



# Newsletter - February 7, 2020

Mayor Justin Hanson



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

## **Public Works Committee Meeting – 2/4/20**

Present: Chairman Alderman Jeff Morris, Alderwoman Johnetta Yarbrough, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman Danny Wallace, Mayor Justin Hanson, Director David Gray, Director Lessie Fisher, Calvin Johnson, Tina Dunn, Rebecca Ray, Echo Day, David Gwinn, Attorney Rachel Witherington, James Dowell

### **Public Works Department Report – Director David Gray**

AMI (Automated Metering Infrastructure)

- Frequently Asked Questions example form submitted
- Notice about new system has been put in newspaper, on website, and on social media
- Regarding opting out of program. Atty Witherington does not feel we can give the option to opt out. We cannot maintain 2 different systems if someone opts to keep the old meters, and legally the new equipment is our responsibility.
- Code 18-115 was referenced by Atty Witherington
- Discussed sending Frequently Asked Questions to public, social media, and newspaper ([click here to view the Frequently Asked Questions](#)).
- Alderman Morris has spoken to several Aldermen in other municipalities and are they happy with their automated systems.
- Director Gray stated that meter readers will not lose their jobs but will be placed in other positions that are open within Public Works
- Alderwoman Bommer stated one benefit of the system is that we will know immediately if there is a water leak or a problem. This will be beneficial to our entire community.

Hwy 51 Paving Update

- Preconstruction Conference was on 1/30
- Project will begin soon. Signage will start going up the last week of February, concrete work will start on 3/2 (ADA Standard), paving to begin first week of April. Construction times will be 8 p.m.-6 a.m. for less traffic disruption.

Update on Hwy 51 speed limit change Wynn St. to south city limit. New speed limit signs will go up soon.

Gasifier

- Meeting scheduled for 2/11
- Submission for last permit has been made
- We are ready to go as soon as it is permitted

Conducting Audit of Residential Rollouts (trash cans)

- This will determine how many rollouts each resident has and if they are being billed properly
- Need to make sure residents are paying for every rollout they have
- Commercial dumpsters will have audit after residential audit
- Alderman Wallace inquired about what businesses have rollouts vs. dumpsters
- Alderman Morris discussed some residents' frustration about trash not being collected on assigned day. Explained weight of truck may be too much and must be dumped. Republic will pick up the following day if this happens

Motion to accept report, approved

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## Public Works Committee Meeting – continued

### Codes Department Report – Director Lessie Fisher

#### Blight

- Rebid on N. Main and Dixon should run in The Leader this Thursday

Municipal Code Codification – we are about 3 months out

Draft of zoning ordinance was given to Planning Commission today

Motion to accept report, approved

Resident Robert Simonton spoke about flooding on Tuxedo Dr. Inquired about possible ditches being fixed to improve drainage. Some houses are dealing with mold problem because of standing water. Some culverts are stopped up completely.

- Director Gray agreed that there are flooding issues. However, the ditches are on private property. Water has to drain to the back of the properties on left side, but past the lots are private properties. The ditches need to be cleaned out as there are bags of cans and garbage clogging the ditches. Culvert work can be done, but property owners would have to pay for it. It is a grading issue as much as a draining issue.
- Per Atty Witherington, there are several legal steps we can take if there is garbage in the ditches. We would have to relate it to a public safety concern. We have had multiple discussions about culverts and ditches, and we are limited on what we can do from a city standpoint.
- Director Fisher stated that the area is in a flood plain
- Alderwoman Bommer suggested that property owners and City come together for a solution.
- Mr. Simonton offered to purchase culverts if the City can install them. Submitted pictures of standing water 4 days after a rain.
- Director Gray stated that the ditches on the road are not the problem.
- Alderman Morris asked what we could do on our part.
- Director Gray stated that we can put in culverts, but the problem will not be fixed until the ditches on the private properties are cleaned out.
- Atty Witherington suggested sending letter to property owners explaining that the lack of maintenance on their property is causing drainage problems.
- Per Atty Witherington, we cannot legally go onto someone's property and clean out a ditch.
- Director Fisher suggested we speak with EMA (Emergency Management Agency) Director Tommy Duvanant regarding any FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) money that may come available
- Alderman Wallace asked about logistics of replacing culverts. Replacing culverts would show good faith that the City is taking whatever steps it can.
- Mr. Simonton thought it would be 5-6 culverts
- Alderwoman Bommer suggested Director Gray bring back a report as to what can be done. Also, send letters out immediately to property owners.
- Mr. Simonton and Director Gray were agreeable to Alderwoman Bommer's suggestion
- Motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved

There being no further business, meeting adjourned

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# COVINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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



[Visit us on our Facebook page](#)



## Southwest Members Care Grant

**Covington, TN, February 7, 2020** The Covington Fire Department is proud to announce we were recently awarded the Southwest Members Care Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00. This funding will assist in the purchase of additional lifesaving vehicle extrication tools. Covington Fire Department not only responds within the city of Covington but to a large portion of the Southwest Tennessee EMC coverage area. "I would like to thank the members of Southwest Tennessee Electric Membership Corporation and the Board of Directors for the Southwest Members Care, Inc. for this funding opportunity", stated Fire Chief Richard Griggs. Chief Griggs added, "This 'round up' program will positively impact the quality of life in our community".

We are grateful for this opportunity to add tools for our firefighters to save lives. We would like to remind you to move over for emergency vehicles and Please don't text and drive. For more information on the Southwest Members Care Grant, log on to [www.stemc.com/southwest-members-care-inc](http://www.stemc.com/southwest-members-care-inc).

## WINTER FIRE FACTS

Nearly half (46.8%) of all fatal fires occur between November and February.

January leads all other months in residential fires, heating fires and fatal fires.

When the temperature drops below 32 degrees, Tennesseans are 40% more likely to have a home fire than if it were above 32 degrees.

Heating equipment is the leading cause of home fire deaths nationally and the second leading known cause in Tennessee.

TN Department of Commerce & Insurance

Photo Credit: Andrew Dillman, Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance

EVERY **4.5 days** A Structure Fire in Tennessee Takes a Life

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## COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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SOMETHING SOMETHING™	Central Dispatch	901-475-4300
	Tipton Co. Sheriff	901-475-3300



# LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

Covington Police Department (901) 475-1261

**REMOVE Your Valuables LOCK Your Vehicles**



Drug Free Tipton has launched the tip411 alert system as a way to interactively 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 via a free smartphone app. Simply text **“Tipton”** to **847411** from your cell phone or download the tip411 app. This service is **100% anonymous!**

[Contact Drug Free Tipton at 901-378-0545 or visit www.drugfreetipton.org](http://www.drugfreetipton.org)



TIPTON COUNTY  
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VETERANS MEMORIAL  
NATURE CENTER

On Saturday, February 1st, Artist in Residence Kathryn Vaughn taught “Alma Thomas and the Abstraction” at the Tipton County Museum. Everyone had fun and created beautiful artwork!



Also on Saturday morning, Museum Director presented “Feng Shui in the Garden” at the Tipton County Museum. There is so much happening at the Tipton County Museum! Visit our [Facebook page](#) to see all the programs that are offered!

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



ADMISSION PER PROGRAM:  
\$5.00 General Public  
**FREE** to Museum Members

751 Bert Johnston Avenue  
PO Box 768  
Covington, TN 38019  
Phone: 901-476-0242

**Saturday, February 1st: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.**

### “Feng Shui in the Garden”

- Guest Speaker - Barrie Foster: Director of the Tipton County Museum

**Saturday, February 8th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.**

### “Diagnosis in the Landscape”

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

**Saturday, February 15th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.**

### “All About Houseplants”

- Guest Speaker - Kathleen Trent: Madison County Master Gardener

**Saturday, February 22nd: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.**

### “Medicines in the Garden”

- Guest Speaker - John Peterson: Memphis Area Master Gardener.

**\*\* Saturday, February 29th: 10:00 - 11:30 A.M. \*\***

### “Southern Garden Staples & their Roots”

- Guest Speaker - Sherl Rose: T.C. Museum Exhibit Support Specialist & Pollinator Expert

**\*\* Please bring plants and seeds to share \*\***



TIPTON COUNTY  
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VETERANS MEMORIAL  
NATURE CENTER

The Tipton County Museum Presents

## Art is for Everyone

With Barbara Flowers McBride

Renowned artist Barbara McBride is returning to teaching oil and acrylic painting on Friday mornings at the Tipton County Museum. Barb will show how easy it is to get started painting today. No previous art experience or talent required! Please call (901) 476-0242 for a supply list & registration.

When: February 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2020, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Where: 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN

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

Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnston Avenue, P.O. Box 768,

Covington, TN 38019

901-476-0242



TIPTON COUNTY  
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The Tipton County Museum  
Celebrates Black History Month

## MEN OF VALOR

Exhibit & Opening Reception

William Wakefield and younger brothers Leamon, Timothy, Ridley and Victor Wherry are five brothers who have made their family and Tipton County extremely proud. After graduating from Tipton County high schools Frazier High, George R. Ellis and Munford High, they entered military service and served their country honorably, with four of them serving until retirement. Please join us at the Tipton County Museum on Friday, February 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. as we honor them for their service and visit “Men of Valor”, an exhibit of their military service.

Reception: Friday, February 21, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Exhibit Dates: February 21, 2020 through June 30, 2020

Where: Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnston Ave.,

Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-0242





## Veteran of the Month Reception

Every 2nd Tuesday Evening at 6:30

751 Bert Johnston Ave.,

Covington, TN 38019

901-476-0242

### Veteran of the Month February 2020

#### Renea Antoinette McBride



The Tipton County Museum Veteran of the Month for February 2020 is Renea Antoinette McBride. Renea was born on March 14, 1971, in Brownsville, Tennessee. A few months after graduating from high school in 1989 she travelled to Memphis to enlist in the United States Navy, and attended boot camp in Orlando, Florida. She began her Navy career as a Boiler Technician, attending training in Great Lakes. In February of 1990 she jumped at the opportunity to become a Cryptologic Technician Operator, and she attended training for this in Pensacola, Florida. In January of 1991 she received orders to go to Panama, and then in August of 1992 she was assigned to BQ2 Air Crew Squadron in Rhoda, Spain. In October of 1994 she was reassigned to Anacostia Naval Station, Maryland, where she worked closely with the Commanding Officer and Executive Officer in the Admin Office. While on her next assignment in Korea, she received the news that her father was ill. When her tour was completed, she made the difficult decision to leave the Navy to return home to care for him. A true patriot, Renea loved being in the Navy and loved travelling the world during her career. She was an active volunteer throughout her career, taking lead logistic roles in the first Million Man March and in other lesser known activities. Sang the National Anthem at Naval retirements and changes of command. During her assignment in Korea she was nominated for Sailor of the Quarter and then on to Sailor of the Year at Suslak Building, Yongsan Compound, Seoul, South Korea. For her service to our country, she was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal (2), National Defense Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Ribbon (2), Good Conduct Medal (2), Navy & Marine Corps Service Ribbon (2), Battle "E" Ribbon, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (2), Overseas Service Medal (2), 45 Cal Pistol Marksman Ribbon, and Flag Letter of Commendation (2).

After returning home to Tennessee, she became a telecommunications contractor and in May of 2007 she accepted a federal job with the IRS, where she still works today. Sadly, her father passed away in 2002; but she is grateful for the time she was able to spend with him. Renea is still very active in the community: she is President of the town of Mason's Planning Commission and Chairman of the Zoning Board. She is a member of Greenleaf Community Church where she is President of the Pastor's Committee and a member of the choir.

Even with her busy schedule, she finds time to pursue her passion - creating natural hand-crafted bath and body products. In 2015 she started her own business, "Just Splurge", where she sells her products at fairs and events in the community. In 2020 she hopes to expand her business by opening her own retail store.

She is proud of her two children: Son Darius McBride attends Middle Tennessee State University where he is studying prelaw, and daughter Liana McBride is an extremely talented artist who is a home schooled 8<sup>th</sup> grader. Renea was nominated for Veteran of the Month by her uncle, John McBride, who was the May 2015 Veteran of the Month.



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Filing Status	Income less than	Maximum Credit
<b>SINGLE</b>		
3+ Children	\$50,162	\$6,557
2+ Children	\$46,703	\$5,828
1 Child	\$41,094	\$3,526
NO Child	\$15,570	\$529
<b>MARRIED filing jointly</b>		
3+ Children	\$55,952	\$6,557
2+ Children	\$52,493	\$5,828
1 Child	\$46,884	\$3,526
NO Child	\$21,370	\$529

Two ways to file taxes for FREE and SAVE:

- Dial 2-1-1 to find a FREE Tax site near you.
- Visit MyFreeTaxes.com to use this easy site to file your return.

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What to bring to your free tax site

- Photo I.D. for you and your spouse
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- Information for all deductions/credits
- Total paid to day care and their tax I.D. number
- Account information for direct deposit
- If married filing joint, both spouses must be present

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**Monday, February 17**

Dyersburg State Community College  
Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County

**1:00 p.m. - Sharing & Learning Music Session**  
Student Center

**7:30 p.m. - Concert**  
Baptist Memorial Health Care Academic  
Building Auditorium

Mixer with finger foods to begin at 6:45 p.m.

Admission is a nonperishable food or monetary donation to the DSCC food pantry.

*A pound of Love*

Support 4-Hers wanting to attend 4-H camp by purchasing a pound cake made by 4-Hers!

**Vanilla Pound cake \$15.00**

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Pre-Orders Only! To order your pound cake come by the Extension Office (111 W. Washington Ave, Covington, TN 38019) and place your order! Orders will be ready for pick up by February 13th.


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Makes a perfect Valentine's Day gift for that special someone, grandparents, teachers, neighbors, etc. Order your cake today!

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Sp Adobe Spark





***5000 eight graders are invited to attend!***

The inaugural P2P West Tennessee will take place at the Ripley Power and Light Building in Ripley, TN on March 4th and 5th 2020 from 8:00am-3:00pm both days. All public, private and home schooled 8th graders in Tipton, Haywood, Lauderdale, Crockett, Dyer, Fayette, Gibson, Hardeman, Lake, Madison, and Obion counties are invited to attend this two day event! Community leaders, mayors, Tipton County officials and HTL Advantage gathered recently to learn more about this event.

Pathways2Possibilities (P2P) is a hands-on, interactive career exploration experience, designed to help 8th graders link their passions to a paycheck. ***We are looking for area businesses to partner with P2P!***

***There are three opportunities for you to join the P2P team:***

**Event Sponsor**—email [rray@covingtontn.com](mailto:rray@covingtontn.com) to request sponsorship levels

**Pathway Professional**—facilitate hands-on activities with the students at the event

**Community Volunteer**—event day activities, such as passing out materials, monitoring flow, signing in visitors, parking assistance, etc.

This is a great approach for developing our future workforce! Send us an [email](#) or call 901-476-9613 ext.117 to get more information on this exciting event!!

**[VISIT THE FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE BY CLICKING HERE!](#)**



• CEDC •  
Covington Economic Development Corporation

# Save the Date!

**Chocolate Tour**  
Saturday, February 8, 2020  
Historic Covington Square  
10am -4pm



Follow the Historic Covington Square on FB and Insta for more details!


## Dining with Diabetes Class

@ the Tipton County Public Library

FEBRUARY 18th, 25th & March 3rd  
@ 10:00 A.M.

This program is open to anyone with diabetes, prediabetes, their family members or caretakers.  
Classes will include information on diabetes management, carbs, sugar, sweeteners and important exams.  
Each week we will cook a healthy recipe.

CLASS IS FREE, BUT REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED  
Sign-up at the library, or by calling 476-8289



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS



**Dyersburg State Community College**  
**Jimmy Naifeh Center**

**Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6 p.m.** - Jackie Murray presents "Harriet Tubman: One Woman's Journey" in the Baptist Memorial Health Care Academic Building, Auditorium, JNC. Free admission.


**Friday, Feb. 21, 6 p.m.** – Jonathan Blanchard performs the Soundtrack to the Civil Rights Movement in the Baptist Memorial Health Care Academic Building, Auditorium, JNC. Free admission.

**Friday, Feb. 28, 6:30 p.m.** – Movie Night, Learning Resource Center, Room 104, JNC. Free admission.

Is there something you'd like to share in our weekly newsletter?  
Email Rebecca Ray at [rray@covingtontn.com](mailto:rray@covingtontn.com)!

**Magnolia Creek**  
February happenings from the "Dancing in Tipton" Line Dancers  
*Clopton and TCCA*  
TIPTON COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING  
**Fox Hollow**  
**Glendale Commons**

Come have  
**Coffee with the Mayor**  
Tuesday, February 18h  
7:30 - 9:00 a.m.





Visit our Events Page by Clicking the Picture Below!

# JACKSON HUGHEY'S BALLERS CHALLENGE



Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup> 6PM @Covington Sportsplex



## Skills Challenge

\$10 ENTRY FEE



4 Age Groups  
Male 14-17  
Female 14-17  
Male 18 & Up  
Female 18 & Up

## Prizes



Admission: By

Donation \$2 minimum

## 3 Point Contest

\$10 ENTRY FEE



\$17 TO ENTER BOTH



ALL proceeds donated to the Hughey Family



# BASEBALL, SOFTBALL AND SOCCER

## Registration is now open.

<http://www.covingtontn.com/covington-youth-sports.html>



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# COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

March 23-27 2019 (TC Schools Spring Break)

Minimum (10) workers Per Day

6-8 Hours per day

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Covington, TN 38019





The City of Covington Presents:



A FATHER  
DAUGHTER  
DANCE



Friday, February 21, 2020

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (Doors Open at 6:00)

Covington Civic Center - Tennessean Room

100 W. Washington Ave.

Covington, TN 38019

Ticket Price: \$25/couple - \$10 each additional child  
Chaperone may be any adult father figure

Purchase Tickets by February 14th

No Tickets sold at the door, by reservation ONLY

Reservations can be made at the Covington Civic Center

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For More Info, Contact:

Karen Griffin (901) 475-7139 - (901) 475-7170 - [kgriffin@covingtontn.com](mailto:kgriffin@covingtontn.com)



Congratulations to Lydia's Fashion and Design Boutique on their Ribbon Cutting and new location on the Historic Covington Square! Ms. Lydia Jackson recently relocated to 113A West Court Square. If you have not visited her wonderful boutique, now is the perfect time! Remember, when you support our small business owners, it benefits our entire community. We celebrate with you, Lydia!





# DYERSBURG STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## Jackie Murray to Perform as “Harriet Tubman: One Woman’s Journey” at Dyersburg State Feb. 11

Jackie Murray, known as “The Voice for the New Sound of Soul,” will present a special performance of “Harriet Tubman: One Woman’s Journey,” Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. at the Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County. This free event, sponsored by DSCC’s Office of Student Life, is held in conjunction with black history month and will take place inside the Baptist Memorial Health Care Academic Building Auditorium.



TENNESSEE COLLEGE  
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## Microsoft Office Training Beginner Level

This course will cover the fundamentals of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook. You will learn the skills necessary to be proficient and excel in any work environment.

- Class Starts – February 25, 2020 to March 26, 2020
- Class Held – Tuesday & Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Location:  
TCAT Covington  
1600 Highway 51 South  
Covington, TN 38019
- Cost - \$99 per person

For more information call TCAT Covington (901)-475-2526



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On Friday, February 7th Jennifer Nolen, Lessie Fisher, and Phyllis Mayfield in the Covington Codes Department, and Anna Goforth with the Covington Fire Department attended the WestStar 22nd Annual Working Women’s Conference at UT Martin. The theme for the day was “Aloha” and the Key-note Speaker was Keli McAlister, Public Information Officer, West Tennessee, West TN Bureau of Investigation. We are looking forward to these ladies bringing back what they learned and applying it to their departments!

Covington Lions Club's 65th Annual

# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, FEB. 29 from 6-11 A.M.

COVINGTON INTEGRATED ARTS ACADEMY

760 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington



**\$5**

CHILDREN 3 AND UNDER ARE FREE



Tickets are available from any Lions Club member. All proceeds are used to help local underprivileged citizens with sight and hearing problems. Donations and sponsorships are greatly appreciated.

*Don't forget to bring your old eyeglasses!*

# Wedding EXPO

HOSTED BY DYERSBURG STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

Saturday, March 7  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Dyersburg State Community College  
E.H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium  
1510 Lake Road  
Dyersburg, TN 38024

Get inspired and join us for a wonderful day full of wedding planning! Wedding planner Keisha Norwood will provide tips on how to design the wedding of your dreams. Vendors will include photographers, videographers, caterers, wedding planners, lighting/draping providers, florists, venues, cake designers and DJs.

Vendors may contact Kacie Haerberle at [haerberle@dsc.edu](mailto:haerberle@dsc.edu) for more details.

**Early bird special: \$10**  
(Register by Feb. 21)

**General admission: \$12**

For more information, contact  
Elizabeth Jude at 731-286-3265 or [ejude@dsc.edu](mailto:ejude@dsc.edu)



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TIPTON COUNTY  
MUSEUM

Tipton County Museum Presents

## Weave Your Own Easter Basket

With Connie Adam

Basket weaving is easy and fun, and can be very relaxing! Please join us as Master Basket weaver Connie Adam leads you in creating this beautiful Easter Basket in one afternoon. No previous basket weaving experience is required, and we provide all the supplies. Snacks will be provided. Please note the registration deadline is March 5 so we have plenty of time to order the supplies. Please call today, as space is limited!

When: Saturday, March 14, 2020, 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Where: 751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN

Fee: \$30 Museum Members, \$50 General Public

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 5

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



LOWER SCHOOL  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
KINDERGARTEN - 5TH GRADE



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Every moment counts.

Tipton Christian Academy  
2105 Highway 59 South  
Covington, TN 38019

901-475-4990  
[tiptonchristianacademy.com](http://tiptonchristianacademy.com)

February 25  
5:30 p.m.



## Notice Covington Utilities Customers

The City of Covington is in the process of installing AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) to replace its aging water and gas meters. Beginning the week of February 10, 2020, Utilities Department employees and contractors will be conducting a site survey at each home and business. The survey is to collect information necessary to replace all water meters as well as install data collection for gas meters. This first phase should take approximately one month. Phase II will begin after all material has been ordered and shipped. Installation will require a very short interruption of service for each customer. We expect this last phase to be completed in twelve to fifteen months. We regret any inconvenience this may cause but it will greatly improve insight into system operation and customer service. If you would like more information, please visit our website and click on [Frequently Asked Questions](#). You can also contact Public Works Director David Gray at [dgray@covingtontn.com](mailto:dgray@covingtontn.com).



**Reminder - Property taxes are now due! There are several ways to pay:**

**Pay easily online** at <https://paycovingtontn.com/taxes.html#/>

**Pay by Phone:** 1-844-867-1859 You must have the receipt number to complete the payment. Visa, MasterCard, Discover accepted

**Pay in Person** at City Hall, 200 W. Washington St., Covington, TN 38019

### **ATTENTION UTILITY CUSTOMERS!**

The City of Covington Utilities Department offers 4 easy ways to pay your bills:

- Pay at City Hall: Drive thru & office hours are 8 am - 4:30p.m. Monday - Friday  
Pay by Phone: Call 1-844-876-2911 (You must provide your account #)  
Pay Online: Visit [www.covingtontn.com](http://www.covingtontn.com) and click **“Online Bill Pay”**  
Automated Draft: Form to draft payment from your bank account can be filled out at City Hall.

As per rules that went into effect on July 1, 2015, the City of Covington is **strictly enforcing** due dates, cutoff dates, and late/reconnect fees for our utility customers. All payments must be received **BEFORE 4:30 p.m. on the last day to pay**. Any payment received **AFTER 4:30 p.m.** on the last day to pay will be subject to a \$50 charge. This charge must be paid in order to ensure services are not disconnected or to re-connect services in the event that they have been disconnected. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS.** Please refer to the chart below for Last Day to Pay dates and Disconnect Date:

BILL DUE DATE	LAST DAY TO PAY	DISCONNECT DATE
13th of the month	23rd of the month	24th of the month
24th of the month	3rd of the month	4th of the month

# STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING

## Human Trafficking Seminar Covington Civic Center

100 W. Washington Ave., Covington, TN

**Thursday, Feb. 27**  
**6:00-8:00 p.m.**

### Guest Speakers

#### **Amber Lawrence**

Special Agent Tennessee Bureau of Investigation

#### **Julanne Stone**

Executive Director Scarlet Rope Project

*The Scarlet Rope Project, Jackson TN, exists to provide a safe place for healing and restoration to survivors of sex trafficking*

*Learn about the prevalence of this problem in West TN, along with how to identify, provide interventions and access resources that are available.*

**Sex trafficking is a form of modern slavery that exists throughout the United States and globally. Sex traffickers use violence, threats, lies, debt bondage, and other forms of coercion to compel adults and children to engage in commercial sex acts against their will. Under U.S. federal law, any minor under the age of 18 years induced into commercial sex is a victim of sex trafficking—regardless of whether or not the trafficker used force, fraud, or coercion.**



**Working to prevent exploitation and provide escape from the bondage of sex trafficking**  
Sponsored by Covington Fire Department, Scarlet Rope Project, Covington High HOSA, and Covington Police Department





**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 6, 2020**

**Christi David**  
**WRAP**  
**731-693-0176**  
**cdavid@wraptn.org**

## **WRAP brings awareness to local communities through Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month**

**West Tennessee:** West Tennessee – February 1<sup>st</sup> launched Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. In the United States, teen dating violence impacts 1 in 3 adolescents through verbal, physical and emotional abuse with over 1.5 MILLION high school students reporting they experience physical abuse from a dating partner annually.

WRAP provides a wide array of trauma-informed, evidence-based services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence in 19 counties in West Tennessee. All services offered are free and confidential.

During the month of February, WRAP will be hosting a variety of activities in West Tennessee high schools and after school programs to promote awareness of healthy teen dating relationships. In Tipton County, WRAP along with the Tipton County Health Department will be at Covington High School to provide awareness for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

WRAP seeks opportunities to promote awareness of and education on healthy relationships with community partners in an effort to foster widespread collaboration in creating safe, stable, nurturing relationships, families, and communities. If any organization or employer would be interested in hosting an awareness activity, please contact WRAP at 731-668-0411.

WRAP encourages the community to participate in Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month by wearing ORANGE to show our commitment to healthy relationships. So join WRAP and “Wear ORANGE” this February so that together we can end violence, change lives, and give hope! Please share your activities via social media with the hashtags #loveisrespect #WRAPPEDinOrange #TDVAM and like our page on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/wrapwesttn](http://www.facebook.com/wrapwesttn) to keep informed about upcoming events and learn more about what WRAP has to offer. If you or anyone you know has questions about a current relationship please call our 24/7 helpline at 1-800-273-8712.

# Adult Education Classes Offered



**Covington**  
**Drummonds**  
**Mason**  
**Munford**

**COVINGTON**  
**DAY CLASSES**  
Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays  
9am - 12pm  
Alternative Learning Center  
800 Bert Johnston Avenue  
Covington, TN 38019

**MASON**  
**NIGHT CLASSES**  
Tuesdays/Thursdays  
4pm - 7pm  
Austin Peay Elementary School  
474 Academic Drive  
Covington, TN 38019

**COVINGTON**  
**NIGHT CLASSES**  
Tuesdays/Thursdays  
4pm - 7pm  
Alternative Learning Center  
800 Bert Johnston Avenue  
Covington, TN 38019

**MUNFORD**  
**DAY CLASSES**  
Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays  
11am - 2pm  
Munford Park and Recreation  
63 College Street  
Munford, TN 38058

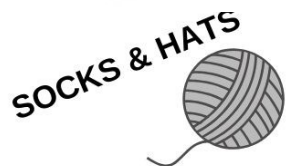
**DRUMMONDS**  
**NIGHT CLASSES**  
Tuesdays/Thursdays  
4pm - 7pm  
Drummonds Elementary School  
5068 Drummonds Road  
Drummonds, TN 38023

**MUNFORD**  
**NIGHT CLASSES**  
Tuesdays/Thursdays  
4pm - 7pm  
Munford Elementary School  
1200 McLaughlin Drive  
Munford, TN 38058

**For Information Call 901-475-3479**

**Thomas Hayes, Adult Ed Coordinator**

# JANUARY EVENTS @ YOUR LIBRARY



## TIPTON COUNTY STITCH-ALONG JAN. 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 Hear Super Saver yarn size H crochet hook or size 10 knitting needles

**COLORING CLUB**  
JAN. 21st @ 12:00PM

**BOOK CLUB**  
*The Turn of the Key*  
by Ruth Ware  
JAN. 21st @ 1:00 P.M.



## Movie Days

Ages 18 & Up  
@ 1:00 PM

**Overcomer** - JAN. 3rd [PG] 119 mins  
**Downton Abbey** - JAN. 14th [PG] 122 mins.  
**Cool Runnings** - JAN. 24th [PG] 98 mins.  
**Judy** - JAN. 28th [PG-13] 118 mins.



JAN. 11th @ 1:00 PM

TAB is a group of teens ages 12-17, who meet once a month to help plan teen activities, select new materials, and volunteer.

## Wi-Fi Printing is now Available!



Download the App Printer on or  
<https://printer.net/dscctcpl/print>  
**BW \$0.10**  
**COLOR \$0.25**

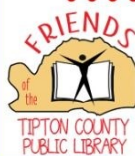
**GENEALOGY HELP**  
w/ River City Chapter of  
the Daughters of the  
American Revolution  
JAN. 13th 9:30-11:30AM



## ANIME CLUB

JAN. 11th @ 2:00 PM

AGES 12-17



Friends of the Library Meeting  
JAN. 23rd @ 7:00 P.M.

New members are welcome!



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## LEGO CLUB

AGES 11 & UNDER

JAN. 2nd @ 1:00 PM  
JAN. 18th @ 11:00 AM  
JAN. 23rd @ 4:00 PM

## HOMESCHOOL BOOK CLUB

JAN. 16th

K-3 - 1:00 PM & 3rd & Up 1:15 PM

*The Bravest Dog Ever* (K-3)  
by Natalie Standiford

*The One Hundred and One Dalmations* (3rd & Up)  
by Dobbie Smith  
Copies are available at the front desk for checkout

Donate your old LEGO's to our  
LEGO Club!

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

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

**1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**

Ages 0-PreK

Sign-up at the Library  
**READ BOOKS, WIN PRIZES**



## MAKE IT @ YOUR LIBRARY

JAN. 30th @ 4:00 PM



AGES 11 & UNDER



**Yoga Storytime**  
JAN. 11th @ 11:00 AM

## MOVIE DAY

JAN. 2nd @ 4:00 PM

**CHILL OUT SCOOBY DOO!**

[NR] 90 mins

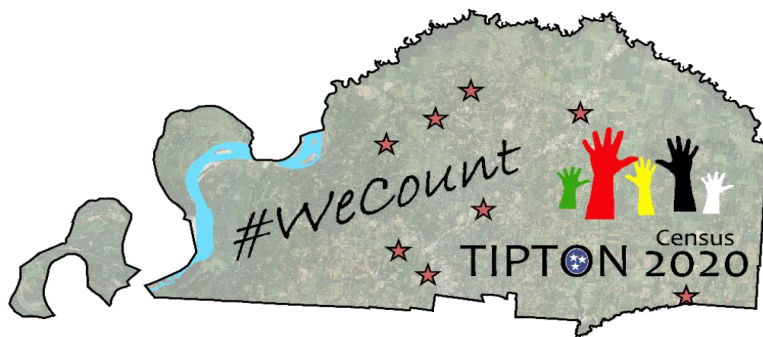






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This information is designed to help citizens of Tipton County to understand the importance of participating in the 2020 Census by completing and submitting the questionnaire. Every municipality and the County are committed to ensuring that all individuals living in Tipton County on April 1, 2020, are counted in the Census. Our ultimate goal is to ensure that in Tipton County, we:

**COUNT EVERYONE ONCE, ONLY ONCE, AND IN THE RIGHT PLACE.**