

# **General Welfare – Park and Recreation Committee**

**Meeting February 11, 2025**

**4:00 p.m.**

- 1) City Attorney Rachel Simmons – Project Play/Castle Volunteers and Lease of Building @ Airport
- 2) Bill Labermeier – Airport Report
- 3) Director Glass – Park and Recreation Report
- 4) Katherine Markley – Museum Report





# Covington Parks and Recreation



# Recreation Happenings

## SAVE THE DATE

SUMMER 2025



MAY  
30-31

53rd Annual  
World's Oldest BBQ Contest



MAY  
30

Demolition Derby



MAY  
31

USA Pullers  
Truck and Tractor Pull



JUNE  
2 - 5

Soccer Camp



JUNE  
9 - 12

Sweet Tooth's Dessert  
Cooking Camp



JUNE  
16 - 18

Stone and Birdhouse  
Painting Camp



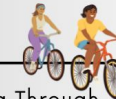
JUNE  
23 - 26

Basketball Camp



JULY  
7 - 10

Hiking and Biking Through  
the Park - Camp



JULY  
14 - 17

Movement Camp - Yoga,  
Tai Chi, & Drums Alive



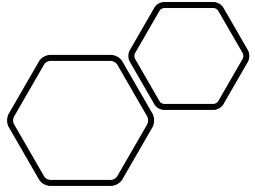
JULY  
21 - 24

Volleyball Camp



**CAMP REGISTRATIONS OPEN MARCH 1, 2025**





# Sports Happenings:

Basketball is in full swing!

Spring Sports Registrations closed  
Monday



# Aquatic Center Updates



Heaters are completely installed and have been piped for intake and exhaust



Electricity will be run week of Feb. 10-14



# General Updates

Attended the Project Diabetes Grant webinar  
Letter of intent due March 7

We've secured a local fitness equipment repairman - will begin routine inspections of all equipment  
Repairs can be made before we have to replace





# SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

**There were no special events items - meeting was cancelled**







Covington Parks and Recreation Director Molly Glass

901.504.8982

[mglass@covingtontn.com](mailto:mglass@covingtontn.com)







TIPTON COUNTY  
MUSEUM

VETERANS MEMORIAL  
NATURE CENTER

# Tipton County Museum



Tipton County Museum Director Katherine Markley





# Tipton County Museum

**Veteran of the Month:**

**February 2025**

**George Michael "Mike" Ray, Sr.**

**His reception is Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**



A Special Thanks to Our Program Sponsors:

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4840

Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Unit 116

Woodmen Life, Neil Bringle



# January 2025 Numbers

---

**Visitors – 408**

---

**Gift Shop Sales \$94**

---

**Corporate Donations \$1000**

---

**Memberships \$125**

---

**Conference Room Rental \$200**

---

**Expansion \$245**

---

**Donations \$20,053**

---

**Credit Card Fee \$7.61**

---

**Taxes \$9.17**

---

**Total \$21,726.17 (January Last Year \$1,893.02)**



TIPTON COUNTY  
M·U·S·E·U·M

VETERANS MEMORIAL  
NATURE CENTER



# Completed Events & Meetings

- Veteran of the Month
- SCV Meeting
- OCR Meeting
- VFW Meeting
- Friends of the Library Meeting
- Helana Meeting







# GARDEN SERIES 2025



FREE for Members /Non-Members \$5



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1st 10 - 11:30 AM**  
*"Crop Physiology: Bridging Research & Agricultural Practice at WTREC"*  
Crystal Ferrell - Grad Student, West TN Research & Ed. Ctr

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8th 10 - 11:30 AM**  
*"Hatchie River Conservancy"*  
Bob Ford - Dir., Hatchie River Conservancy



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15th 10 - 11:30 AM**  
*"Hydrangeas"*  
Vivian England - Fayette County Master Gardener

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22th 10 - 11:30 AM**  
*"Pots: All About Containers"*  
Kim Thorn - Fayette County Master Gardener



**Don't forget, we will have a plant and seed exchange February 22th.**

TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM  
751 BERT JOHNSTON AVE,  
COVINGTON TN

751 -0242





# DIGGING FOR ROOTS

## Discovering your "Lost" Ancestors

A six-week beginning genealogy course

Have you wanted to discover your family history but don't know how to start? Are the family stories you've been told fact or fiction? Do you want to build a family legacy to pass down? This 6-week course will teach you the basics of genealogy to get you started!

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

- Where to collect data
- How to use genealogical resources
- How to cite sources
- How to put it all together

Held each Saturday from 1-3pm  
beginning Jan 25 thru Mar. 1, 2025

INSTRUCTED BY MUSEUM  
ARCHIVIST/GENEALOGIST  
SHERRI ONORATI



TIPTON COUNTY  
MUSEUM  
VETERANS MEMORIAL  
NATURE CENTER

COURSE FEE IS \$85/  
MUSEUM MEMBERS & \$100  
FOR NON-MEMBERS

### More info:

Tipton County Museum  
901-476-04242  
[www.tiptoncountymuseum.org](http://www.tiptoncountymuseum.org)



Click [HERE](https://square.link/u/mxoo3f6W) to enroll online or visit  
<https://square.link/u/mxoo3f6W>  
or sign up at the Tipton County Museum


Do you know the secrets to using FamilySearch.org, the world's largest free genealogy library? Join us at the Tipton County Museum when Museum Archivist and 30-year family genealogist Sherri Onorati reveals search tricks for targeting records and collections relevant to your family history using this amazing FREE resource!

# Mastering Family Search.org

Tuesday, February 4, 2025  
at 6:30-8pm

**FREE FOR MUSEUM MEMBERS  
\$5 FOR NON-MEMBERS**

**More info:**  
Tipton County Museum  
901-476-04242  
[www.tiptoncountymuseum.org](http://www.tiptoncountymuseum.org)



TIPTON COUNTY  
MUSEUM  
VETERANS MEMORIAL  
NATURE CENTER



# F.R.I.E.N.D.S



TIPTON COUNTY  
MUSEUM  
VETERANS MEMORIAL  
NATURE CENTER

# Trivia



## February 14, 2025

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM  FUN STARTS AT 7 PM

\$10 PER PERSON  
MAX 6-PERSON TEAM  
10 ROUNDS  
10 QUESTIONS EACH ROUND

BENEFITING THE  
TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM  
EXPANSION FUND



TIPTON COUNTY  
MUSEUM  
VETERANS MEMORIAL  
NATURE CENTER

March 7  
6:30 – 9pm

# Vintage Board Game Night

★ Family Friendly!

**FREE  
ENTRY**

Bring friends & family  
and play games from 30 to  
more than a 100 years old

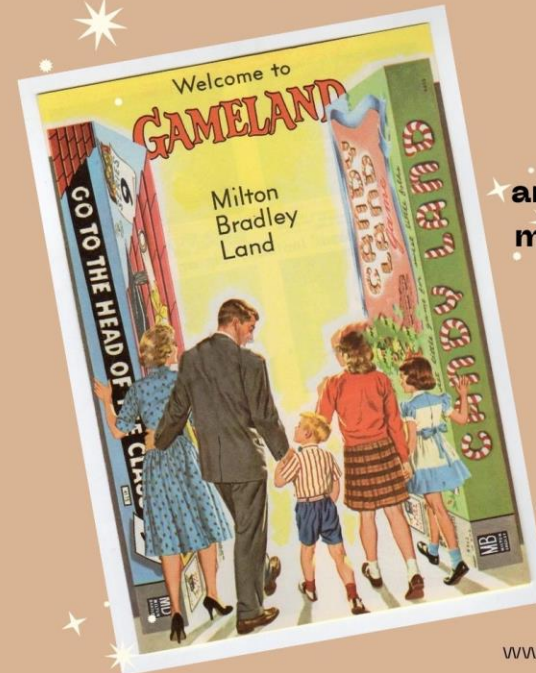
Hosted by:  
**The Tipton  
County  
Museum**

751 Bert Johnston Ave  
Covington, TN 38019

More Info:

[www.facebook.com/tiptoncountymuseum](https://www.facebook.com/tiptoncountymuseum)

[www.tiptoncountymuseum.org](http://www.tiptoncountymuseum.org)





# DNA 101:

## Understanding how to use DNA in your Family Search



Have you taken a DNA test but don't understand what it's telling you? Are you interested in taking a DNA test but not sure what it can tell you? Then this lecture is for you! We'll talk about the "Big 3" tests - Ancestry / 23 & Me and Family Tree DNA

**Tuesday, March 18, 2025**  
**at 6:30-8pm**



TIPTON COUNTY  
MUSEUM  
VETERANS MEMORIAL  
NATURE CENTER

### More info:

Tipton County Museum  
901-476-04242  
[www.tiptoncountymuseum.org](http://www.tiptoncountymuseum.org)

**FREE FOR MUSEUM  
MEMBERS**  
**\$5 FOR NON-MEMBERS**



TIPTON COUNTY  
MUSEUM  
VETERANS MEMORIAL  
NATURE CENTER



**MAR 20 - APR 26, 2025**

**YOU'VE BEEN RECRUITED TO CARRY  
OUT AN INCREDIBLE MISSION - AN  
ROUND-THE-WORLD TRIP IN 60  
MINUTES! IT SOUNDS LIKE AN EASY  
MISSION, BUT YOU MUST SOLVE A  
PUZZLE IN EACH COUNTRY TO GET A  
STAMP IN YOUR PASSPORT TO BE  
SUCCESSFUL ... CAN YOU DO IT?**

TO BOOK RESERVATIONS VISIT  
[HTTPS://TIPTONCOUNTYMUSEUM  
.ORG/EVENTS/EVENT-BOOKING/](https://tiptoncountymuseum.org/events/event-booking/)



**RESERVATIONS  
REQUIRED**  
AGES 5 & UP -  
\$5/PERSON

**FORGET 80 DAYS... YOU HAVE ONE HOUR!**





Courtesy Tennessee State Library & Archives



# EXHIBITS

We are in the process of creating a permanent exhibit of our Tipton County Timeline. Anyone wishing to sponsor a portion of the timeline, please contact the Museum at 901-476-0242.



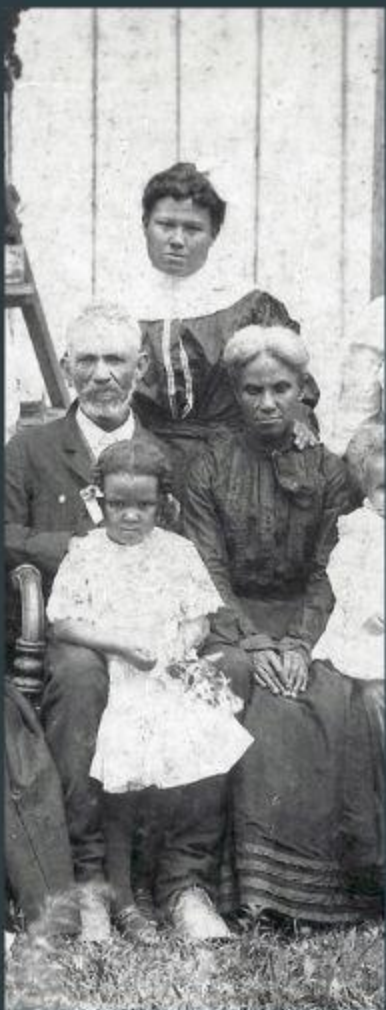
- 
- To stay up to date on activities at the Tipton County Museum, please visit our website at [www.tiptoncountymuseum.org](http://www.tiptoncountymuseum.org), stop by for a visit or check us out on Facebook and Instagram.

3 Sept. 1763

In the Name of the most  
Holy & undivided Trinity.

I having pleased the divine Pro-  
vidence to dispose the Hearts of the most  
Serene and most Potent Prince George the  
third, by the Grace of God, King of Great  
Britain, France & Ireland, Defender of  
the Faith, Duke of Brunswick and  
Lüneburg, Arch-Treasurer and  
Electer of the Holy Roman Empire, &c.  
and of the United States of America  
to forget all past Misunderstandings and  
Differences that have unhappily interrup-  
ted the good Correspondence and Friend-  
ship which they mutually wish to restore  
to establish such a beneficial and satisfac-  
tory Inter course between the two Courts  
upon the Ground of reciprocal Advantage  
and mutual Convenience as may  
and secure the perpetual Peace & Union





TIPTON COUNTY  
M • U • S • E • U • M  
VETERANS MEMORIAL  
NATURE CENTER

751 Bert Johnston Ave.  
Covington, Tennessee



@tiptoncountymuseum



@tipton\_county\_museum

@tcmarchives

[www.tiptoncountymuseum.org](http://www.tiptoncountymuseum.org)