.

# <u>Covington Integrated Arts Academy</u> <u>Reopening Plan</u>

At CIAA, the face-to-face staggered schedule will be:

Students with a last name beginning with A - K will attend on Monday and Wednesday.

Students with the last name beginning with L - Z will attend on Tuesday and Thursday.

Fridays will be used for intervention/remediation and will be individually scheduled depending on need.

We have worked with our elementary, middle & high school feeder schools to ensure that blended families all have the same two days assigned.

If there are multiple last names within a family but they all fit with the A-K or L-Z division, then attend on the appropriate days. (Example: If the student last names Barnes and Davidson are within one family, the family would attend Monday and Wednesday; if the student last names Moore and Smith are within one family, the family would attend Tuesday and Thursday)

If there are multiple last names within a family and they fall in BOTH the A-K and L-Z division, then the schools have assigned these families and YOU will receive a phone call from one of the schools to alert you of the days assigned for your family. (Example: if the student last names are Barnes and Moore within one family, the family will be assigned and will receive a phone call) You will receive this phone call the week of July 27- 31, 2020.

Because we have worked to ensure a balance number of students within our building during each two-day staggered schedule, we will NOT be able to adjust assigned days for your student.

## **Crestview Middle School Reopening Plan**

The reopening plan for Tipton County Schools was presented and approved during the School Board meeting last Thursday, July 9, 2020. A *STAGGERED* schedule for students desiring Face to Face learning opportunities will begin on August 17 and will continue through the first three weeks of school. An alternative distance learning opportunity will also be available.

PARENTS AND STUDENTS.... the first step you must complete is whether you want to enroll in the Face-to-face learning opportunity at school or to enroll in the virtual learning opportunity. YOUR decision will be informed during the online enrollment/registration process, which opens on Wednesday, July 15 and concludes on July 31st. Information on how to complete this online enrollment process on FAMILY ACCESS/SKYWARD was provided with report card distribution. ALL STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE THIS PROCESS as NO STUDENT has completed this process...it opened on July 15.

At Crestview Middle School, the face-to-face staggered schedule will be:

Students with a last name beginning with A - K will attend on Monday and Wednesday. Students with the last name beginning with L - Z will attend on Tuesday and Thursday. Friday will be used for intervention/remediation and will be individually scheduled depending on need

We have worked with our elementary and middle feeder schools to ensure that **blended families** all have the same two days assigned.

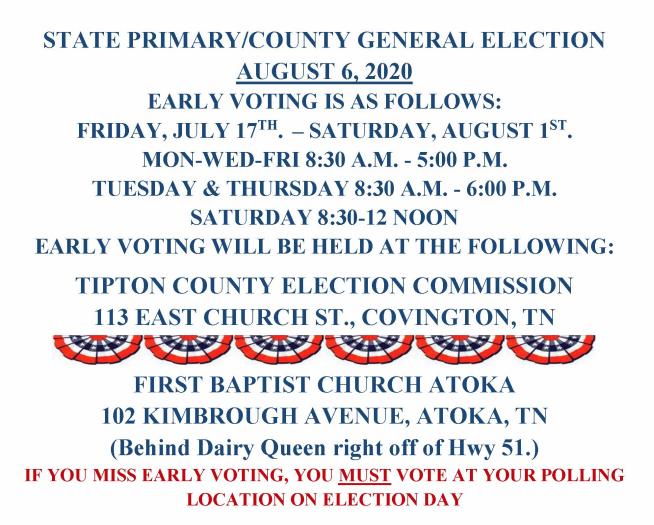
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The students of Crestview Middle School will meet all scheduled classes on each day they attend for the first three weeks of school. Students attending on Monday and Wednesday will see their teachers twice as will the students who are attending on Tuesday and Thursday. Extended learning opportunities will be provided for the days they are NOT in attendance. All work will be required and will be used for student grade.

Because we have worked to ensure a balance of students within our building during each twoday staggered schedule, we will NOT be able to adjust assigned days for your student.









REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY to Covington Police

Call 901-475-1261 or 901-475-4300

In an emergency dial 9-1-1

## **COVINGTON PARKS & RECREATION** HAS A LOT TO OFFER

- 1. Weight & Workout Rooms
- 2. Fitness Classes
- 3. Year Round Pool
- 4. Museum and Walking Trail

## **Membership Types**

Single Residents Family Residents Seniors Students Special Needs Corporate City Employees Families Military/Fire/Police/Teachers Kids summer passes



#### MONDAY-FRIDAY SPORTSPLEX SCHEDULE 2020 SUMMER CLASS SCHEDULE SATURDAY 9AM-12PM

#### MONDAY

5-6 AM eXcelerate w/Dee 8:30 - 9:30 AM Cardio Mix w/Pam 5-6 PM - Yoga w/Jennifer 6:15 - 7 PM TRX w/Kristin

#### WEDNESDAY

5-6 AM eXcelerate w/Dee 8:30 - 9:30 AM Cardio Mix w/Pam 5-6 PM - Yoga w/Jennifer 6:15 - 7:00 PM TRX w/Kristin

## Start Slow

Finish Strong

#### TUESDAY

6-7 AM Yoga w/Jennifer 8:30 - 9:30 AM Yoga w/ Jennifer 5-6 PM Zumba w/Karina 6-7 PM Pound with Maddie



6-7 AM Yoga w/Jennifer 8:30 - 9:30 AM Yoga w/Jennifer 5-6 PM Zumba w/Karina 6-7 PM Spin w/Isaac

#### FRIDAY

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5-6 AM eXcelerate w/Dee 8:30 - 9:30 AM Cardio Mix w/Pam

9:30 - 10:30 AM Line Dancing w/ LeAnn

## Aquatic Center Classes

<u>MONDAY</u> SAM-BAM – MASTER SWIM JOAM – 11AM – WATER AEROBICS 12 PM – 2 PM – PATRON SWIM 3PM-6PM – OPEN SWIM 6PM – 7PM – WATER AEROBICS 7 PM – 8 PM – MASTER SWIM

THURSDAY SAM-BAM- MASTER SWIM 7AM-BAM- WATER AEROBICS 12PM - 2PM – PATRON SWIM 3PM -6PM – OPEN SWIM 6PM – 7PM – WATER AEROBICS 7PM -8PM – MASTER SWIM

TUESDAY SAM-BAM – MASTER SWIM 7AM-BAM – WATER AEROBICS 10AM-11AM – WATER AEROBICS 12 PM – 2 PM PATRON SWIM 3PM -6PM – OPEN SWIM 6PM -7PM – AQUA EXPLOSION 7PM-BPM – MASTER SWIM

FRIDAY SAM-BAM- MASTER SWIM 10AM – 11AM – WATER AEROI 12PM – 2PM – PATRON SWII 3PM – 5PM – OPEN SWIM

WEDNESDAY SAM-8AM - MASTER SWIM 10AM-11AM - AQUA EXPLOSION 12PM-2PM - PATRON SWIM 3PM - 6PM - OPEN SWIM

SATURDAY 11AM-1PM - PATRON SWIM 2PM - SPM - OPEN SWIM

SUNDAY





The Tipton County Museum & Dyersburg State Community College, Jimmy Naifeh Center Present

# "A WORLD OF THEIR OWN"

# The 2020 Area Artists Art Exhibit

Exhibition Dates: July 7—October 30

All of this original fine artwork has been created by an area artist. If you are interested in purchasing artwork for your home or office, or would like to know more about art classes and art groups in the



area, please call Barrie Foster at (901) 476-0242 or Barb McBride at (901) 237-4006. The Tipton County Museum 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019 (901) 476-0242 The Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center is embarking on a new journey to link Tipton County's vibrant heritage with the 21st Century. TCM now provides exhibits, lectures, and classes online to share our military, cultural, and environmental legacy with a wider audience.

Museum admission is FREE, but we need your help to continue providing the quality exhibits and programs you have come to expect from the Tipton County Museum! Annual memberships start at \$25, please consider becoming a member or renewing your current membership to help the Tipton County Museum continue to shine a light on Tipton County's rich legacy! Sign up for membership now by visiting our website, *http://www.tiptoncountymuseum.com.* 

## Become a member today!

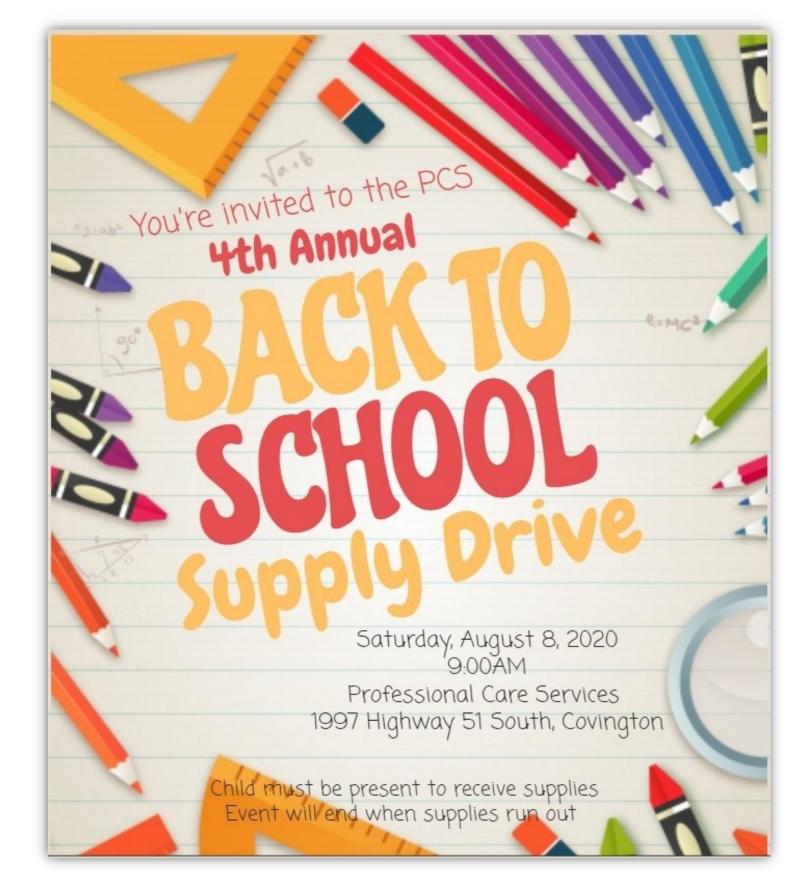
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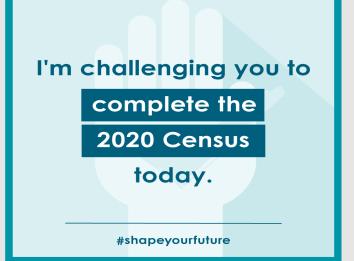


## **COVINGTON CIVIC CENTER**

Stay up to date on upcoming events at the Civic Center!

> Visit our <u>Facebook Page</u> or Visit our <u>Website</u>!





Do you have an announcement that you would like to include in your newsletter? Click <u>HERE</u> to email your info to Rebecca Ray!



MON-FRI 8:00 - 5:00 PM

#### SAT 9:00-3:00 PM

Our shelves are full of books, movies, magazines and CDs. that are just waiting for you to check them out!

If you're not ready to come inside the building, we also have Curbside Service available:

- Place items on hold through your account on our website, or by calling the library.
- Park in the designated spot.
- Call the Library when you arrive and we will bring the items to your car.

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## **NOW OFFERING** DIGITAL AGRONON

LAUNCH AN EXCITING CAREER IN HIGH-TECH FARMING WITH A CERTIFICATE IN DIGITAL AGRONOMY, A NEW PROGRAM STARTING AT TCAT COVINGTON IN FALL 2020.

The Digital Agronomy Program will provide a foundation in both conventional and regenerative agricultural practices, with a focus on 21st century technology. Students will learn about GIS mapping, precision agriculture, the internet of things, and the latest in crop management and irrigation practices.

#### JUST ONE YEAR TO COMPLETION

The Digital Agronomy Program takes three trimesters to complete fully and is heavily focused on work-based learning opportunities. Completion of each trimester results in an industry-recognized certificate. After completing two trimesters, student may apply for their FAA Drone Pilot's License.

#### POTENTIAL CAREERS IN DIGITAL AGRONOMY

Students who complete the entire program receive a Digital Agronomy Assistant Diploma and are qualified for a variety of positions:

Farm Operations

 Drone Piloting Landscaping & Turf Management

- Irrigation Technology
- Livestock Management
- Greenhouse & Nursery Management



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#### DIGITAL AGRONOMY COURSE OUTLINE (12 MONTHS)

Award Titles	Hours	Award
Digital Agronomy Helper	432	CERTIFICATE
Digital Agronomy Junior Assistant	864	CERTIFICATE
FAA Drone Pilot License	864	CERTIFICATE
Digital Agronomy Assistant	1296	DIPLOMA

#### CURRICULUM

First Term: Sept.-Dec. Worker Characteristics Orientation & Safety Technology Foundations Environmental Sustainability & Ethics Plant Science and Crop Production **GIS Mapping** Agronomic Data Collection & Management Soil Science

#### Second Term: Jan.-Apr.

Worker Characteristi Data Integrity & Communication Geospatial Information Pest & Weed Identification Regenerative Ag Customer Service & Satisfaction Principles of Entrepreneurship & Small Businesses Communication Fundamentals

#### Third Term: May-Aug.

Worker Characteristi Crop Marketing Intro to Precision Ag Crop Quality & Storage Irrigation & Water Management Theory of Consumer Behavior Principles of Farm Management

#### ESTIMATED TUITION Per TERM \$1.312 Per YEAR \$3,936 Does not include books or uniforms.





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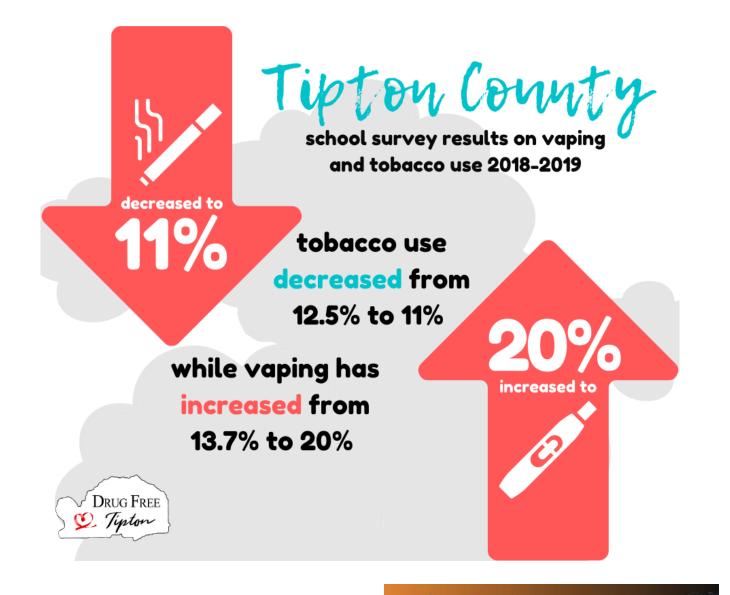
# **JOIN US FOR A DIGITAL AGRONOMY OPEN HOUSE**

901-475-2526 www.tcatcovington.edu FRIDAY, JULY 24 @ 5PM FRIDAY, JULY 31 @ 5PM OR FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 @ 5PM

CALL US TODAY TO RSVP!



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## The Facts About Vaping



Nicotine







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