



In October 2016, the Covington Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved a policy that outlines how nonprofit organizations will apply for municipal funding from the City of Covington. The applications were also approved and are available on our [website](#) or can be picked up at Covington City Hall, 200 West Washington Street, Covington, TN. The deadline for accepting applications is May 1st.

[Click here to download the forms.](#)

Reports from Airport, Parks, and Museum heard at Committee Meeting

The General Welfare and Public Relations Committee met in their regular monthly meeting at Covington City Hall. Present were Chairman Alderman Drew Glass, Alderman Jere Hadley, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Parks and Recreation Director Joseph Mack, Museum Director Barrie Foster, Mayor Justin Hanson, Assistant to the Mayor Sara Gangaware, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Alderman John Edwards, and Echo Day from The Leader.

Chairman Glass called the meeting to order and called on Airport Director Robin Anderson to make his report. Anderson provided a handout that included an annual fuel sales profile.

- Year-end fuel sales (2016) gas and jet fuel sales – 33,533 total gallons. Bommer asked if that is up or down from years past, and Anderson said it is a little up. Sales are weather related.
- All hangars are full and all rent collected
- Working on new hangar leases – Anderson has a number of leases from other airports to guide him in the wording of new leases. He wants to have new leases completed by end of April/first of May
- New AWOS (Automated Weather Observation Station) system – State has sent and it has been received at Covington Municipal Airport. Anderson stated he is waiting on installation and anticipates the installation to take about a week. Pavement project has hit a small snag – had to resubmit some forms because of a modification of standards – hopes to receive verification by end of week and will place ads in paper as a result.
- Nominations for airport advisory council - Anderson has talked with Chairman Drew Glass about this– Anderson recommended 5 names for this council, which includes retaining Greg Ford and Mike Beasley. He wants to add Tom Cheairs., Keith Anderson, and WT Bailey. Airport Advisory council meets at 8:00 am at the airport on first Monday of each month. Chairman Glass asked for the General Welfare and Public Relations committee members to submit names for recommendation to this committee. Anderson reiterated the 5 names he has submitted today are his recommendation. Echo Day asked Director Anderson if having his nephew (Keith Anderson) on the committee would be a conflict of interest. Director Anderson stated he did not see this as a conflict because Keith is a pilot and does business at the Covington facility. Glass said he would consult with City Attorney.

- Airport Conference – March 20-22 in Murfreesboro. Anderson invited committee members to attend and said he will leave registration information with Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn. Alderman Hadley stated he has attended this conference in the past and recommended it for other committee members.
- Chairman Glass asked for update on LED lighting at airport. Anderson stated it is on hold, but he still has information he gathered. Anderson stated he is using all federal dollars for runway paving installation and will have to seek funding for LED lighting. Anderson stated he will inquire about this at the conference in March.
- Alderwoman Bommer wants to see airport conference agenda asap...website for information is www.tnairports.org Alderwoman Bommer moved to accept Anderson's report with caveat to wait on attorney's ruling on possible conflict of interest on advisory committee. Mayor Hanson also suggested this committee have input and submit suggestions for new members to the airport advisory council. Hadley seconded – motion passed unanimously.

Parks & Recreation Director Joseph Mack presented PPT slideshow and led discussion accordingly for his report.

- Youth programs – successful youth basketball program going on now. Munford has asked for us to partner with them for flag football and spring soccer. Our youth programs admit kids up to 17 years old. We had large group of teenage boys in gym last weekend. They were engaged and not out on the streets. Director Mack wants to look into having a summer basketball league for youth, as well. Mack has begun negotiations for this and hopes to have a program going by June. Spring soccer signups are going well – participants can completely sign-up online. Earliest age is 4 and top age is 17. Have received major league baseball packets with posters and flyers for homerun derby. Free homerun derby contest – winners will advance to regional contest, and can advance from there. Alderwoman Bommer suggested Jeffery McCollum as a volunteer/helper for this program.
- Adult programs – dates posted for adult basketball league – will begin Feb 28 and will run for about 6 weeks. So far, there has been a good response. Mack asks for participation in adult sports survey – access the survey at <https://poll.fbapp.io/covington-adult-sports> March 7th will be first class for Zumba at noon with an evening class following on March 8th. Also looking to add aquatic Zumba classes.
- Memberships – membership goal had been set for \$70,000 – we have realized roughly 59% of that goal so far. Will host DSCC Week at Sportsplex and pool. In negotiations with DSCC for water aerobics and fitness classes. Mack proposed for current members a 20% discount at renewal if they bring two new members. Alderman Glass asked if that would require ordinance change and Alderwoman Bommer believes it will. Mack asked for flexibility for determining fees and making adjustments. Alderman Hadley suggested the ability to make such changes with committee approval. Glass stated he is in support of such changes since it will bring in new members. Committee will investigate ordinance language.
- CITY REPORTER APP – Mack believes this is well worth the cost and will revolutionize the way we record inspections and other items in Parks and Recreation Department.
- Michael Phelps Foundation grant has been submitted. This will be a water safety class, aquatics activities, and other water and health initiatives in conjunction with our Boys and Girls Club – BGCHR
- Parks and playgrounds
 - Project Play – getting estimates for mulch and sails – monies for this held by CEDC.
 - Tennis Courts – repairing fences, repairing gates, getting quotes to replace basketball backboards (\$823)
 - Frazier Park – have added 2 bike racks – will get installed next week

- Getting quotes to replace basketball backboards (\$3,292) for all four at Frazier Park
- Ordered clay for infield for Frazier, Mueller Brass, Baltzer and Whitley fields – will be delivered next week.
- Playground budget 17.5% realized - \$37,000 balance
- Mueller Brass – ordered clay and infield mix. Have begun weed-eating, cleaning out storage areas, and have re-keyed locks.
- Have been in conversations about flooding and draining at Whitley Field in Cobb-Parr Park. Also re-keyed locks at Whitley
- Mueller Brass field has been draining us with lights burning – have been times when these lights were left on all night. Mack is looking into automated lighting at Mueller. Light switches at all other fields are inside a building and cannot be accessed by anyone without proper authorization. Lighting at Mueller is outside and nothing that has been done in the past has worked or lasted for controlling their use. One time automation fee is \$9000 – all is controlled and managed via website. [Control-Link](#) is the reliable, cost-effective system that controls, monitors, and manages recreational lighting. Mack believes this is worth the investment.
- Parks and Rec has lawn-care at 11 fields at 5 locations, parks, playgrounds, museum, pool, and sportsplex. At present, Parks and Rec only has one lawnmower and one push mower. Mack has quote for a 52” Snapper mower at \$5895 and a Husqvarna 48” for \$3055. Bommer asked if Frazier Park will be included, and Mack stated it does include this area. Mack stated he and his crews will keep up all parks, fields, and playground areas. Alderman Edwards asked if he had truck/trailer for transportation. Mack stated he has truck and agreement with CPW for use of trailer.
 - Frazier Park has been adopted by Frazier Alumni Association
 - Patriot Park has been adopted by NSA Mid-South CPOA
 - Shelton Park has been adopted by Covington Rotary Club
 - Earth Day 2017 (April) kickoff for adopt-a-Park 2017
- Alderwoman Bommer stated that she believes Mr. Mack has really done a good job in Parks and Rec. Alderman Hadley motioned to accept Mack’s report and Bommer seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Hadley asked if the approval included the purchasing of mowers. Mayor Hanson stated three quotes are required, and asked Mr. Mack to send the three quotes to the Purchasing and Personnel Department.

Barrie Foster – Director of Tipton County Museum, Veteran’s Memorial, and Nature Trail

- Gardening Series in process – will continue on Saturdays through February
- Tonight is Veteran of Month reception – Charles Mason is February Veteran of the Month
- Thursday night is reception for Mrs. Hattye Yarbrough – her exhibit is up at museum and will remain up through July. Her exhibit and reception are part of a month-long celebration of Black History Month.
- Tipton County Pulse – Mrs. Foster will interview Mrs. Hattye Yarbrough tomorrow for another installment of Tipton County Pulse. She has also interviewed Richard Reed (this year’s artist in residence) for this.
- Day of Art – several scheduled throughout the year with first one March 4th. People have already signed up, and registration remains open.
- March is Women’s History month – more information will be coming about that.

Alderman Hadley motioned to accept Foster’s report and Alderwoman Bommer seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned.

Invisible Fence Donates Pet Masks to Covington Fire Department

Special thanks to The Invisible Fence Company of Memphis for their donation to the [Covington Fire Department](#) on Valentine's Day, 2017. As part of their "Project Breathe", the company donated several kits that include 3 masks that fit both cats and dogs. It is estimated that more than 40,000 pets die each year in fires, most dying from smoke inhalation. The reality in most cases is that first responders lack the equipment to resuscitate and save these animals' lives.



Mayor Hanson and Chief Mike Naifeh thank Barney Raborn of Invisible Fence for the donations of pet masks to CFD.



Members of the Tipton County Sheriff's Canine Unit along with Sparky the CFD dog accepted pet masks from The Invisible Fence Company to be used to help save the lives of pets caught in fires.



Mayor Hanson tested one of the masks on Sparky!



Chocolate Tour Huge Success



A record number of tickets were sold, a record number of people attended, and there were record breaking sales at the annual Chocolate Tour on the square – and beyond – in Covington last weekend. It was a family affair and a chance to enjoy the day with friends of all ages. A BIG THANK YOU to the Covington Economic Development Corporation for their work on this year's event.

Chocolate Tour 2017

Historic Downtown Covington, Tennessee

Winners Announced and Success Celebrated!



**Merchants' Gift Basket
Winner**

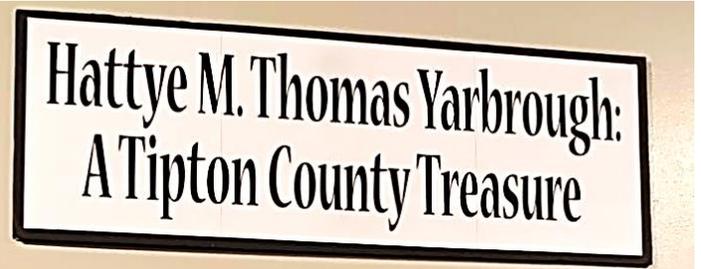
Kori Billings



**People's Choice Award
Chocolate Delicacy**

**Up Town Curls Salon & Spa
Owner, Courtney Watkins**

Local Historian Hattye Yarbrough Honored at Museum



Over a hundred people filled the Tipton County Museum Thursday night to view the exhibit of and reception for local historian Mrs. Hattye Yarbrough. Mrs. Yarbrough mingled among the crowd and welcomed guests (top left). Some of her artifacts are on display in a dedicated space in the museum (above right). Mrs. Yarbrough also has a scrapbook on exhibit at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. Mayor Justin Hanson was the emcee for the reception and he and museum director Barrie Foster presented Mrs. Yarbrough with a certificate of appreciation (right) during the program. Mrs. Yarbrough is a former teacher and librarian. See her interview on [Tipton County Pulse](#).



Dates to Remember

- February 18 – Youth Sports pictures – Covington Sportsplex – 8:30 am
- February 18 – Getting your Lawn ready for Summer - 10:00 – 11:30 – Tipton County Museum – 751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington. Call 901-476-0242 for more information
- February 18 - Unity Within Diversity Gospel Extravaganza 7:00 pm Historic Ruffin Theater \$5.00
- February 20 – PRESIDENTS DAY HOLIDAY. CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED. **Sportsplex and Pool OPEN!**
- February 20 – FREE Seminar from Master Gardener Tom Mashour – 6:30 – scroll down for more info
- February 21 - COFFEE with THE MAYOR – Sookie’s Bake Shop – 7:30 – 9:00
- February 23 – Parks and Recreation Advisory Council Meeting – 6:00 pm – Covington City Hall
- February 24 – Team Tipton continues walk across Tipton County - Cobb-Parr Park – Covington - 10:00
- February 25 – St. Luke Church Laymen’s Youth Rally – 8:30 – noon - scroll down for more info
- February 25 – 62nd Annual Lions Club Pancake Breakfast – CIAA – 6:00 am – 11:00 am \$5 - children under 3 are free with ticket-holding adult(s). Proceeds are used to help needy Tipton County citizens with eyesight and/or hearing problems.
- February 25 – How Does your Garden Grow? - 10:00 – 11:30 – Tipton County Museum – 751 Bert Johnston Avenue, Covington. Call 901-476-0242 for more information
- February 28 - Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting – City Hall – 5:30
- March 04 – A Day of Art at the Tipton County Museum – Georgia O’Keeffe – 10:00 – 11:30
- March 06 – Lifeblood blood drive at Covington City Hall – 9:00 – 2:00. Scroll down for more info



Keep up with News, Events, and Information in Covington and Tipton County

[City of Covington](#)

[Covington-Tipton County Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Tipton County](#)

[Covington Sportsplex](#)

[Drug Free Tipton](#)

[Tipton County Schools](#)

[South Tipton Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Boys and Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region](#)

[Covington Aquatic Center](#)

[Tipton County Museum](#)

Mr. Gaetano “Guy” Critelli is the **Tipton County Veterans Service Officer**. His office hours are ***Monday thru Wednesday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm***. You are encouraged to schedule an appointment, but walk-ins will be seen.

1286 Munford Ave.

Munford, TN 38058

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Fax: 901.837.9141

Email: gcritelli@tiptonco.com

* 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, TN. or on our website at www.covingtontn.com

The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Job Opportunities for the City of Covington*

Accountant

General Summary:

Position reports to the Senior Accountant and is responsible for applying bookkeeping principles to the collection of bills, taxes, and business licenses.

Summary of Job Responsibilities:

Bachelor's Degree in Accounting or equivalent related field

One year management in financial systems and budgets, financial reporting, financial data analysis, auditing, taxation, and advising on financial decisions

Knowledge of accounting principles and practices

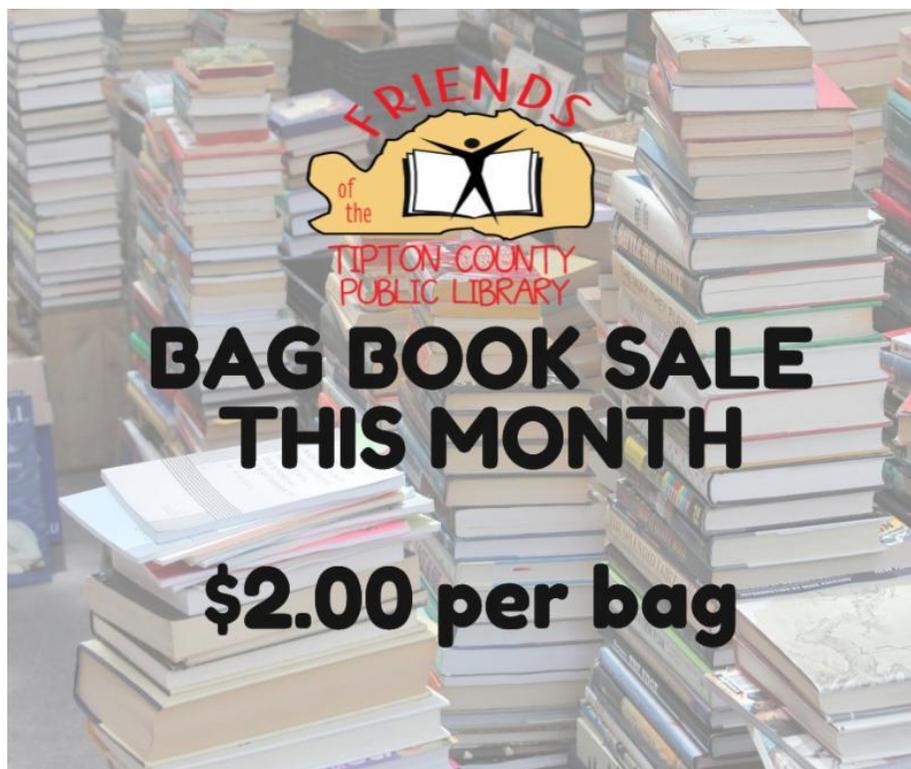
Knowledge of applicable laws, codes, and regulations

Knowledge and experience of related computer applications and modern office practices.

***The above is a partial listing for this position.** Please come to our Personnel Department at 200 West Washington Street or view the listing on our [website](#) for a complete description and application information.

Tipton County 4H Extension Office has an opening for a 4H AGENT.

[Click here for details](#)





Something to
Crow About!



Deborah Smith Walker is currently the dance and drama teacher at Covington Integrated Arts Academy in Tipton County. She has been teaching dance for seventeen years. She is also a teaching artist for the Tennessee Arts Commission. She wrote a grant through the Tennessee Arts Commission, and was awarded \$1250.00. With this money, she took a hundred and twenty students to the Orpheum Theater to see "Rock the Presidents," and they ate at the Mississippi River Park. Jenna Denmark, Oscar Brock, Payton Boyd, Takiya Dowell and Madison Hamm agreed that the field trip was an awesome experience, and they learned about all the Presidents of the USA, their nicknames, pets, and some of the influential First Ladies.



CIAA Dance Troupe and Local Author Pay Tribute to Black History Month with Board of Mayor and Aldermen



Members of the CIAA Dance Troupe performed for Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting Tuesday night at Covington City Hall for city officials and citizen audience. Students performed dance moves to the song [A Change is Gonna Come](#). Lawrence Thompson, motivational speaker and author of [Sore Loser – The Secret Passion Within](#), also spoke to the group.



Chance to
Receive ACT
Test Voucher



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2017 Tipton County Laymen Presents:

23rd Annual Laymen's Movement Youth Rally



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

St. Luke M.B. Church

632 St. Luke Road. Covington, TN 38019

Pastor Dexter Moragne

Continental Breakfast and Registration 8:30 – 9:15 am

Program 9:15 am – 12:00 pm

Lunch 12:00 pm

“Pursuing Your Greater Purpose”

Phil. 3:12-14

Guest Speakers:

Rev. Pearl Andrews (Munford High School English IV Teacher, Assistant Basketball Coach and Pastor of God's Grace Gospel Church)

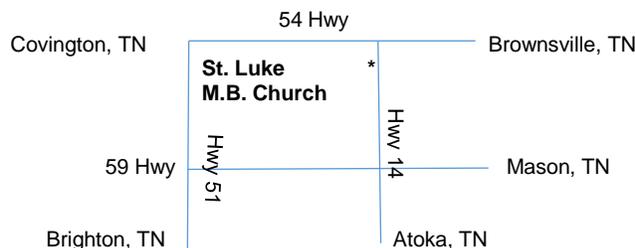
Bro. Ricky Fayne (Former Tipton County Schools Faculty Member)

Message will be brought by:

Rev. Erroll Redwell (St Mark MB Church, Wilkinsville)

Donations raised will help provide several ACT Test vouchers paid for through the Tipton County Laymen's Movement

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Receive ACT
Test Voucher



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Test Voucher

JOIN US AT OUR
**BLOOD
DRIVE**

DATE: Monday, March 6th, 2017

TIME: 9:00am- 2:00pm

PLACE: Covington City Hall

CONTACT: Justin Hanson

[(901) 476-9613

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\$450 PER TEAM

Max. 10 Players Per Team - 18+ ONLY – COED
No Team No Problem (Free agents available)

Season Starts February 28

Games Tue & Thu 6PM



Scan to register your team online

For more information call 901-476-3734 or email
cweston@covingtontn.com

»» don't miss this! ««

The Parks and Recreation Dept is conducting a **very short** survey to help us quantify interest in **Adult Sports**.
Please take a moment to take the survey and share it with your Facebook friends and family.
Thank you! <https://www.facebook.com/covingtonparksnrec/app/126231547426086/>



Scan me or go to Youth Sports on our website to register online

SPRING FLAG FOOTBALL

Ages 4-17



Sign up NOW
Games start in April

Only \$35

Would you like to Coach?
Be a team Mom or Dad?
Call or email us.



Call 901-476-3734 or email Sportsplex@covingtontn.com for more details.

This is a Coed league boys and girls may be on the same team.



Pictures will be made of Youth Sports participants at the Covington Sportsplex on February 18 at 8:30 am
Call 901-476-3734 for more information



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SPRING SOCCER



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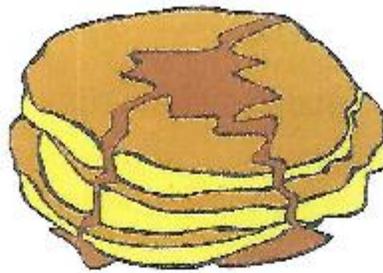
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Covington Lions Club
62nd Annual Pancake Breakfast

Saturday February 25, 2017
6:00 am – 11:00 am

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

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

Get your tickets from any Covington Lions Club member.
All proceeds used to help local under-privileged citizens with
sight and hearing problems.

Donations and sponsorships greatly appreciated.
Don't forget to bring your old eyeglasses (including sunglasses).

DYERSBURG STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OBSERVES

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2017

“WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR OTHERS?”
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WHEN

Celebrating throughout the entire month of
February

WHERE

Dyersburg Campus—1510 Lake Road, Dyersburg, TN 38024

DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at Tipton County—3149 Hwy. 51 S.,
Covington, TN 38019

DSCC Gibson County Center—2071 Hwy. 45 N. Bypass,
Trenton, TN 38382

FEATURING • Ms. Jackie Murray, independent stage artist featured at the Hattiloo Theatre, the Cannon Center, and the Blues City Cultural Center (Memphis, TN), <https://www.jackiemurray.net/harriet-tubman> • Ms. Hattye May Thomas Yarbrough (Covington, TN) featured in the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, and the Tipton County Museum • Christopher Belmont, Owner at Chris' Styling Studio (Rutherford, TN)

Dyersburg State Community College does not discriminate against students, employees, or applicants for admission or employment on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, disability, age, status as a protected veteran, genetic information, or any other legally protected class with respect to all employment, programs, and activities sponsored by Dyersburg State Community College. The following staff has been designated to handle inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies: Equity Officer, equity@dscc.edu, 604 Administration Building, Room 205, 1510 Lake Road, Dyersburg, TN 38024, (728) 286-9228 or Dean of Student Services, Deputy Title IX Coordinator, ts@dscc.edu, Student Center, Room 102, 1510 Lake Road, Dyersburg, TN 38024, (728) 286-9234. The Dyersburg State Community College policy on nondiscrimination can be found at <http://www.dscc.edu/policy/6100>. PUB 03_17_085

**ALL AGES WELCOME
FREE ADMISSION
TO ALL EVENTS**

FEB. 2

(DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at
Tipton County, Baptist Memorial
Health Care Academic Building,
Auditorium)

**Jackie Murray presents
“Harriet Tubman: One
Woman’s Journey” Musical,
curtain opens at 6:30 pm**

FEB. 9

(DSCC Gibson County Center)
**Diversity Dialogue
Christopher Belmont,
11 am–12 pm**

FEB. 16

(DSCC Jimmy Naifeh Center at
Tipton County, Baptist Memori-
al Health Care Academic Build-
ing, Auditorium)

**Diversity Dialogue
Hattye May Thomas
Yarbrough, 11 am–12 pm**

FEB. 27

(Dyersburg campus, First Citi-
zens National Bank Auditorium)

**Jackie Murray presents
“Harriet Tubman: One
Woman’s Journey”
Diversity Dialogue
9 am–10 am**

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Tipton Arts Council presents:

Unity Within Diversity

Gospel Extravaganza

Hosted by:
Tony B. Dickerson,
Songwriter/Musician



Guest Speaker:
Pastor Quinten Barlow



Guest Soloist:
Deborah Thomas



Honoring: Mark Heaston, Dr. Jesse Cannon, Grace Phelps (posthumously) and The, Mrs. Hattye Yarbrough.

Performances by: Gospel Choirs, Groups, Dance Ministries, Soloists.

February 18, 2017 • 7PM

Historic Ruffin Theater

Covington, TN

\$5.00

Music is a universal language and this Gospel Extravaganza will have something for everyone. Adults and children will enjoy music and narration that will uplift each other and the Covington community. The program will also honor local community members who are examples of "What a Difference Uniting Makes."

This event is sponsored by the Tipton Arts Council with partial funding through a grant from the Tennessee Arts Commission



"What a Difference Uniting Makes"

COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

803 SOUTH COLLEGE
COVINGTON, TENNESSEE 38019

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Brandi Blackley
Cetrice Bounds
Ellen S. Clark

PRINCIPAL
Mark McClain

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901-840-9200
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Dear Community Stakeholder,

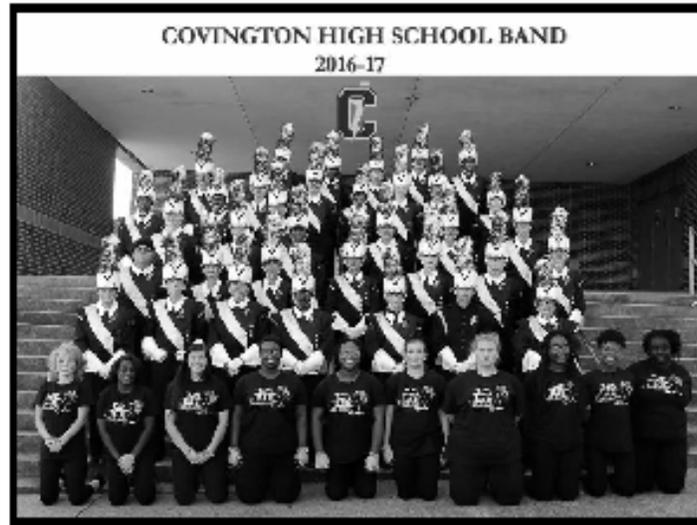
I am pleased to announce that the Covington High School Band and Crestview Middle School Band will soon embark on the next school year of team building, leadership training, and musicianship. This mission impacts the families of our community and can offer great exposure for your business and allow you to invest in the future leadership of our society. For that reason, I wanted to give an early opportunity for your organization to get involved.

Since 2014, the Covington High School Band has earned superior ratings at marching band festivals in the Mid-South and has sent students to UT Martin and MTSU. We also purchased new uniforms for our band giving us a sharp new look. The financial support we have received from our community has given us the resources needed to reach this paramount success.

The 2017-2018 band season is approaching, and our success is dependent upon acquiring the resources needed to continue this momentum. After three years, we have tweaked our annual operating costs to \$350 per student which includes the following:

- 1. Bus travel to games, competitions, & field trips.*
- 2. Marching drill blueprints.*
- 3. Marching, Concert, & Jazz Band Sheet Music.*
- 4. Staff specialists.*
- 5. Percussion heads and sticks.*
- 6. Instrument oils and reeds.*
- 7. Instrument repairs.*
- 8. Registration fees for competitions and festivals.*
- 9. Website hosting and domain www.thechargerband.com.*
- 10. Office expenses: Phone and Copying.*

Your financial gift will provide our students the opportunity to be something more than average and reward all of our hardworking students with opportunities to improve their academic future.



Here is a list of the many ways you can get involved:

1. Make a donation to the Covington High Band program:

- a. \$1000 - Purple Sponsor
- b. \$750 - Gold Sponsor
- c. \$500 - Charger Sponsor
- d. \$250 - Student Sponsor
- e. \$100 - Community Sponsor
- f. \$50 - Friend Sponsor

2. Invest on a monthly basis using Bill Pay.

3. Actively support the band through additional fundraising efforts and volunteering.

4. Provide opportunities for performances.

5. Attend, promote, and recognize the band at football games, concerts, and competitions.

As a thank you, for donations received by May 15th, we will include your name or business in our concert programs, on our band website (www.thechargerband.com), and on our season t-shirt. You will also receive a photo of our band as a keepsake for your sponsorship.

Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of our young people in the Covington High School and Crestview Middle School Bands by providing them with opportunities to express themselves, establish leadership skills, build confidence, work in cooperation with different personality types on a day to day basis to complete a unified task, offer students a balanced education and open doors to university scholarships.

Thank you in advance for considering this request to help our future community of Covington citizens.



**Please contact the Crestview Middle and Covington High
Director of Bands, Mr. Kreston Smith, to make a difference today.
Office: 901-840-9226
Cell: 901-857-3064**

**Please make donations payable to CHS Band and mail to:
Covington High School
c/o CHS Band
803 S College
Covington, TN 38019**

“Enter to learn; learn to succeed!”

Crestview Middle Student advances in Spelling Bee



Lucas Ballard, 8th Grade Crestview Middle student, received The Tennessee Titans Regional Spelling Bee Championship Award from his most recent competition. Lucas will now compete in a Spelling Bee competition at the state level on March 11th in Nashville. If he wins that round, he will receive an opportunity to advance to the 2017 Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D. C. Lucas is the son of Shari and Mark Ballard.

The Tipton County Master Gardeners and The Tipton County Museum

Present

Tipton County Master Gardener

Tom Mashour

In

STARTING PLANTS FROM SEEDS



When: Monday, February 20, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

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

Fee: FREE

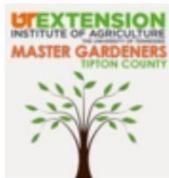
Refreshments will be served & everyone is invited. See you at the Tipton County Museum!

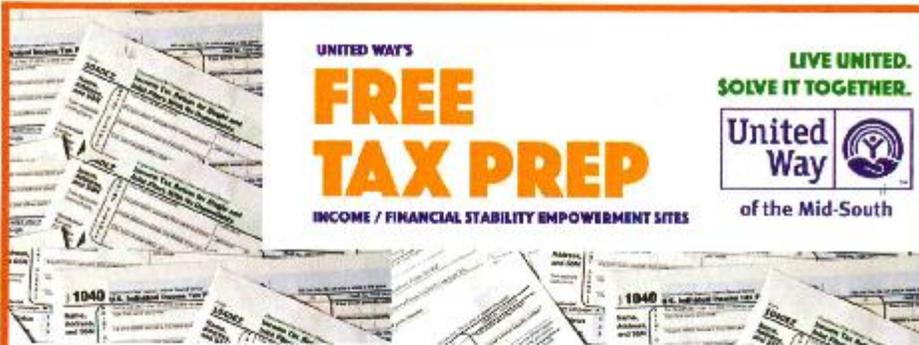
Tipton County Museum

751 Bert Johnston Ave.,

Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-0242





Tipton County Public Library

3148 Highway 51 N.

Covington, TN 38019

for appointments call 2-1-1 or 901-415-2790

January 23- April 12

Mondays, 2 pm – 6 pm

Wednesdays, 2 pm – 6 pm

WALK-INS WELCOME



Covington 
SPORTSPLEX

**Dance your way back into your swim
suit just in time for summer
Every Tuesday @12 starting March 7th**



790 Bert Johnston Ave
Covington TN 38109
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Juvenile Court of Tipton County
in conjunction with the
25th District Attorney General's Office
invites you to attend an
Internet Safety Class



When : March 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Tipton County Justice Complex

Presenter: Assistant United States Attorney Deb Ireland



LOOKING FOR THE NEXT
HOME RUN DERBY
CHAMP

JR. HOME RUN DERBY
2017

OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS 12U & 14U

Your chance to compete during
MLB ALL-STAR WEEK

PARTICIPATION IS FREE

PLAY BALL
U.S. BSA

An advertisement for the Jr. Home Run Derby. It features a central image of a young boy in a black jersey and white pants swinging a bat. In the background, other players in similar uniforms are visible. The text is arranged around the image, including the title "LOOKING FOR THE NEXT HOME RUN DERBY CHAMP", the event name "JR. HOME RUN DERBY 2017", and details about participation being free and occurring during MLB All-Star Week.

HOST:

Covington Parks & Recreation

COMPETITION DATE/TIME/LOCATION:

April 15, 2017/2PM/Whitley Field

CONTACT:

901-476-3734, cweston@covingtontn.com



Tipton County Veterans Council

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 18th, 7-10 AM

Hosted by

Restoration Church

60 Main Street

Munford, TN 38058

All tickets \$6, Children 5 years & under are FREE



Proceeds to benefit the Tipton County Veterans Council and are NOT tax deductible

SAVE THE DATE!

DON'T BE LATE!

24TH ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION
THE MAD HATTER'S LIP SYNC BATTLE

WONDERLAND - \$2,000 TABLE OF 8 IN SECTION 1- FULL PAGE AD - RECOGNITION DURING EVENT AND PROGRAM

ALICE - \$1,000 TABLE OF 8 IN SECTION 2 - HALF PAGE AD - RECOGNITION DURING EVENT AND PROGRAM

CHESHIRE CAT - \$600 TABLE OF 8 IN SECTION 3 - QUARTER PAGE AD - RECOGNITION IN PROGRAM

MAD HATTER - \$300 SEATING FOR 4 IN SECTION 4 - RECOGNITION IN PROGRAM

QUEEN OF HEARTS- \$100 RECOGNITION IN PROGRAM

TABLE ONLY - \$400 RESERVE TABLE OF 8 IN SECTION 5

SINGLE TICKET - \$50 SINGLE SEAT IN SECTION 5

Follow the white rabbit...



SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

6:00 P.M.

COYINGTON HIGH SCHOOL GYM

803 SOUTH COLLEGE STREET

COYINGTON, TN 38019

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE EXCHANGE CLUB CARL PERKINS CENTER
FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE



Covington High School Book Drive

Please donate any unwanted books to a local Chamber of Commerce, business, or directly to Covington High School.



All books will be used throughout Tipton County to promote literacy among students. Books not age appropriate will be sent to other Covington schools or traded in for more age appropriate material.

Thank you for your support of our students!

Please call Megan Young at 901-475-5850 or 901-552-8336 for more information.
She can provide a collection box and pick-up, if needed.

There is a drop-off box at Covington City Hall

What's Happening at the Museum?

Tipton County Museum is Creating *Tipton County Pulse*

Click here to view: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EeM3GTdAosc>

Museum Director Barrie Foster interviewed historian Hattye Yarbrough for the next edition of Tipton County Pulse. Check back periodically for updates and new interviews to stay informed!



Dominique Bellott led the second event of a month-long garden series at the Tipton County Museum in Covington. Scroll down for more information on upcoming events.

Garden Historian Dominique Bellott lectured about Japanese Gardens at the Tipton County Museum Saturday morning. The room was filled with people who are taking advantage of this month-long lecture series. She explained that Japanese gardens began around the seventh century for the aristocracy, and they are just as popular today as they were then. They all have a gate, interesting rocks, and lanterns. Many also have a water feature. Join us on February 18 for “**Getting your Lawn Ready for Summer**”.

Veteran of the Month Charles Mason Honored with Reception



Kathy Dejarlais with the Tipton County Veterans Council presented Mr. Mason with a flag during the reception. Museum director Barrie Foster looked on. Mr. Mason is the February Veteran of the Month. Scroll down to read more about Mr. Mason.



February Veteran of the Month Charles Mason addressed the crowd at a reception in his honor at the Tipton County Museum. He began his service in Ft. Benning, Georgia, and was sent to Vietnam as an infantryman for 12 months. It was during this time that he earned and was awarded the Purple Heart.



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BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE.
THANK YOU.



**A DAY OF ART
AT THE TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM**

Lecture & Painting

Lectures 10—11: 30 a.m.; Free to Members, \$5 General Public

Class 1—4 p.m., \$35 Members, \$40 General Public

No previous art experience required.

751 Bert Johnston Ave., Covington, TN 38019

(901) 476-0242



Georgia O'Keeffe March 4, 2017

"Blue Morning Glories"

Henri Matisse May 13, 2017

"Les toits de Collioure"



Paul Cezanne July 8, 2017

"Maison Maria with a View of Chateau Noir"



Wassily Kandinsky November 18, 2017

"Winter Landscape"





Watercolor Botanicals Class met at the Tipton County Museum in Covington last Tuesday. The classes are taught by museum director Barrie Foster and continue through the end of this month. Call 901-476-0242 for more information.



Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center Winter 2017 Newsletter

The year 2016 was a fruitful one for the Tipton County Museum! On October 11, 2016, the Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial & Nature Center became a **Certified Wildlife Habitat** with the **National Wildlife Federation**. We are proud of this designation, and of our Nature Center, which provides our wildlife food, water, cover, and places to raise their young. Our **Nature Trail** behind the museum is an easy half mile hike, and is a great place to observe wildlife in their natural habitat. The trail makes a large loop, so there is no risk of getting lost. There is no charge to hike the trail, which is open during daylight hours.

Sherri Onorati is the new “**Archivist and Program Coordinator**” at the Tipton County Museum. Sherri is a retired Navy Chief, a genealogist, and a former reporter for the Leader. She has been busy perusing our artifacts, and has added many of them to our military exhibit. This new exhibit, “**More Stories from Home**” is now on display, and contains not only artifacts from the Vietnam era, but artifacts from World War I, World War II, and the Korean War as well. Please visit us soon and see what’s new!

In addition to our military and nature exhibits inside the museum, we are adding a third exhibit in, “**Tipton County: Our Rich Heritage**,” that chronicles the rich history of Tipton County. Featured in this exhibit is Historian **Ms. Hattye Yarbrough**, who taught school in Tipton County for many years. We are proud to recognize Ms. Hattye, who recently donated her scrapbook to the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History. Please join us on Thursday evening, **February 16, 2017 at 5:30** as we celebrate **Black History Month**, our “**Tipton County: Our Rich Heritage**” exhibit, and we honor Ms. Hattye for her contributions to our community. Refreshments will be served and everyone is invited.

The **February Gardening Series** is returning! Every Saturday morning in February from 10 until 11:30 there a gardening lecture in our conference room. On February 4, Tipton County Master Gardener **Sherl Rose** presents “**Grandpa’s Vegetable Garden.**” On February 11, Garden Historian **Dominique Bellott** presents “**Nature Symbolism and Enlightenment,**” which is about the history of Japanese Gardens. On February 18, University of Tennessee Commercial Horticulture Extension Agent **Booker T. Leigh** presents “**Getting Your Lawn Ready for Summer**” and on February 25 Tipton County Master Gardener **Paula Sweatt** will talk about container gardens and vertical landscapes in “**How Does Your Garden Grow?**” Lectures are free to Museum Members and \$5 General Public. Museum memberships start at \$25 and are available at the door. Membership entitles you to free lectures, a 10% discount at our gift shop, and reduced program fees for art classes.

Our **Veteran of the Month** program continues to be a success! We now have honored twenty four Tipton County Veterans for their service and dedication to our country. It is vital we recognize and honor these fine men and women in their lifetime. This recognition stretches beyond the local level; **Tennessee State Representative Debra Moody** and **Tennessee Speaker of the House Beth Harwell** award a proclamation and a U.S. flag that has been flown over the state capital in Nashville to each honoree. The Veteran of the Month reception is held the **second Tuesday evening of each month at 6:30**. Refreshments are always served, and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. If you would like to nominate a Tipton County Veteran for this honor, please call the museum at (901) 476-0242 and we will gladly mail you a nomination form.

Richard Reed is our **2017 Artist in Residence**. Richard is an award winning artist, a retired Visual Arts Teacher from Munford High School, and a member of both the Tipton Art League and the Memphis Sketchers. His exhibit “**A Sketch a Day or More**” will be on display in the conference room beginning in January. You will have the chance to meet him on Tuesday evening, **January 24, 2017 at 5:30** when we have a reception in his honor. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome. We are looking forward to Richard lecturing and teaching art classes in 2017!

In addition to celebrating Black History Month in February, the Tipton County Museum will be celebrating **Women’s History Month in March** with a variety of events. On **Saturday, March 4**, Artist in Residence Richard Reed will lecture about **Georgia O’Keeffe** at 10 a.m., and he and Museum Director Barrie Foster will lead participants in **painting O’Keeffe’s “Blue Morning Glories”** from 1 to 4 p.m. in the conference room. The lecture is free to Museum Members and \$5 General Public, and the painting class is \$35 for Museum Members and \$40 General Public. No previous art experience is required, and we furnish all the supplies. We ask that you do register for the art class, so we can be sure to have plenty of art supplies for everyone. Then on **Saturday, March 11**, Garden Historian Dominique Bellott will be talking about the evolution of women landscape architects in “**Women in the Garden**” at 10 a.m. Her lecture is free to Museum Members and \$5 General Public. On **Saturday, March 18**, Military Women Across the Nation will present “**Women’s Military Service through the Years**” at 10 a.m. This event is free to Museum Members and \$5 General Public.

Director Barrie Foster continues to teach art at the Tipton County Museum. She will be teaching “Watercolor Botanicals” on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8. Class dates are **January 31, February 7, 21, & 28**. Program fee is \$60 Museum Members and \$80 General Public. **No previous art experience is required**. Please call the Tipton County Museum at (901) 476-0242 for a supply list and to register for the class.

Because of the generous support of our members, the City of Covington, and Tipton County, there is no admission fee to tour the Tipton County Museum. We also gratefully acknowledge the support of the Tipton County Veterans Council, Bank of Tipton, Patriot Bank, the Tipton County Master Gardeners, and our volunteers. If you are not already a member of the Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial, and Nature Center, please consider becoming one in 2017. Just call the museum at (901) 476-0242 and we will gladly mail you a membership application.

MUSEUM DOLLARS



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VETERANS MEMORIAL
NATURE CENTER

**At the Tipton County Museum
In Covington!**

Museum Dollars! We now have Museum Dollars at the Tipton County Museum in Covington. They may be purchased for any amount and may be used towards Museum Memberships, our Gift Shop, and Art Classes. They make great gifts and may be purchased at any time. Just call the Tipton County Museum at (901) 476-0242 and we will be glad to help you.

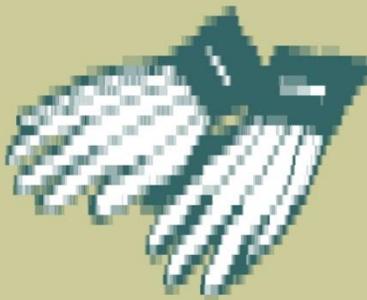
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Successful Gardening—A February Event at The Tipton County Museum!



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ADMISSION PER
PROGRAM:

\$5.00 General Public

FREE to Museum

Refreshments will be served.

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PO Box 768

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Phone: 901-476-0242

Saturday, February 4th 10 - 11:30 A.M.

“Grandpa’s Vegetable Garden”

- Guest Speaker – Sherl Rose: Urban Homesteader, former President and Vice President of the Tipton County Master Gardener Association, founder of the Facebook gardening groups “The Hippy Homesteader” and “3 B’s Gardener”

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

“Nature Symbolism and Enlightenment” - History of Japanese Gardens

- Guest Speaker – Dominique Bellott, Master’s Degrees in Speech Pathology and Romance Languages & Literature, University of Memphis Italian instructor, Rhodes College French Language and Literature instructor.

Saturday, February 18th: 10 - 11:30 A.M.

“Getting Your Lawn Ready for Summer”

- Guest Speaker – Booker T. Leigh, University of Tennessee Commercial Horticulture Extension Agent

Saturday, February 25th: 10 - 11:30 A.M.

“How Does your Garden Grow?”**

- Guest Speaker – Paula Sweatt, Tipton County Master Gardener. **Feel free to bring pass-a-long plants

This event is being made possible in part by the following
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Veteran of the Month for February, 2017

Charles Edward Mason

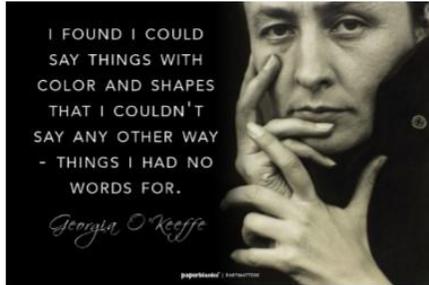
Born in Tipton County in 1941, Charles Edward Mason graduated from Frazier High School in 1961. In 1967, after helping his grandfather farm in Tipton County for several years, Charles was drafted into the U.S. Army. He began his service in Ft. Benning, Georgia, and was eventually sent to Vietnam as an infantryman for 12 months. It was during this time that he earned and was awarded the Purple Heart. The Army provided Charles an opportunity to visit areas of the world that were previously simply names on a globe. In addition to his tours in Vietnam and in Ft. Knox, Kentucky, as a basic training instructor, he served two tours of duty in Germany, two in Korea, one in Honduras, and one in Panama. He retired in 1992 and returned to Tipton County for his second career: 18 years as a driver and instructor for Swift Transportation.

In addition to the Purple Heart, he was awarded the Air Medal, the Bronze Star, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Expert Infantry Badge, and the Combat Infantryman Badge. Charles is a Deacon and Superintendent of Smith Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Brighton. Charles has always appreciated nature and what it provides us. In addition to the enjoyment he received from working on his grandfather's farm, he has been an avid hunter throughout his life. He is the very proud father of three daughters, two of whom live locally; the third lives in Ft. Benning, Georgia. He also enjoys socializing with his Veteran friends over morning coffee at the local McDonalds several times a week. Two of his granddaughters, Teddrianna Morgan and Jacquana Pearson, nominated him for Veteran of the Month.

VETERANS – Clinics are held WEEKLY to provide you with information – click [here](http://www.tiptonco.com/veterans_services/index.php) to learn more:
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MARCH is WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
At the
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