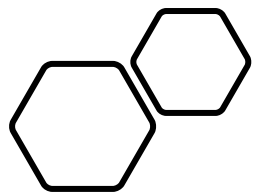


# Covington Parks and Recreation









# Sports Happenings:



## Thanks to our Sponsors:

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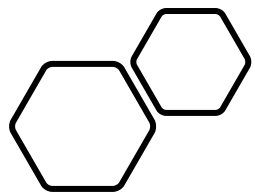
Sonic

The Bank of Covington

Turnage Trucking

Wall's

Wooten Tractor Co.



# Sports Happenings:

## USSSA Tournament

11 10U teams and 7 8U teams coming to Covington

6 Teams going to Atoka (12U)

Games will take place on Saturday April 18



# Recreation Happenings:



54TH ANNUAL - WORLD'S OLDEST  
COVINGTON BBQ FESTIVAL  
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

PROFESSIONAL CONTEST

- ⚡ \$250 - KCBS ALL 4 MEATS (CHICKEN, PULLED PORK, RIBS, & BRISKET)
- ⚡ \$15 - ANCILLARIES
- ⚡ \$50 - ELECTRICITY AT YOUR COOKING SITE

REGISTRATION INCLUDES 2  
VIP WRISTBANDS FOR  
ENTRY TO THE WEEKEND'S  
TICKETED EVENTS IN THE  
RIDING ARENA.

BACKYARD CONTEST

- ⚡ \$150 - KCBS BOTH MEATS (CHICKEN & RIBS)
- ⚡ \$15 - ANCILLARIES
- ⚡ \$50 - ELECTRICITY AT YOUR COOKING SITE

REGISTRATION INCLUDES 2  
VIP WRISTBANDS FOR  
ENTRY TO THE WEEKEND'S  
TICKETED EVENTS IN THE  
RIDING ARENA.

REGISTER AT: 



**CHARGED-UP CHARCUTERIE**



INSPIRED BY THE HOMETOWN PRIDE OF THE COVINGTON CHARGERS PUT SOME SPARK IN YOUR SNACK BOARD! ENTRIES MUST FEATURE AT LEAST ONE SMOKED OR GRILLED ITEM, A TENNESSEE-MADE PRODUCT, AND A CREATIVE NOD TO THE PURPLE-AND-GOLD CHARGERS—WHETHER IT'S A LIGHTNING BOLT-SHAPED CHEESE, TEAM-COLORED FRUITS, OR A PLAY ON TAILGATE FAVORITES. SHOW US YOUR SPIRIT, ONE BITE AT A TIME.

**380-ONE-9**

**ONE BITE WONDER**

A FLAVORFUL TRIBUTE TO COVINGTON'S 38019 ZIP CODE. THIS COMPETITION CHALLENGES COOKS TO PACK BOLD FLAVOR INTO A SINGLE, UNFORGETTABLE BITE—JUST LIKE OUR HOMETOWN, IT MAY BE SMALL, BUT IT LEAVES A BIG IMPRESSION. EACH ENTRY MUST INCLUDE A PROTEIN AND A CARB. MUST BE SERVED ON A TOOTHPICK OR SPOON.



**SNACK STOP REMIX**

A TRIBUTE TO THE HOMETOWN GAS STATIONS THAT FUELED US IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE



FROM TOM'S CHIPS TO PICKLED EGGS, PORK RINDS TO MOONPIES—COVINGTON'S MOM-AND-POP STOPS HAVE ALWAYS HAD CHARACTER. IN THIS CHALLENGE, TEAMS MUST TAKE A CLASSIC CONVENIENCE STORE SNACK AND ELEVATE IT INTO SOMETHING BOLD, FLAVORFUL, AND FESTIVAL-READY. BONUS POINTS FOR HOMETOWN NOSTALGIA AND CREATIVE PRESENTATION.

**FRONT PORCH SIPPERS**

A REFRESHING MOCKTAIL COMPETITION INSPIRED BY COVINGTON'S CHARM AND SOUTHERN EASE

MIX UP YOUR BEST BOOZE-FREE BEVERAGE—SOMETHING COOL, CREATIVE, AND FULL OF FLAVOR. WHETHER IT'S SWEET, CITRUSY, OR SPARKLING, YOUR DRINK SHOULD BE WORTHY OF A SLOW SUMMER EVENING IN COVINGTON'S HISTORIC DISTRICT, WHERE STATELY PORCHES AND SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY SET THE TONE. JUDGES WILL BE LOOKING FOR PRESENTATION, ORIGINALITY, AND SIPPABILITY.



# Recreation Happenings:



May 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

- Events:**
- Bull Riding
  - Bareback Riding
  - Saddle Bronc
  - Calf Roping
  - Team Roping
  - Barrel Racing
  - Breakaway Roping
  - Bulldogging

More information and details about registering to participate will be released soon!



**TRUCK & TRACTOR PULL**

May 30<sup>th</sup>



# Recreation Happenings:



## 2026 SUMMER CAMPS

**Creative Arts Camp**  
Wood Art: June 22 - 25  
Birdhouse & Stone Painting: July 6 - 9  
Pottery Painting: July 13 - 16

**Cooking Camp**  
Breakfast Camp: June 8 - 11

**Outdoor Adventure Camp**  
Bike Camp: July 20 - 21  
Kids Nature Adventure: July 22 - 23

**Summer Sports Camp**  
Soccer Camp: June 1 - 4  
Basketball Camp: June 15 - 18  
Volleyball Camp: July 27 - 30

**REGISTRATION OPEN  
MAY 1, 2026**

**For More Information**  
Call us: 901-476-3734  
Follow us on Facebook: Covington Parks & Recreation

The logo for the City of Covington Parks and Recreation, featuring a stylized tree and the text "CITY OF COVINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION".The logo for UT Extension, featuring the text "UT EXTENSION INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE" and "TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY".The logo for TSU Cooperative Extension, featuring the text "TSU COOPERATIVE EXTENSION COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES" and "TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY".

Boiler began running  
March 28th!

Pool Parties:  
Completely booked in April.  
May has 2 openings.  
June has 2 openings.

**Aquatic Center  
Happenings:**



## Road to 226 in 2026

12 members over 50 visits

Added a new class to the schedule for the summer. Began April 7.  
Will take place at 9:30 on Tuesday and Thursdays

# Sportsplex Happenings





# SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

## April Special Events Committee

### **Rally for the Brave and Taste of Gratitude Dinner**

Location - Covington Court Square (Downtown)

Sponsor - Whitney Vanstory

Date - April 25, 2026

Setup Time - 8:00am

Event Time - 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

- Rally for the Brave is from 10am - 4pm
- Taste of Gratitude Dinner is 6pm - 8pm

Details - Community event featuring vendors, live entertainment, and activities honoring first responders and military. The event will include vendor booths, music, and community engagement opportunities.

Event will have: DJ, Food Vendors, Inflatable, Tents, Retail Sale Booths, Signage

Estimated Attendance - 500

Requesting - Street closure of the east and west court square, electricity, garbage removal, medical staff, security, street barricades, street closure

Contact - Whitney Vanstory - 901-734-5566

### **Covington High School Oscar Night**

Location - The Historic Ruffin Theater

Sponsor - Covington High School

Date - April 25, 2026

Setup Time - 3:00 pm

Event Time - 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Details - Covington High School will host an “Oscar Night” themed awards ceremony recognizing student achievements. The event will include formal attire, presentations, and a red carpet-style experience.

Estimated Attendance - 350

Requesting - Street closure of W. Pleasant at Munford from 5:00-9:00pm

Contact - Covington High School HOSA Department - Julie Ables - [jables@tipton-county.com](mailto:jables@tipton-county.com)





# SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

## April Special Events Committee

### **Greg Delaney Memorial Car Show**

Location - Old Turner Dairy Plant

Sponsor - Jackass Racing

Dates - April 18

Setup Time - 9am Registration, 10am-2pm Show,

Details -

Car Show in memory of Greg Delaney

\*\* Does not take place on city property - came before committee because they'll have food trucks and will expect large crowd

Is not asking of anything from the City of Covington to have event - just wanted to make everyone aware.

### **Southwest TN Electric -**

#### **Sean Joyner**

This will be a PRIVATE event in the park - just made the committee aware of the event.

This will be a public safety training with Southwest on powerline safety.

Will take place in Cobb Parr Park on Baltzer Field Gravel

Date and Time: April 30, 2026 8am-3pm





**Covington Parks and Recreation Director Molly Glass**

**901.504.8982**

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





# Covington Main Street: Tennessee's Sweet Spot

Bringing life, investment, and community  
pride to Historic Downtown Covington.

# March in Review...



Coming in April...

Covington Main Street presents:

# Mornings with Main Street

Let's Talk Small Business

**April Meeting Topic**  
Work Smarter with AI  
(Boost your Business with AI)  
Provided by Main Street Academy

Wednesday | 04.22.2026 | 8:30am  
Crafted Coffee



**REGISTER NOW!**  
APRIL 13-15, 2026

# MAIN STREET Now

# TULSA OKLAHOMA



Main Street Now  
Annual Conference

Small Business Development & Networking

## What's Next for Covington Main Street....

- Covington Main Street board meeting April 21 at 5:30pm
- Required board training with TN Director Kim Parks & TN Asst Director Frank Clark



# Tipton County Museum



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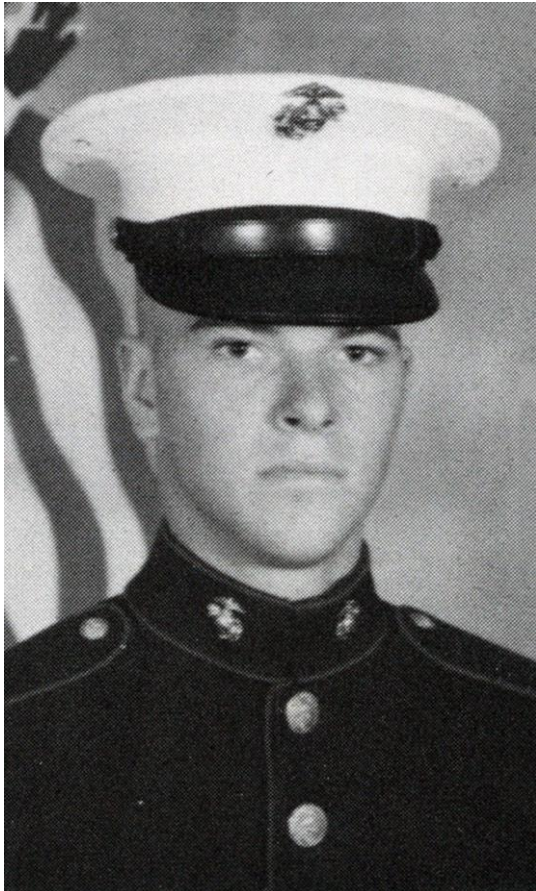
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Tipton County Museum Director Katherine Markley



# Tipton County Museum



**Veteran of the Month:**

**April 14, 2026**

**Randy Anthony Marbry**

**Tuesday, April 14, 2026 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

# March 2026 Numbers

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**Admissions Donations \$110**

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**Gift Shop Sales \$92.50**

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**Expansion Fund \$5,260**

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**Memberships \$125**

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**Credit Card Fee \$15.91**

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**Taxes \$9.03**

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**Total \$5,606.53**

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**\$5,597.50 after fees and taxes(March Last Year \$888.55)**



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**THANK YOU!**

**\$5,000 Expansion Donation  
FOR THOSE WHO SERVED,  
INC.**

Custom: Mar 1 - Mar 31

**150,361 Views**

+18.9% from previous 31 days



**33,663**

Viewers



**691**

3-second views



**41**

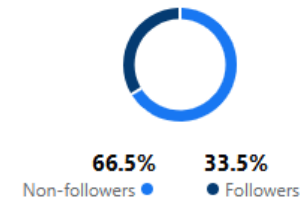
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# What is it Wednesday!



Follow us online  
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Check out our  
"What is it  
Wednesday" post  
and play along



Guess what artifact  
or nature's artifact  
we post



Find out at 5pm to  
see if you were  
right



Learn something  
new and  
interesting!



# TIPTON COUNTY MUSEUM

## UPCOMING | 2026 APRIL - JUNE



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### EVENTS

- Apr 14<sup>th</sup> - Veteran of the Month 6:30 pm
- Apr 15<sup>th</sup> - Museum Board Meeting 12 pm
- Apr 18<sup>th</sup> - Lawn & Garden Expo 9am - 3pm @ Brighton High School
- Apr 25<sup>th</sup> - Cars & Coffee 7:30am
- May 1st - 3rd - Tipton County Bird Fest
- May 9 - June 27 - Case of the Missing Time Capsule Escape Room
- May 12<sup>th</sup> - Veteran of the Month 6:30 pm
- May 15<sup>th</sup> - Trivillennial Trivia Night 7 pm
- May 24<sup>th</sup> - Tipton County Memorial Day Service 2pm
- May 30<sup>th</sup> - Cars & Coffee 7:30am
- Jun 9<sup>th</sup> - Veteran of the Month 6:30 pm
- June 12<sup>th</sup> - Fun in the Sun Trivia Night 7 pm
- June 13<sup>th</sup> - Genealogy: Unlocking African American Records 1pm
- June 16<sup>th</sup> - Hatchie River Conservancy Board Meeting 5:30pm
- June 19<sup>th</sup> - Party w/ the Pollinators 6pm
- June 27<sup>th</sup> - Cars & Coffee 7:30am
- June 27<sup>th</sup> - Craft Day 10am

### CLUB/ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

- **Genealogy Club** meets at 6:30 pm first Monday of the month (call in advance)
- **Friends of the Library** meets every fourth Thursday at 7pm
- **SCV** meets every second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm
- **OCR** meets every second Sunday of the month at 2pm
- **Tipton County Veterans Council** meets at 8 am every third Saturday
- **American Legion Charles Porter Smith Post 237** every third Saturday following the Veterans Council meeting
- **VFW Post 4840** meets every third Thursday at 6:30pm



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BIRDFEST



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Tipton County Museum  
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Covington, TN 38019  
(901) 476-0242

For questions, further information, early registration,  
or liability waivers please call the Tipton County Museum,

## Friday, May 1

6 - 9:00 PM Reception at the Tipton County Museum. Come join us at the Museum for a free BBQ supper (vegetarian options available) and mingle with other bird enthusiasts while checking out the Museum's bird art display from local artists. Be sure to sign up for your favorite events, fill out your liability waivers, and pick up your bird check-off lists!

Stay and listen to Keith Paluso from NBC's "The Voice" and lead singer of "Blood Sweat and Tears" as he talks about birding basics, ethics, and taxonomy, and then sings us a few songs.

DOOR  
PRIZES

RAIN  
OR  
SHINE!

## Saturday, May 2

6:30 AM Arrival at the Museum for morning hikers, sign-ups, light grab and go breakfast.

7 AM - 12:00 PM Bird Hike with Bob Ford, Keith Paluso, Liz Reed, and Jake Yoes at Lower Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge in Lauderdale County. Hikers will meet at the Tipton County Museum and drive to the refuge.

7 AM - 12:00 PM Photography Bird Walk with Watt Wallace, Julie Hartsfield, and Larry Chitwood at Lower Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge. Hikers will meet at the Museum and drive to the refuge.

8 - 10:00 AM Beginner's Bird Hike and bird watching with Dexter Hartsfield at the Tipton County Museum's Nature Trail.

12 - 2:00 PM Break for lunch. Bring your own picnic and have lunch at the Museum. Several local restaurants and fast-food places nearby.

2 - 2:45 PM Backyard Birds Program with Keith Paluso. Learn about local backyard birds, then take a short hike through the woods on the Museum's nature trail.

3 - 4:00 PM Birding/ Native Plants Program with Keith Paluso and Sherl Rose at the Museum.

4 - 6:00 PM Break for dinner. Bring your own picnic and have dinner at the Museum. Several local restaurants and fast-food places nearby.

6:00 PM Sunset Bird Pontoon Ride and Hayride at Fort Pillow State Park with Tyson Weller. Meet at Fort Pillow State Historic Park at 6:00 PM at the butterfly garden, or at the Museum at 5:30 if you prefer to follow us there. This is a limited event. **Pre-registration is required through the Fort Pillow Website.** We will have a link on our website, as well. This event is \$7.00. For those who prefer just a hayride, and for overflow, come along and stay at the dock with Keith and learn about/listen for nightjars and bats. Hayride and hanging out on the dock is free.

BIRD  
ART

BBQ

SWAG  
BAGS for  
the 1<sup>st</sup> 50  
guests

SILENT  
AUCTION

OPEN

Come anytime Saturday from 7:00 AM- Dark for Open Birding, Hanging out in the Bird Lounge, Mingling, BYO Picnic, or to check out the Tipton County Museum and Birdfest Exhibits!



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## Sunday, May 3

- 6:30 AM Arrival at the Museum for early hikers, sign-ups, and light breakfast.
- 7 - 10:00 AM Bird Walk at Turner Game Birds with Ted Turner, Bob, Julie, Keith, and Dexter. Limited numbers. **Pre-registration is required.** Participants will meet at the Museum and travel to the farm. Carpooling is encouraged due to limited parking.
- 10 AM - 2:00 PM Bird walk at Lower Hatchie Wildlife Refuge in Tipton County with Julie, Dexter, Bob, Keith, and Liz with a picnic style lunch. Basic picnic lunch provided. We will travel straight from Turner's to refuge. Those not participating in the first event may meet us at the refuge.
- 3:00 PM: Reelfoot Lake State Park Birds of Prey Show with Jewell West at the Tipton County Museum.
- 4:00 PM Pollinator talk/walk with Sherl Rose at the Museum.
- 5:00 PM Closeout: Silent Auction closed, Raffle, Q&A's at the Museum.
- 6:00 PM Sunset walk at the Tipton County Museum's Nature Trail followed by open birding: Hangout with other birders in the bird lounge, listen to the weekend's species tally\*, stroll through the pollinator gardens, etc.
- OPEN Come anytime Sunday from 7:00 AM- Dark for Open Birding, Hanging out in the Bird Lounge, Mingling, BYO Picnic, or to Check out the Tipton County Museum and Birdfest Exhibits

### SPEAKERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS:

**Katherine Markley**, Tipton County Museum Director

**Sherl Rose**, Tipton County Museum Naturalist, Artist

**Julie Hartsfield**, Wildlife Photographer, Author/Artist, Hatchie River Conservancy Board Member, Tipton County Museum Board Member, TWRA Volunteer

**Dexter Hartsfield**, Hatchie River Conservancy Board Member, Tipton County Museum Volunteer, TWRA Volunteer.

**Bob Ford**, Interim Director of Hatchie River Conservancy

**Keith Paluso**, Author, Singer, Retired Park Ranger

**Liz Reed**, Bird Ability, Artist, Museum Volunteer

**Jake Yoes**, TWRA, Game Warden

**Tyson Weller**, State Park Ranger with Fort Pillow State Historic Park

**Ted Turner**, Retired Agriculture Teacher, Owner of Turner Game Birds

**Watt Wallace**, Wildlife Photographer

**Larry Chitwood**, Wildlife Photographer

**Jewell West**, Reelfoot Lake State Park, Seasonal Interpretive Ranger, Bird's of Prey Show

**Other Birdfest Volunteers**, Clay Hartsfield, Jo White, Jay Hartsfield

**All Events are free with the exception of the limited bird pontoon ride. Feel free to walk the nature trail, browse the exhibits, and walk the grounds at any time during the event. Make sure to bring water and wear comfortable, sturdy shoes. Everyone must sign-up with the Museum and fill out a liability waiver for all events. Different vendors will be set up at the Museum throughout the birdfest. Maps to each location can be found on the [tombirdfest.com](http://tombirdfest.com) website.**

\*We will tally all of the weekend's bird species at this time. Bring your bird check-off lists (provided) so we can include them in the tally. If you can't make it, and want your species counted, make sure to give a copy of your list to Julie, Keith, or Dexter. We can write down your birds or make a copy.



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- Please visit our website at [www.tiptoncountymuseum.org](http://www.tiptoncountymuseum.org) or check us out on Facebook and Instagram.
- Also, join us for “What is it?” Wednesday on Facebook.
- Oh, and please make sure you are a member of the Museum! Every membership makes a difference!



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