

Unity within Diversity Gala Entertained, Inspired, and Honored



At left, Mayor Justin Hanson was welcomed by producer Tony Dickerson for closing remarks. The CIAA Dance Troupe performed (above) to Sam Cooke's A Change is Gonna Come



Chancellor Martha Brasfield highlighted the work of Reverend Grace Phelps, who was honored posthumously. Keith Phelps (right) accepted Grace's plaque of recognition.



District I Alderwoman Minnie Bommer (above) introduced honoree Mrs. Hattye Yarbrough (right), retired educator and local historian whose artifacts are at The Smithsonian in Washington D.C.





Introduced by his son Marcus Heaston, (right) Mark Heaston (left) was honored for his work in the community. Mark is the CARE Officer at the Covington Fire Department.



Introduced by his sons Jayson and Andre, Dr. Jesse Cannon was honored for his long career as a doctor in Covington where he cared for and healed many people over the years.



Reverend Mario Hayslett (above), also a producer for the gala, addressed the crowd about unity within diversity, demonstrated how equity and equality work together, and expanded on the Golden Rule.



Honorees (L-R) Hattye Yarbrough, Mark Heaston, Keith Phelps (Grace), and Dr. Jesse Cannon sat together on the front row and shared appreciation for the .

Mayor Hanson addressed the Senior Class at CHS



Mayor Justin Hanson spoke with the senior class at Covington High School Tuesday. He encouraged them to continue their education, make good decisions, and stick to their plans of reaching their personal best.

Mayor Hanson and other Tipton County leaders met with Congressman Kustoff



Congressman David Kustoff made a stop in Tipton County Tuesday to hear from local leaders and share ideas. Above right, local mayors, law enforcement officials, county officials, and others were there to engage in this conversation. Above left, Tipton County Executive Jeff Huffman welcomed Congressman Kustoff and introduced him to the group.

F & A Discusses Appraisals, Police Facility, & Slum Clearance

The Finance and Administration Committee held their regular monthly meeting at Covington City Hall Tuesday, February 21. Present were Chairman Alderman C.H. Sullivan, Alderwoman Minnie Bommer, Alderman John Edwards, Alderman Drew Glass, Alderman Jere Hadley, Alderman Mac McGowan, Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn, Mayor Justin Hanson, CPD Chief Buddy Lewis, Margaret Fleming, Echo Day, and Mayor's Assistant Sara Gangaware

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 1:00. In addition to items on the agenda, Sullivan reported that appraisals on the two office buildings on Main Street from Van Boals will be \$1750 each for a total of \$3500. The committee had voted to have the buildings appraised, but were not aware of costs at that time. Alderman McGowan motioned to have Boals complete the appraisal and Alderman Edwards seconded. Alderwoman Bommer asked if there were others who could do these appraisals and stated she feels we should ask for quotes from others who are qualified to do this. Recorder-treasurer Tina Dunn stated there will be some charge from Boals since he has already done some preliminary work. Alderman Hadley suggested looking up the appraisal of those buildings when the city acquired them with the purchase of the First Baptist Church several years ago. Alderman Glass asked Chairman Sullivan if he knows of other commercial appraisers who we might get to look at this situation. Alderman McGowan reminded the committee there a motion and a second on the floor to deal with. Alderwoman Bommer stated she still feels we should seek other estimates to see if we can have this work done more economically. Alderman McGowan removed his motion for further discussion on the issue. Alderman Edwards asked how Boals began work without giving the City a price quote. Chairman Sullivan stated he had asked Mr. Boals to proceed as per decision from last committee meeting. Edwards stated committees vote to take action, but the actual contacts & contracts are made by city employees. Sullivan took responsibility for the action and apologized for moving on the decision. Glass motioned to open the project for appraisals up for three quotes and Edwards seconded. Mayor Hanson asked if the committee would approve moving forward with lowest quote to expedite the process and they agreed he can bring that to a Board meeting rather than waiting for next committee meeting. All agreed. Chairman Sullivan read the motion back and Mayor Hanson stated he will get info back to them asap. Motion passed unanimously.

Pension Funding Policy – Recorder-Treasurer Tina Dunn

Last year in April, we did a resolution for a pension funding policy. Dunn stated we had not originally included some required information, so the resolution was amended and the comptroller's office approved that. Dunn had included the new resolution in today's agenda for members to review. Once approved by Board of Mayor and Aldermen, Dunn will send back in to State. Alderman Hadley motioned to approve this and present it to the full Board at the next Board meeting. Alderwoman Bommer seconded – passed unanimously

Chief Buddy Lewis addressed need for new police facility and referenced a recent study that was done, partial results of which were included in agenda packet. This study was done by [The Center of Public Safety](#). Stockton Reeves of the CPS visited Covington on January 31st for this review. Chief Lewis read a letter to the Finance and Administration Committee from himself regarding the condition of the current CPD facility located on Maple Street in Covington. The current building was built in 1957 and was somewhat renovated in 1998, but falls far short of what is needed today. Chief Lewis asked respectfully for this committee to approve moving forward to build a new CPD facility. He thanked the committee for allowing him to make this presentation and provided them the results of the spatial study done on January 31st. This study sets forth recommendations for our CPD for the next 20 years. Chief Lewis stated he and his command staff have reviewed this document and they are in total agreement that the recommendations adequately reflect the needs of the department. Alderman Glass asked what the recommendations are based on. Lewis stated the recommendations are based on the number of people served, the projections for our area, and the number of employees needed and expected in the next 20 years. The members discussed the projections and the meaning of the report. Chief Lewis answered questions and commented on the needs of the CPD. Lewis stated it would take about \$300,000 - \$400,000 to bring current facility up to code, not to mention the needed expansion. He invited the members to come in and see the current facility. Mayor Hanson stated monies were built into this year's budget to address some of the issues at the CPD, including this study which informed us of our needs now and in the future.

Alderman Edwards stated we need to address the most egregious problems ASAP in order to keep our officers and those visiting the CPD safe. Chief Lewis stated he is planning to move his office to make room for others. Bommer asked about possible locations for a new police department. Lewis stated one location is in the South Industrial Park and the other is

city owned property where the old Covington Elementary School was (and TCCA) on South College Street. The committee discussed these two locations – and several other possibilities - and continued the conversation on the current and projected needs. Alderman McGowan made a motion to authorize the Mayor to develop a plan that would lead to the construction of a new CPD facility within the next two years – particularly as we enter this year’s budget proceedings. Hadley seconded. Bommer asked to discuss the motion, and stated this is exactly what has already happened with the CPS study, stating that Chief Lewis has already had the assessment done and a recommendation made for a new facility. She suggested the motion should be to move ahead with the work that has already been done and not place a time frame on it. McGowan agreed with Bommer saying this committee has already approved the work to get to this point, and now we need to move ahead expeditiously. Edwards stated he would not be able to vote for this today because we don’t know which piece of property on which the facility would be built. McGowan stated the process (the Mayor’s plan as per his motion) would include which location. Discussion continued about the motion, which included a 2 year time line. Chief Lewis stated he is expecting the complete assessment and results from CPS by the end of this week. Lewis stated it’s time to quit talking about it and time to get moving because the facility is an ongoing battle with problems. McGowan expects Mayor to come up with a plan and direction that will show we have quit talking and are taking action. Glass suggested taking “two years” out of the motion because we just don’t know what kinds of problems we may encounter. McGowan stated this plan is a basis for moving forward, but can be amended as needed. Sullivan motioned to remove the “two years” wording and replace that with “as soon as possible”. Edwards seconded that. Committee voted on the amendment to the first motion – and that passed unanimously. Then the committee voted on the amended motion (as soon as possible). That also passed unanimously. Bommer suggested that even though this motion granted power to the Mayor to move forward, she wants to be kept up-to-date on his progress.

Committee Meeting Time discussion – Sullivan brought this issue back up from last month’s meeting. Mayor Hanson stated that Recorder Dunn has called around to other municipalities for research on this, and many different options are available. Sullivan suggested staying with **Tuesdays at 1:00** because those who work can schedule lunches around the 1:00 time. The committee discussed other times, but decided people can and will come whenever meetings are scheduled, and because Board meetings are at 5:30 on Tuesdays, people have evening meeting options if needed. Sullivan motioned to leave committee meetings at 1:00 on Tuesdays. Hadley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Last thing on agenda – slum clearance ordinance – Lessie Fisher.

Currently, the City of Covington doesn’t have a slum clearance ordinance, but Codes Dept is working on this. A Slum Clearance Ordinance is only one component used for dealing with dilapidated properties. Information and suggestions for Covington’s new ordinance were included in agenda packet, which included suggestions from Ronnie Neil of MTAS ([Municipal Technical Advisory Service](#)). Committee studied verbiage and suggestions Fisher provided. Fisher stated that damaged and dilapidated property owners get letters from CODES Department asking them to get those properties repaired or torn down. Alderman Hadley referenced the wording in the Municipal Zoning Ordinance, which is 75%, which means if a building is greater than 75% damaged, it must be torn down. Fisher stated she is working with City Attorney Witherington to make all wording the same throughout our ordinances and codes, but doesn’t have an opinion on whether that value should be 50% or 75%. Committee members discussed and debated the issue. Alderman Edwards stated he was afraid the 50% threshold might make it more difficult on poor people. Sullivan stated he feels the 75% will give the city more leverage and keep our wording the same throughout all ordinances and codes. Sullivan and Fisher stated the percentage doesn’t really come into play until the owner(s) come in to pull a permit. Bommer motioned bringing our wording in compliance with zoning, which is 75%. Edwards seconded. Fisher suggested looking at samples to help clarify. Motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Bommer brought up the street name change that was presented in Public Works. There was a suggestion to put recognition on street sign rather than completely change the name of a street. Fisher stated there are State Laws that regulate that and she has investigated with TML, since we don’t have a formal policy on this. Bommer explained how you can put another sign of a different color recognizing someone on a specific street rather than changing the name of a street. Mayor stated he will have more information for committee in March meeting.

Alderman Edwards paid tribute to Alderman Jere Hadley’s knowledge of city works over the years, and thanked him for his service.

Dates to Remember

- 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
- February 28 – Pancake Dinner – St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church – 6:00 – 8:00
- 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
- March 13 – 20 - DSCC Week at Sportsplex and Aquatic Center – scroll down for more information.
- March 16 – [Tipton’s Got Talent](#) – 6:00 – Covington High School. Scroll down for more information.
- March 16 – Internet Safety Class – 6:00 – Tipton County Justice Center. Scroll down for more info.
- March 18 – Veteran’s Council Pancake Breakfast – 7:00 – 10:00 – Restoration Church, Munford.
- April 8 – [GO LUCY GO](#) DAY in Covington. Race begins at 9:30, live music & food on the square begins at 11:00, swim meet starts at 3:00. Don’t miss this day of fun and celebration for [GLG](#).
- April 22-29 – Clean Up Fix Up Covington. Walk through town on April 29 starting at the City Barn on Ripley Street at 8:00 am



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[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.

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Munford, TN 38058

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* Information in this newsletter is an overview of events. All official minutes and documents can be viewed at Covington City hall at 200 West Washington Street, Covington, TN. or on our website at www.covingtontn.com

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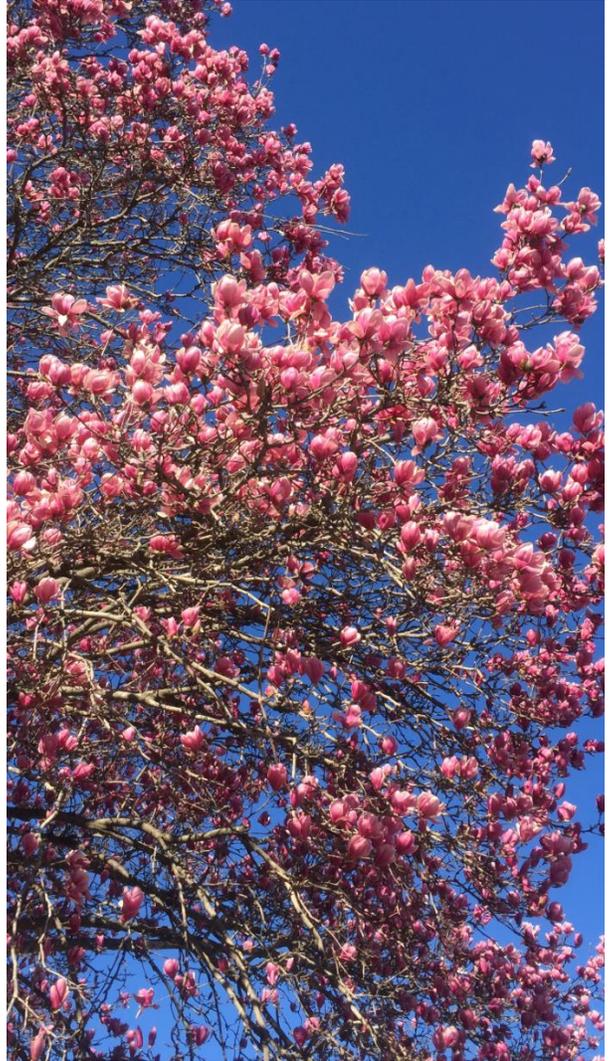
Tipton County 4H Extension Office has an opening for a 4H AGENT.

[Click here for details](#)

Help Keep Covington Beautiful



While we have enjoyed the unseasonably warm weather and the hint of spring it brought, Covington Public Works crews have been especially busy picking up litter. Above, they spent several hours cleaning trash out of the median of Highway 51. They also cleaned up the square one afternoon this week. Tennessee Code Annotated addresses littering in TCA [39-14-502](#) because we know litter has negative effects on communities. Please help us keep our wonderful city clean. Call us if you find areas in need at 901-476-9613 ext 117 or 127. **Clean Up- Fix Up** will take place April 22 – 29 with the walk-through on the morning of April 29. This is a great opportunity to involve civic organizations, school groups, and scouts in keeping Covington clean and beautiful!



GO LUCY GO **DAY** PLANS IN FINAL STAGES

[The Go Lucy Go Foundation](#) was established by Covingtonians Erik and Kate Krull to honor their daughter, Lucy, and to help families whose children are patients at [LeBonheur Children's Hospital](#) in Memphis. One of their most important fundraisers, the GLG 5K-10K is held in Covington every spring. This year, through the efforts of Mayor Justin Hanson, the City of Covington, and the Square Merchants Organization, there will be festivities *after the race*, as well. Mark your calendars and join us on the Covington Square April 8. The race begins and ends in front of the new Covington Municipal Center on Main Street. After that, everyone is invited to meet on the square for live music and delicious food. Race winners will be announced and the festive atmosphere will continue until 2:00 pm, after which the day's events will culminate in a swim meet at the [Covington Aquatic Center](#). You do not have to be a racer nor register for anything to enjoy the music, food, and fun on the square beginning at 11:00 am. Square stores will be open and food vendors will be on site. Please remember to support the work of [GLG](#), and if you'd like to help sponsor the events in Covington this day, please let us know immediately. 901-476-9613 ext 117



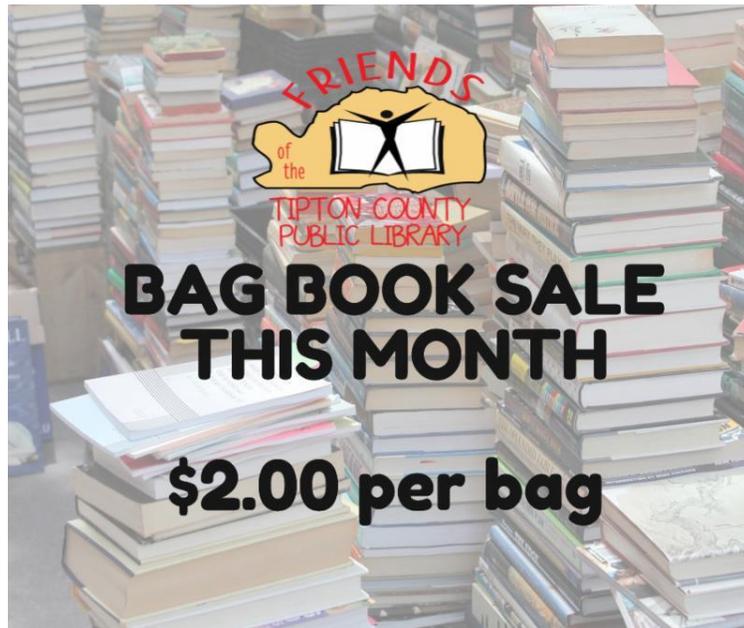
GLG Day Committee making final plans for April 8.

Crestview Middle Teacher selected at Middle School Teacher of the Year



Carole Mathis, choir and chorus director at Crestview Middle School, has been selected as the Tipton County Schools Middle School Teacher of the Year. Crestview Middle School, located on Mark Walker Drive in Covington, houses students in grades 6-8. Mrs. Mathis is known for her grand productions of musical events, her ability to get the best from her students, her love of music, and her beautiful voice. Mrs. Mathis is pictured here with CMS principal Steve Maclin.

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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)

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ALL AGES WELCOME
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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 Memorial Health Care Academic Building, Auditorium)

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

FEB. 27

(Dyersburg campus, First Citizens National Bank Auditorium)

Jackie Murray presents
"Harriet Tubman: One Woman's Journey"
Diversity Dialogue
9 am–10 am

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)

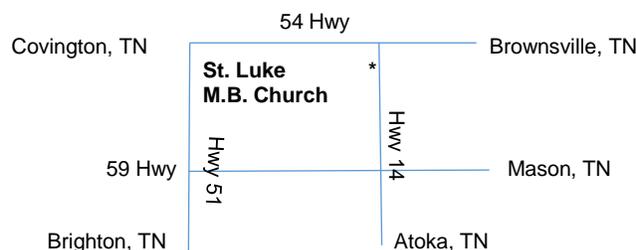
Bro. Ricky Fayne (Former Tipton County Schools Faculty Member)

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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TUESDAY, FEB. 28
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DONATIONS ACCEPTED

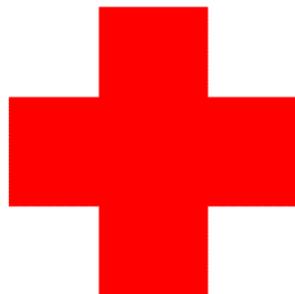
The COVINGTON AQUATIC CENTER is looking for LIFEGUARDS

Please visit our HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT for more information.

A brief description for this opening is below:

The Lifeguard will work under the general supervision of the Aquatics Coordinator. This employee will primarily be responsible for routine public contact and safety work in teaching swimming lessons and serving as pool lifeguard. [CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

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Covington High School Choral Department

Presents

The 4th Annual

TIPTON'S

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TALENT

Thursday, March 16th, 2017

@ 6:30pm

COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL GYM

With Special Guest Emcee

Cliff Marion

Special Guest Performance by the 2016 Tipton's Got Talent Winner

Austin Mason

ALL TICKETS ARE \$5 AT THE DOOR

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CONTACT: Justin Hanson

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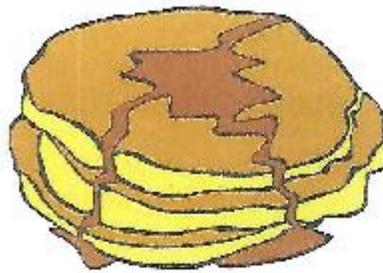
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Covington Lions Club
62nd Annual Pancake Breakfast

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).

COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

803 SOUTH COLLEGE
COVINGTON, TENNESSEE 38019

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Dear Community Stakeholder,

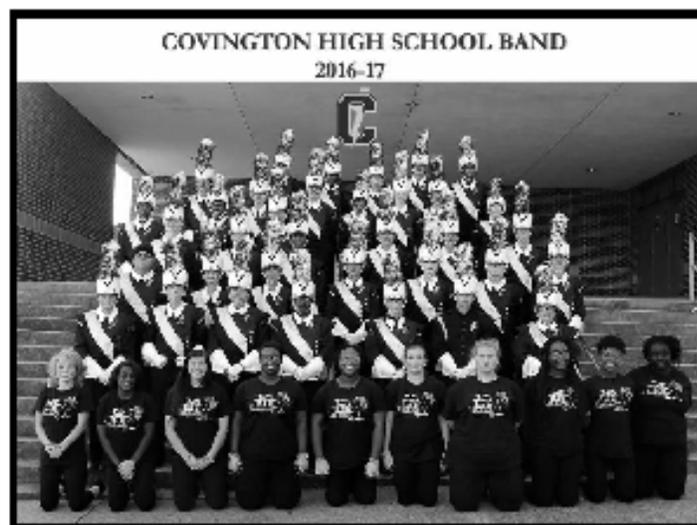
I am pleased to announce that the Covington High School Band and Crestview Middle School Band will soon embark on the next school year of team building, leadership training, and musicianship. This mission impacts the families of our community and can offer great exposure for your business and allow you 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.

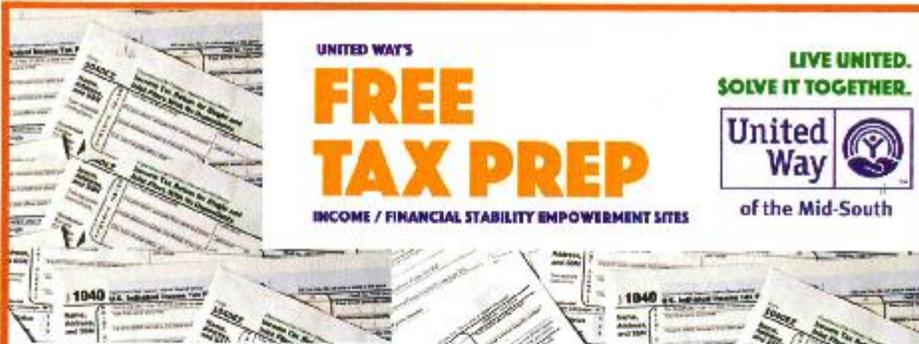
Thank you in advance for considering this request to help our future community of Covington citizens.



**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:
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c/o CHS Band
803 S College
Covington, TN 38019**

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Covington, TN 38019

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January 23- April 12

Mondays, 2 pm – 6 pm

Wednesdays, 2 pm – 6 pm

WALK-INS WELCOME

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



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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

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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

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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

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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!



Calling All TIPTON COUNTY Artists! **We need YOU to enter the** **2017 TIPTON COUNTY ART EXHIBIT,** **"INSPIRATIONS"**

The Tipton Arts Council, Inc. and State Representative Debra Moody are hosting "Inspirations," the 2017 Tipton County Art Exhibit at the Learning Resource Center at the Covington Campus of Dyersburg State Community College. Entry deadline is April 3, 2017. Exhibition Dates are April 18 through August 27, 2017. The judge for this year's exhibit is Julie Pierotti, Curator for the Dixon Gallery & Gardens, Memphis. The Awards Reception is May 15, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:00 at DSCC's Learning Resource Center in Covington. Awards for Best of Show, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Best Use of Color, Best Creativity, and four Honorable Mentions. Entry fee is \$25.00. Entry forms are available at www.covingtontn.com or www.tiptonco.com.

Or you may call the TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM at (901) 476-0242 for a form. Don't miss this opportunity to show the world your *talent*!!!!



TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM
ARTIST IN RESIDENCE
RICHARD REED

Is on Youtube!



2017 Artist in Residence Richard has recorded three Youtube videos with Museum Director Barrie Foster on "Artin' with Barrie." In these videos he discusses principles of art and elements of design. He wants YOU to become a better artist!! Here are the links:

1. <https://www.youtu.be/hBxQ1qFkNac>
2. <https://www.youtu.be/wHilmpnvgFU>
3. <https://www.youtu.be/dEBUXC2w4w>

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February Gardening Series Continues at Museum



In a special Monday night edition, Master Gardener Tom Mashour worked with a junior gardener on starting a garden from seeds. Participants were allowed to transplant some seedlings into "carry out" containers and take them home to jump-start their gardens. The last of the February garden series will be next Saturday and Tipton County Master Gardener Paula Sweatt will lead the session. Scroll down for more information.



**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.

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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"





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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**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.

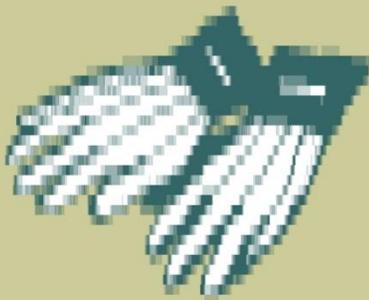
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Successful Gardening—A February Event at The Tipton County Museum!



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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

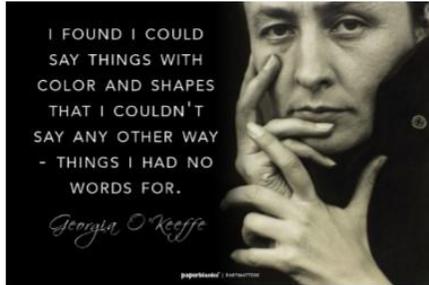
Born in Tipton County in 1941, Charles Edward Mason graduated from Frazier High School in 1961. In 1967, after helping his grandfather farm in Tipton County for several years, Charles was drafted into the U.S. Army. He began his service in Ft. Benning, Georgia, and was eventually sent to Vietnam as an 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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