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COVID-19 and SUD

by Leslie Lytle
Messenger Staff Writer

"From all research this virus does not survive the drinking water treatment process," said Seawanee Utility District manager Ben Beavers at the March 17 meeting, briefing the board on how COVID-19 affected the utility and drinking water supply.

"The biggest warning to water utilities is wastewater," Beavers said. "Similiar viruses can survive three to five days in non-chlorinated water. Fortunately, we have very little contact with our wastewater."

"On this job you can get hepatitis and other infectious diseases. We're normally very cautious about our contact anyway," Beavers stressed.

SUD's office will remain open, but closed to walk-in customers. Customers can pay their bills at the drive-up window or online. Customers with other business should phone the office to make arrangements.

"I plan to follow state and EPA recommendations on closing," Beavers said. SUD could operate temporarily with a skeleton-crew of one office person, one water plant operator, one wastewater treatment plant operator, and one person in the truck. "Most of our employees have almost three-months sick time built up. I have donated my time before. We'll all get paid."

Looking to the economic impact of the University closing, Beavers pointed out over 50 percent of the University's water consumption and sewer use was non-dormitory.

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Legislative Committee Postpones Refugee- Resettlement- Ban Vote

by Leslie Lytle
Messenger Staff Writer

At the March 6 meeting, the Franklin County Legislative Committee again postponed a vote on asking the County Commission to consider a resolution, in effect, banning refugee resettlement in Franklin County.

"The resolution asks the commission not to comply with Governor Lee's action," Mayor David Alexander said. Specifically, the resolution states, "Franklin County does not want to be forced into participating in the federal refugee resettlement program due to either Gov. Lee's consent and/or being within the permissible placement radius of a resettlement agency office." Alexander initially brought the resolution to the committee in January and the committee postponed voting to gather information.

In defending the resolution, Alexander argued President Trump's Executive Order "Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Refugee

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The University and COVID-19

The University has been monitoring COVID-19 developments closely and has determined that some significant adjustments to our routine are mandatory. With careful consideration and after intensive research and discussion, we have made the difficult decision to move to remote learning for the remainder of the semester.

Spring break will be extended and classes will not be held March 23-27. All subsequent classes will be delivered through remote learning for the remainder of the Easter Semester. Classes will resume—remotely—on Monday, March 30.

The health and well-being of our students, faculty, staff, and neighbors are our primary concerns, and we believe that this difficult decision is necessary to safeguard the health of our community and the many other communities to which we are connected. Read the full message from Vice-Chancellor McCardell and see all University updates < <https://news.sewanee.edu/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/university-updates/>>. The most important steps that all campus community members can take to remain healthy are outlined on this site's Self-Care page < <https://news.sewanee.edu/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/self-care/>>.

Franklin County Schools Adopt COVID-19 Plan; Extends Director's Contract

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the March 9 meeting, Director of Schools Stanley Bean briefed the school board on the school system's COVID-19 [coronavirus] Preparedness Plan. "We want all the schools on the same page, communicating the same thing to parents, and following the same guidelines," Bean said.

Bean asked Bonita Nolan, Coordinator of School Health, to develop a plan. Nolan brought county officials, nurses, the health department, and other medical professionals into the discussion. The plan and Bean's letter to the schools will be posted on the school systems website and Facebook page.

The letter lists preventative measures and stresses the importance of teachers discussing clean hygiene with students. "Educating children is number one," Bean said.

Asked if masks would be available for students, Bean said, medical professionals were "moving away from" calling for the use of masks. The plan, however, calls for isolating a student with symptoms and providing the student with a mask until a parent picks up the student.

According to the letter, an effort will be made to have custodial staff daily wipe down contact surfaces like furniture and doorknobs. At the present, there are no known cases in Franklin County. "In the event of an identified outbreak, we'd close the schools," Bean said.

A more detailed six-phase action plan has not yet been circulated, Bean said. "We're taking it one step at a time."

Revisiting a February discussion about Bean continuing as director of schools, the board voted to extend Bean's contract until July 1, 2023. Bean has served as director for two and a half years.

Looking to another future-related concern, the board heard from Randy Mauldin with TRANE Technologies. Mauldin presented an overview of TRANE's energy efficiency program. Based on a preliminary assessment of Franklin County schools, Mauldin said implementing \$6.3 million in capital improvements would yield \$422,000 annually in energy cost savings, reducing per square foot operating costs from \$1.56 per day to \$1.15 per day.

If a school system fails to save as much as TRANE promises, "We write you a check for the difference," Mauldin said. "If the cost savings are more than what we guarantee, the money goes to your bottom line." The capital improvement cost figure quoted by Mauldin included low interest financing over 15 years and TRANE's 10 percent commission.

"The school system has no financial obligation through the preliminary audit phase," Mauldin said.

The board will give further consideration to TRANE's program at the March 28 retreat.

Taking up policy recommendations from the Tennessee School Board Association, the board adopted a new policy and amended an existing policy.

The board approved the Threat Assessment Team policy recommended by the TSBA after editing out one provision. Assistant Superintendent Linda Foster said the county schools already had a Threat Assessment Team, but there were no policy guidelines. Team supervisor Mark Montoye said the seriousness of the threats the team evaluated and responded to vary widely. The board struck the clause requiring monthly reports in favor of relying on Bean keeping them informed.

The board amended the Field Trips/Excursions/Competitions policy to include rules governing Independently Planned Trips, i.e. trips not sponsored by the school system. Foster gave the example of an outing jointly planned by a teacher and parents. The amended policy prohibits use of school system facilities and funds and stresses the school system is not liable.

The board chose not to adopt a policy pertaining to advertising on school buses since the school system does not allow the practice.

The board meets next on April 6 for a work session to discuss the budget.

Community Response

As we move towards less social interaction, the Messenger is putting together lists of businesses and organizations open or closed status. **The information in this issue is current as of Thursday, March 19, at noon**, which is the time we send the newspaper to the printer. If there are any major updates, we will post those on our website <www.sewaneeessenger.com>. Understanding that many do not have reliable internet service or even email, those updates will also be printed in the next regular issue.

In this issue, for meeting cancelations, go to page 3. For Church News, go to page 4. For community and school news, please start on page 5.

If your organization, business or church is operating on a different schedule and is not listed in this issue, please get in touch by phone (931) 598-9949 or via email <news@sewaneeessenger.com>. We need to work together to keep our community up-to-date and informed.

Please follow the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control <<https://www.cdc.gov>>.

1866 Revival will still have normal hours as of now, Wednesday–Friday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. <www.1866revival.com>.

American Legion Hall is still available for events. Contact Mike Roark at <raco@blomand.net> or call (931) 273-9814.

Big A Marketing is operating with regular business hours, Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. <www.bigamarketing.com>.

Bill Harper has put together an ad hoc group of seven young, healthy volunteers who are willing to run errands for community members who are sick or elderly and don't want to leave their house. Instacart is an online service that can deliver from Kroger or CVS and is the preferred provider for those with computer access. Contact person for any errands or food delivery outside the Instacart service is Steve Simpson <shsimpso@sewanee.edu>.

Bodyworks Youniversity will not hold classes or private sessions through March 22, and will have more information soon. Call (423) 322-1443.

We here at **Citizens Tri-County Bank** value our customers and employees and we want you to know we understand the apprehension you may have at this time with the threat of the Coronavirus. CTCB will continue to be here for you and your needs. We wanted to remind you of all the products and services we provide to help limit human interaction: Online Banking, Online Bill Pay, Mobile Banking, Mobile Deposit, Digital Bill Pay, 24/7 Phone Banking, as well as ATM's along with Drive Thru access at your local Offices for your convenience. If you are not enrolled for these services give us a call at (423) 949-4804 and we will get you enrolled. For info, visit our website <www.citizenstricounty.com> along with all our Social Media sites as well.

Community Action Committee will distribute food to anyone who needs it. Betty Carpenter will be in office Monday–Friday, 9–11 a.m. as usual, but no volunteers will be coming.

If you know of folks visiting the mountain, there are rooms available at the **DeRosset House**. Follow them on Facebook.

Fine Arts on the Mountain in Seawanee will be continuing lessons at the store. On-line classes are available. Store hours are Monday–Friday 10 a.m.–6 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m.–4 p.m. <www.fineartsatthemountain.com>.

Frame Gallery in Seawanee is currently operating with regular business hours, Tuesday–Friday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Appointments may also be made (931) 463-2300. <framegallersewanee.com>.

Franklin County Senior Center in Winchester will be closed until March 31.

Hallelujah Pottery/Full Circle Candles is open during the week, as is the little food pantry/library out front. There are online options for candle gifts and free local pick up for the community. Hours are Wednesday–Saturday, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. <www.fullcirclecandles.com>.

Joseph's Remodeling Solutions is in business to serve our clients and team. They have implemented many new safety precautions. Call them at 598-5565 <www.josephsremodelingsolutions.com>.

Mountain Valley Bank <<https://www.mtnvalleybankonline.com>>.

Mooney's Market & Emporium will be offering curbside pickup at the store. Hours are Monday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Call them at (931) 924-7400. <mooneysmarketandemporium.com>.

Monteagle Seawanee Realtors will be open 9–noon, and by appointments. Call (931) 924-7253 <www.monteaglerealtors.com>.

OctoPi Pizza and Wine Bar current hours are Thursday–Sunday, 5–9 p.m. until March 22. Takeout is available. Call (931) 598-9000 <<https://www.octopisewanee.com>>.

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Letters

THANK-YOU!

To the Editor:

I wanted to drop this note of thanks to the Messenger for publishing such a wonderful paper every week. To do this since 1985 in an industry that is always changing is a tribute to your commitment to excellence.

Thanks to Frank Gladu for his vision and hard work on the downtown village plan. The level of communication and transparency is appreciated by the entire community. As Nashville and Chattanooga grow towards each other I feel that Sewanee and Monteagle are sitting in a perfect spot. Let's be ready as future opportunities present themselves.

Mike Henning, Cooley's Rift

FUNDRAISER SUCCESS

To the Editor:

Saturday, March 7, the Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club hosted the second annual Chili Cook-Off and what a great day it was! Once again, we welcomed a large and enthusiastic crowd. Students, community cooks and professional chefs entered 21 teams. Approximately 200 people came to sample chili and homemade cornbread and enjoy the fun!

The success of this fundraising event is shared by many. I'd like to thank all of you. From our sponsors to ticket buyers to the people and businesses who donated services and items for the event, I am in awe of your generosity. A special thank you to our judges – John McCardell, Karl Sjolund, Henry Lodge, Caroline Sweetin and Nellie

Fagan for your tasting and professionalism in selecting the prize winning chilis! First place was award to Theta Kappa Phi Sorority; second place award went to Good Night and Have a Pleasant Tomorrow; and third place went to The Blue Chair/Tavern. People's Choice Award was won overwhelmingly by Enrique Madico's Latin American Chili.

Thank you to our generous sponsors: Habanero sponsors - University of the South Board of Regents, Lodge Manufacturing, and Richard Courtney of Fridrich & Clark. Cayenne sponsors - Woody's Bicycles and John and Bonnie McCardell. Jalapeno sponsors – Goodson Wealth Management, Sewanee Summer Music Festival, Tower Bank, Jessica and Joey Falavero, and Charlie and Melanie Kettle. Chili sponsors – Monteagle Wine & Spirits, Village Wine & Liquors, Sewanee Market, Anne Chenoweth/Village Realtors, The Frame Gallery, Sewanee Inn, Blue Oak Projects, LLC, Janet Cooper, Bob Askew Art, University Realty, Jay & Laurie Fisher, Rhea & Nancy Bowden, Greg Maloof, Jodi McCullah, John & Kathy Solomon, Rich Wyckoff, Studio Interiors, Inc., May Kamalick, John & Tan Hille, Amy Burns, Kathy Henslee, Dan & Carolyn Hatfield, Citizens Tri County Bank, Monteagle Inn & Retreat Center.

Many thanks to The Blue Chair and Tavern, Chef Rick at McClurg Dining Hall, and Mountain Goat Market for donating gifts in kind.

Heartfelt thanks to all the members of our Rotary Club and the University Rotaract Club for making this event successful. The energy that you brought to the fundraiser was appreciated. Every-

one was dedicated to making this fundraiser a huge success.

Kathy Henslee, 2020 Chili Cook-Off Chairman, Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

HIGHWAY LITTER

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my concern over the litter along the roads of our community—Sewanee and Monteagle. We live in a beautiful place, but that beauty is marred by plastics, aluminum, glass, and larger household items that are carelessly tossed from vehicles or tumble from the backs of pick-up trucks. I have lived in eight states over my lifetime, but rarely have I observed the amount of litter that I see everyday in the Sewanee area, particularly along Highway 156 and 41A.

Whose responsibility is this? According to the signs, the penalty for littering is now \$3,000 which is unenforcible. It's sad that trash interferes with the beauty of our world.

Emily Herman, Sewanee

SHOP LOCAL AND STAY HEALTHY

To the Editor:

The Sewanee Business Association wants you to know that our businesses in Sewanee care about you and your family's health and well being. All of our businesses are taking monumental steps in securing everyone's well being. You may hear from some of them in the near future with their specific steps. We are here for you and open for business. We value your support and look forward to seeing you.

Ed Hawkins, on behalf of the SBA

REFUGEES

To the Editor:

By executive order, local municipalities can refuse to accept refugees. Governor Bill Lee proclaimed that Tennessee would continue to settle refugees. Our county mayor, David Alexander, introduced a resolution that Franklin County would not accept refugees. Many of you received an inaccurate and misleading mailer blaming "an unchecked wave of refugees flooding our county" on my fellow commissioners: Barbara Finney, Johnny Hughes, and Chuck Stines. All these commissioners did was vote, in the March 6 Legislative Committee meeting, to postpone the full commission vote until April, by which time, we could get legal



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counsel. Even though this issue was supposed to be voted on at the April meeting, it was introduced at the March meeting and, unfortunately, passed. Even though it has already passed, these are my objections to the resolution:

My grandparents were refugees fleeing Russian pogroms. There is no more loyal American than a refugee allowed safe harbor. People like our mayor have always tried to stop refugees (the Irish in the 1840s, Jews in the early 1900s, Vietnamese in the 1970s), and yet they made a foothold in this country, started businesses, and made valuable contributions.

Mayor Alexander's claim that refugees would bankrupt our schools, jails, and hospitals is false. The more students enrolled in our schools, the more funding our county schools get from the State of Tennessee. Rural hospitals are closing down because of the refusal to expand Medicaid, not because of refugees. Immigrants are not swamping our jails. The racial breakdown of the prison population perfectly mirrors that of Franklin County as a whole. SNAP and other benefits are federal, not county. In fact, a Notre Dame study reveals that, over time, refugees pay more in sales and income taxes than they receive.

To qualify for the refugee settlement, a person must come here legally, go through the proper channels, and be exhaustively vetted, so these refugees are not "illegals."

Helen Stapleton, County Commissioner, District 5, Seat B

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Forrest McBee
Andrew Midgett
Jose D. Ramirez III
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Zachary Sherrill
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If you know of others in our Mountain family who are serving our country, please give their names to American Legion and Auxiliary member Louise Irwin, 598-5864.



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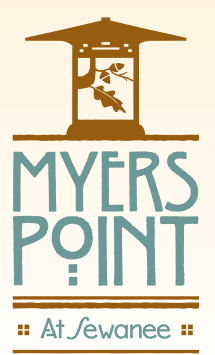




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Community (from page 1)

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Regions Bank In the interest of public health, to reduce the spread of the virus, and remain available for our customers, Regions will move all branch locations to a pandemic control service model. This will allow us to remain open to serve our customers and remain vigilant in the fight against the Coronavirus Pandemic. Effective Thursday, March 19, Regions will adjust the following ways we do business:

Lobby service will be by appointment only, which may be made via regions.com, the Contact Center (1-800-Regions), or speaking with a branch associate. This will allow Regions to limit lobby exposure to both customers and non-customers. Regions Sewanee Branch can be reached directly by telephone at (931) 463-3960.

Drive-thru service will remain available to complete all customer transactions typically completed via drive-thru. In addition, to accommodate a broader customer base, we will implement some temporary service extensions, including some services for certain non-customers.

ATMs will remain available to process transactions, unless the machine is inside a branch lobby or otherwise closed building.

Sewanee Inn The restaurant at the Sewanee Inn will offer takeout only (and room service for Inn guests) through Sunday night. The bar and restaurant area will be closed during this period <<https://sewanee-inn.com>>.

Sewanee Realty will keep their office open. Call (931) 952-2468 if you would like to make an appointment. <www.sewaneerealty.com>.

Shenanigans in Sewanee will remain open with a modified schedule. Hours are Monday–Friday, 11 a.m.–9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.–8 p.m. There are takeout and some home delivery options. Call (931) 598-5774 <<http://www.shenanigans1974.com>>.

Signature HealthCARE in Monteagle has canceled all volunteers and visitors until further notice.

South Cumberland Farmers' Market is offering Tuesday market pickup at curbside. Ordering takes place each week from Friday at 9 p.m. to Monday at 10 a.m. at <<https://sewanee.locallygrown.net>>. There is also an option for home delivery.

Taylor's Mercantile is currently on spring break. <www.taylorsmercantile.com>.

St. Mary's Sewanee is closed to

the public. For information about St. Mary's Sewanee's policies for rescheduling or cancelling reservations or retreats, please go online to <www.stmaryssewanee.org>, email <reservations@stmaryssewanee.org> or call (931) 598-5342.

Tea on the Mountain in Tracy City is taking all the necessary precautions, and is currently open for business as usual, Thursday–Saturday, 11:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Call (931) 592-4832.

The Blue Chair in Sewanee is currently operating with a normal schedule. There are takeout options available. Call 598-5434. <<http://www.thebluechair.com>>.

The Lemon Fair is closing the store for in-person shopping. There is an option to shop online <www.thelemonfair.com>.

The Sewanee Community Center is suspending all activities until April.

The Sewanee Mountain Messenger will still be delivered to area post offices and businesses, and available online, on Fridays. The office is currently closed to visitors. Call us at 598-9949, or send an email to <news@sewaneemessenger.com>. <www.sewaneemessenger.com>.

The Sewanee Senior Center will be serving meals until further notice, only offering takeout and delivery to shut-ins until April 3. Please call 598-0771 by 9 a.m. to order lunch, Monday–Friday. Until the end of April, the following activities will not meet: Exercise Class, Bingo, and Game Day.

Tower Bank If you have any questions about our pandemic operational plans, please don't hesitate to email us at <customerservice@TowerCommunityBank.com>. <<https://www.towercommunitybank.com>>.

University Realty in Sewanee is open regular hours and is offering virtual tours for clients who do not want to walk into multiple houses. Call (931) 598-9244. <www.sewaneehouses.com>.

Woody's Bicycles in Sewanee will remain open Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Call 598-9793, <<https://www.woodysbicycles.com>>.

From Folks at Home

Folks at Home's mission continues to be helping our folks to live at home with dignity.

The current coronavirus pandemic will challenge us, just as it is challenging other organizations in our community.

Absent widely available testing in our community and the surrounding area, we face balancing the support for our members and the safety of our staff and volunteers.

To this end:

Though working from home, staff will be available as usual by telephone (931-598-0303) and by email <folksathomesewanee@gmail.com>.

Durable Medical Equipment checkouts continue to be available — just call or email to make arrangements.

In light of the critical need to minimize person-to-person contact, all F@H classes and group activities are suspended.

To minimize close person-to-person contact between drivers and members, transportation services are curtailed.

Members are urged to contact their doctor/clinic/hospital regarding an existing medical appointment for advice as to whether it should be rescheduled to a later date. Obvious emergency situations should be handled as usual by calling 911.

Folks at Home can place grocery orders through Kroger in Decherd. Payment and delivery options can be adjusted to meet member needs.

Folks at Home can assist in placing orders through Amazon. Again, payment and delivery options can be adjusted to meet member needs.

CVS Monteagle Pharmacy offers delivery services.

From its founding, Folks at Home has committed to doing its best to meet the needs of all community residents, members and non-members. We reaffirm that commitment in the days ahead.

Do not hesitate to reach out to us by phone or by email.

Upcoming Meetings

Coffee with the Coach

Coffee with the Coach will be canceled until further notice.

EQB Club

The EQB meetings will be canceled the remainder of the semester.

Free Tax Prep

The IRS-certified BetterFi and Sewanee Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program will postpone the March 25 and March 28 sessions. More information will be available soon.

Hazardous Waste Collection

The Franklin County Solid Waste Management facility on Joyce Lane has canceled its annual Hazardous Waste Event.

Rotary Club Meetings

The Grundy County Rotary Club meetings are canceled through March 30.

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club meetings are canceled through April 2.

Sewanee Community Council

The Sewanee Community Council will not meet in March. The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday, April 20, at 7 p.m. at the Senior Citizens' Building.

Other Closures

Franklin County Chamber of Commerce events <<https://www.franklincountychamber.com>>. **Downtown Winchester** program events are currently canceled.

In-person court proceedings are suspended through March 31. Many state and local governments offer a way to conduct business online.

Franklin County Government is currently closed to all in-person business through March 31. You may call the offices, email, or pay online <<http://www.franklincotn.us>>.

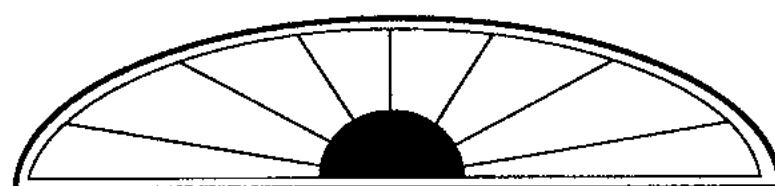
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Marion County Government is closed to all in-person business until March 25. You may call the offices, email, or pay online <www.marioncountyttn.net>.

Hospitality Shop Closed

The Hospitality Shop has made the decision to close temporarily. The safety and well being of our volunteers and dedicated customers are our first and foremost concern. By closing, we hope we can reduce the risk of further spreading COVID-19.

We are asking the public to refrain from dropping off donations during this time. We look forward to your future donations.



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Church News

All Saints' Chapel

In consultation with University Chancellor Skirving and Vice-Chancellor McCardell, I am suspending worship in All Saints' Chapel for Sunday, March 22, and Sunday, March 29.

On March 17, Bishop Bauerschmidt announced this same directive for congregations in the Diocese of Tennessee. The safety of our communities is now our highest priority.

We do not take these measures lightly. Worship is central to our identity as Christians. We take this action to decrease the possibility of exposing members of our community to COVID-19, the aggressive coronavirus now spreading across the country.

Please know that the chapel staff is dedicated to resuming worship when this is wise and timely. We will also look for opportunities to sustain community in this time of crisis.

Christ Church Monteagle

Christ Church Monteagle, in light of the advice of the medical community and others, is canceling our services for Sunday, March 22, and Sunday, March 29. Hopefully, we will have better news by that time. None of us have lived through such a widespread pandemic, and it has brought confusion and complexity to our lives. Social media, like Facebook, can be either a way of encouraging each other, or a source of misinformation and fear. On-line services and the old-fashioned land line are additional ways of keeping in touch.

Morton Memorial UMC Suspend Services and Activities Through March

In 2 Timothy 1:7, Paul tells us, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." This is a time for us to use our power, love, and sound minds to act rationally but decisively to help keep those most vulnerable to COVID-19 safe and cared for by slowing its spread.

In accordance with the CDC guidelines about social distancing, then, Pastor Jodi McCullah and the leadership team of Morton Memorial UMC has announced the suspension of all activities on the MMUMC campus through the end of the month. We will rely on technology to keep us together and sermons will be available online. We may offer more resources there. Our website address is www.mortonmemorialumc.com. We also have a Facebook page and we will work to keep everyone informed. After this initial suspension, the situation will be revisited and extended if deemed necessary.

The weekly Al-Anon group that meets at 6 p.m. each Thursday in the MMUMC Wesley House, and the AA (open) Meeting that meets at 6:30 p.m. each Sunday in the Wesley House, are both still planning to meet on a "week-by-week" basis.

Otey Parish

This Sunday worship will take place online on Otey's Facebook

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Obituaries

Irene Ruth Dorothy Johnson Hamer

Irene Ruth Dorothy Johnson Hamer, age 90 of Sewanee, died on March 6, 2020, at her home. She was born on June 29, 1929, in Boston, Mass., the youngest of six children, in a Swedish immigrant family. She was a world traveler, witnessed the rebuilding of Germany, France and Austria after World War II, and after retirement, she and her husband moved to Sewanee in 1991. She was a longtime member of the Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace, served as a regular volunteer at the Hospitality Shop and assisted with Sewanee's July Fourth celebrations. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John and grandson, Cameron Lisse.

She is survived by her children, Fritz, (Jane Britton) of Columbia, S.C., Linnea, (Darren Lisse) of Alexandria, Va., and Richard (Nese Sen) of Suleymankoy, Turkey, and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Otey Parish Church. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Animal Harbor, Winchester, Tenn. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

Deborah Jean Morris Henley

Deborah Jean Morris Henley, age 65 of Winchester, passed away on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at Southern Tennessee Regional Health Systems. She was born on June 29, 1954, in Franklin County, to Walter and Clara Stubblefield Morris. She had been employed as a cook at Franklin County High School and Delmet. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Martha McBee, Ola Mae "Sissy" Pack, and Louise Wynne; and brother Jimmy "Pod" Morris.

She is survived by her sons, Loren (Stacey) Henley, Randall Henley, and Tony Henley; sisters Ann (Darrel) Neal of Sherwood, Polly (Warney) Guess of Anderson, Tenn., and Faye (Jerry) Guess of Stevenson, Ala.; brothers Buddy (Nancy) Morris of Stevenson, Ala., and Lee (Ruby) Morris of Ringgold, Ga., seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were on March 19 from the Moore-Cortner Chapel with Bro. Johnny Stevens officiating. Interment followed in Cumberland Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.



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Church Calendar

All Saints' Chapel

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8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Monday–Friday
12:25 p.m. Daily Lenten Eucharist, St. Augustine's
4 p.m. Evening Prayer, Monday–Friday

(Regular schedule of daily services will remain suspended until further notice))

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle (will hold services March 22)

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
5:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday
5:30 p.m. Evening Worship, Wednesday
Chapman Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Pelham
9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday
6 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday
7 p.m. Bible study, Wednesday

Christ Church, Monteagle (canceled until further notice)

10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday
noon Holy Eucharist, Wednesday

Christ Episcopal Church, Alto (services cancelled until further notice)

10 a.m. Stations of the Cross, Sundays in Lent

Christ Episcopal Church, Tracy City (services cancelled until further notice)

10 a.m. Adult Bible Study, Sunday
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (child care provided), Sunday

Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd (services cancelled until further notice)

9 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday
11 a.m. Bible Study, Wednesday
6:30 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Cowan Fellowship Church

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan
10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday
11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Epiphany Mission Church, Sherwood (services cancelled until further notice)

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday
First Baptist Church, Cowan

9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
10:25 a.m. Worship, Sunday

6 p.m. Worship, Sunday

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

10 a.m. Mass, Sunday
2 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday
9 a.m. Communion, Monday, Wednesday
9 a.m. Mass, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
7 p.m. Spanish Mass, Thursday
4 p.m. Confession, Saturday
5 p.m. Mass, Saturday

Grace Fellowship Church

10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Worship Service, Sunday

Harrison Chapel Methodist Church

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
5 p.m. Worship Service, Sunday
7 p.m. Worship Service, Wednesday

Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City (will hold services until further notice)

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday
5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Evening Service, Wednesday

Midway Baptist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
10:45 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Midway Church of Christ

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday
11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

Monteagle Church of Christ

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle First Baptist Church

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
5 p.m. Kids Church, Wednesday
5:45 p.m. Youth Group, Wednesday
6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle Seventh-Day Adventist

11 a.m. Worship, Saturday

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle (all services/meetings cancelled until further notice)

9:30 a.m. Book discussion, Wesley House, Sunday
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
5:15 p.m. Wednesday Suppers, Wednesday
6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

11 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

New Beginnings Church, Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday
5 p.m. Worship Service, Sunday

New Beginnings Church, Pelham

9:45 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

New Creations Ministries

4 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Sunday

New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan

11 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

Otey Memorial Parish Church (FB online services until April 1)

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday
9:45 a.m. Christian Formation, Sunday
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Monday–Friday
4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer, Monday–Friday
7 p.m. Centering Prayer, Monday
noon Lenten Series, Tuesday during Lent

Pelham United Methodist Church (services cancelled until further notice)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

St. Agnes' Episcopal Church, Cowan (services cancelled March 22 and 29)

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. James Episcopal Church

(services cancelled March 22 and March 29)

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday
10:30 a.m. Adult Education, Sundays in Lent

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto (will hold services March 22)

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

Sisters of St. Mary's Convent

(Convent and chapel closed March 14–21)

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday
5 p.m. Evensong, Sunday
7 a.m. Morning Prayer, Tuesday–Friday
7:30 a.m. Eucharist, Tuesday–Friday
noon Stations of the Cross, Friday
5 p.m. Evening Prayer, Tuesday–Sunday
7:45 p.m. Compline, Tuesday–Friday
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Saturday
8 a.m. Eucharist, Saturday

St. Mary's Sewanee

(all activities cancelled through March 31)

3:30 p.m. Centering Prayer, Tuesday
4 p.m. Centering Prayer, McRae Room, Wednesday

Tracy City First Baptist Church (services cancelled until further notice)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday
6 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday
6:30 p.m. Gospel Project for Children, Wednesday
6:30 p.m. Youth, Wednesday
7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Wednesday

Tracy City First United Methodist (services cancelled until further notice)

8:30 a.m. Early Service, Sunday
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
11 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday
6 p.m. Evening Bible Study, Sunday
5:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship, Wednesday

Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester (services cancelled until further notice)

9:15 a.m. Adult Forum, Sunday
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

United Pentecostal, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday
11 a.m. Worship, Sunday
7 p.m. Worship, Wednesday

Unitarian Universalist, Tullahoma (services canceled for March)

10 a.m. Service, Sunday
6 p.m. Tullahoma Sangha, Wednesday, will resume on April 8

Church (from page 4)

page at 8:30 a.m. and the video will be available at 11 a.m. and afterward on our Facebook page and on YouTube. Godly Play, Youth Sunday School, and Adult Forum will be offered online as well. Neither worship nor classes will be conducted in person until April 1 at the earliest.

"Each Other's Keeper: The Church Responds to Violence" is Otey's noon Lenten study. It is now taking place on Zoom only; please contact the parish office at <oteyparish@gmail.com> for details on how to participate.

This Lent we invite people to read The History of Love by Nicole Krauss and/or Songs My Grandma Sang by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. Otey will offer facilitated discussions of each book later in Lent.

CAC continues its work of serving the needy with food and in other ways, while observing appropriate precautions, 9-11 a.m., Monday through Friday. Please call 931-598-5927.

Parish staff continue working in person, remotely, or in a combination as best fits their duties. So far we are able to maintain office hours of 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office phone number is 931-598-5926; if you need to see any staff members in person, call and they will meet you at the outside door.

Please join us in praying for our community, our nation and our world, for the effects of Coronavirus on health, finances, and emotional wellness.

St. James Midway

St. James is suspending public worship the next two Sundays, March 22 and March 29.

Unitarian Universalist Church

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Tullahoma's services will be cancelled for the month of March.

Tullahoma Sangha's Zen Buddhist services are cancelled for three weeks and will resume on April 8.

St. Mary's Sewanee Closed to the Public

St. Mary's Sewanee: The Ayres Center for Spiritual Development is closed to the public through March 31, according to Interim Executive Director John Runkle. Full-time employees will continue to work, either from home or at the retreat center, but there will be no guests or retreats. This step is being taken to protect the health and safety of our guests, staff, and volunteers. Regularly scheduled yoga classes, Qi Gong gatherings, and Centering Prayer support groups will not meet. Before April 1, the board and Runkle will re-evaluate the situation.

"We hope our closure is only temporary and we will update you as more information becomes available," Runkle said. "St. Mary's Sewanee has always been a safe haven for people during times of turmoil. We hope to be that again soon, but out of an abundance of caution, must make this tough decision now."

For information about St. Mary's Sewanee's policies for rescheduling or cancelling reservations or retreats, please go online to <www.stmaryssewanee.org>, email <reservations@stmaryssewanee.org> or call (931) 598-5342.

St. Mary's Sewanee: The Ayres Center for Spiritual Development is dedicated to providing spiritual hospitality to persons of diverse religious and spiritual backgrounds, in a place of natural beauty, simplicity, silence, tranquility and warm spiritual rest through retreats, renewal and learning. For the last 30 years, St. Mary's Sewanee has welcomed individuals and groups from across the United States and around the world to a place to rest, renew and reconnect.

Coronavirus Tax Relief

The IRS has established a special section focused on steps to help taxpayers, businesses and others affected by the coronavirus. This page <<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus>> will be updated as new information is available. For other information about the COVID-19 virus, people should visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) <<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>> for health information. Other information about actions being taken by the U.S. government is available at <<https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus>> and in Spanish at <<https://gobierno.usa.gov/coronavirus>>. The Department of Treasury also has information available at Coronavirus: Resources, Updates, and What You Should Know <<https://home.treasury.gov/coronavirus>>.

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**COVID-19: What Southern Tennessee Regional Health System is Doing**

It probably feels as if coronavirus – or as it is officially known, COVID-19 – is all anyone is talking about these days. As COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses like the seasonal flu continue to spread across the U.S., you also may feel a certain level of concern over how this disease could affect you or your loved ones, or if your local health-care provider is prepared to respond to any local cases that may arise. That's certainly understandable and natural. We want to provide you with essential information outlining what we are doing to stay prepared and offer you guidance on what you can do to help protect yourself, your family and our community.

What we are doing

Southern Tennessee Regional Health System is committed to providing the highest quality care and ensuring the safety of our patients, employees, providers, volunteers and visitors at all times. While COVID-19 is new, effectively responding to other infectious diseases is not. We have tested processes and plans in place to respond to situations involving infectious disease year-round. Here is what we are doing to stay ready and effectively respond to COVID-19:

We continue to work closely with Franklin County Health Department and Tennessee Department of Health and follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to ensure that we are prepared with appropriate plans to detect, protect and respond should anyone in our community contract or be exposed to COVID-19.

We have a robust emergency operations plan in place and are reviewing and proactively completing a number of preparation checklists out of an abundance of caution.

We have hand hygiene products easily accessible throughout our facility.

We are screening patients in our emergency department, inpatient units and outpatient clinics based on CDC guidance.

Staff treating a potential COVID-19 case are provided with all appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) to help prevent exposure.

Patients with respiratory or COVID-19-related symptoms are immediately provided masks to wear to help prevent exposure to others.

In the event that we identify a potential COVID-19 case, we will follow all CDC guidelines for placing that individual in isolation for their care and for the protection of other patients, employees and visitors.

We have implemented visitor

restrictions at our facility as follows:

Hospital: To protect the health and wellness of our patients, providers, employees and all those who enter STRHS-Sewanee, we are implementing updated visitor guidelines for our facility, effective immediately and until further notice. We want to assure our community that these changes are being made proactively out of an abundance of caution and to empower us to prevent the spread of illness:

We are reducing entry points to only the front emergency department entrance for all patients, visitors, and staff.

The hospital, with exclusions listed below, is restricting visitors to one well visitor per patient and visitor must be age 16 or older.

The hospital, hospital outpatient departments, and physician practices/clinics will begin screening all individuals who enter our facilities, per CDC guidelines – including patients, visitors and staff – based on potential respiratory symptoms, travel history, and fever.

Visiting hours for the hospital are as follows (with an exception for underage minors or patients receiving end of life care): Monday-Friday 6 a.m.–7 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, 7 a.m.–7 p.m.

Emergency Department: Restricting all visitors with an exception for underage minor patients or patients requiring a caregiver for communication.

Skilled Nursing Facility: Southern Tennessee's Skilled Nursing Facility has elected to restrict all visitation at this time. Exceptions (only after screening has taken place) will include family of residents at the end of life, Hospice caregivers, Home Health Care agencies and private duty caregivers. For more information feel free to contact 931-967-8249.

Senior Advantage Center: Southern Tennessee's Senior Advantage Program has elected to restrict all visitation at this time. Exceptions (only after screening has taken place) will include family of residents at the end of life, Hospice caregivers, Home Health Care agencies and private duty caregivers. For more information feel free to contact 931-967-8395.

These measures are in place to protect our facility and our community. Please know that our providers and clinical teams are well-trained and prepared to manage outbreaks of infectious diseases, including COVID-19, seasonal flu and other respiratory illnesses.

For more information and to stay abreast of the latest updates on COVID-19, you can visit <www.southerntnsewanee.com/coronavirus-covid-19-preparedness-information> and <www.cdc.gov>.

SUD (from page 1)

Using long-term data analysis, Beavers estimated the impact of the students' absence amounted to a \$21,000 per month decrease in revenue, roughly 30 percent.

Asked about the impact in the summer months, Beavers said, "The University has really pumped up the summer program. SUD's summer revenue from the University is 80 percent of the school-in-session revenue."

Turning to regular business, Beavers reviewed the results of the recent state Sanitary Survey. SUD received a score of 98.9. Receiving a score less than 100 percent was due almost entirely to untested backflow prevention devices.

Backflow prevention devices are required by law any time there is a possibility of contaminated water re-entering the drinking water supply, e.g., irrigation systems. Law requires annual testing of the devices, Beavers said. Testing is the responsibility of the customer. Testing costs \$50-\$150.

To prevent SUD being cited for untested backflow prevention devices in the future, Beavers proposed a policy stating if a customer had not submitted their testing report by the anniversary date of the previous year's testing, SUD would test the device and charge the customer for the service. Customers who refused to allow testing would be cut off from the water supply system.

Beavers initially proposed SUD charge \$50 for testing the backflow devices.

"We need to make the fee higher, or we'll be doing them all," observed Commissioner Ronnie Hoosier.

The board settled on \$200 as a fair amount. Beavers will draft the policy and present it for review at the next meeting on April 21.

Beavers said, "We were not fined this time, but the state could fine us. It is within their rights."

The board approved the purchase of a Kubota tractor from Brothers Implement, the low bidder, for \$26,685. SUD's current 30-year-old tractor is inoperable, Beavers noted. The cost, \$1,600 over budget, included two add-ons, a root grapple for clearing brush and a pallet forks for assisting with deliveries. "SUD will recoup the extra cost in labor savings," Beavers said.

The CDC is reviewing all data on COVID-19 transmission. At this time, the risk of transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19 through sewerage systems is thought to be low. Although transmission of COVID-19 through sewage may be possible, there is no evidence to date that this has occurred. This guidance will be updated as necessary as new evidence is assessed.

SARS, a similar coronavirus, has been detected in untreated sewage for up to 2 to 14 days. In the 2003 SARS outbreak, there was documented transmission associated with sewage aerosols. Data suggest that standard municipal wastewater system chlorination practices may be sufficient to inactivate coronaviruses, as long as utilities monitor free available chlorine during treatment to ensure it has not been depleted.

Wastewater and sewage workers should use standard practices, practice basic hygiene precautions, and wear personal protective equipment as prescribed for current work tasks.

The COVID-19 virus has not been detected in drinking water. Conventional water treatment methods that use filtration and disinfection, such as those in most municipal drinking water systems, should remove or inactivate the virus that causes COVID-19.

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Ban Vote (from page 1)

Resettlement” stated both state and local governments should be involved in the decision to receive refugees. Alexander also contended the federal refugee resettlement program did not cover the long-term costs, meaning the money would come from local taxpayers.

Commissioner Johnny Hughes cited information from the Tennessee County Services Association, which advised: “If your county was not contacted by an agency requesting your permission to accept refugees, there is really nothing you need to do. Under the executive order, you did not have to opt-out, you had to opt-in or consent to receive refugees.” Hughes pointed out last year only Shelby, Davidson, Knox and Hamilton Counties received refugees.

“We don’t have to do anything to prevent the corona virus, but we choose to be proactive,” Alexander said.

Committee Chair David Eldridge called attention to two procedural considerations. One, only four of 14 committee members were present. Two, the county commission could choose to take up the resolution regardless what the committee decided.

“In my opinion, it will come to the floor even if we don’t send it forward,” Hughes said.

Given the opportunity to speak, audience members stressed the contribution of refugees, mentioning Albert Einstein, and the importance of focusing on the long-term benefits; expressed concerns about “affordability” and refugee “imbal-

ance” like in Europe; complained about putting refugees’ needs before veterans’ needs; and expressed fear about refugees “changing our culture.”

Commissioner Helen Stapleton pointed out no refugees had been resettled in Franklin County and veterans were still not getting what they needed. Stapleton also noted it was “really hard to get refugee status.” Refugees were carefully vetted, Stapleton said, and many were highly skilled.

“What are you afraid of, Mayor Alexander?” Stapleton asked. “What is your biggest concern?” “The money,” Alexander said.

“The refugees would come with federal funding, so it wouldn’t come from the county,” Stapleton said.

“Other concerns are the cultural thing, diseases, and how well the refugee camps are vetted,” Alexander said.

Eldridge’s request for a motion to send the resolution to the commission received no response.

Commissioner Chuck Stines made a motion to postpone the vote until the April 9 meeting and to seek a legal opinion from the Tennessee County Technical Assistance Services, the state attorney general, and the county attorney.

“There’s conflicting information before us,” Stines said, citing funding and placement.

Commissioners Barbara Finney, Hughes, Stapleton, and Stines voted in favor of the motion. Eldridge voted no.

County Commission Overrides Legislative Committee; Bans Refugees

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

Commenting on the vote at the March 16 Franklin County Commission meeting to ban refugee resettlement in Franklin County, Commissioner Helen Stapleton said, “I wasn’t expecting the vote. It wasn’t on the agenda.”

Stapleton said that during new business Commissioner Greg King made a motion to suspend the rules and bring a non-agenda issue to the floor for discussion. The motion to suspend the rules passed 11 to 2, supported by commissioners Adam Casey, Carolyn Wiseman, Scottie Riddle, Dale Schultz, Greg King, Doug Goodman, David Eldridge, Angie Fuller, Christopher Smith, Sam Hiles and Lydia Curtis Johnson. Stapleton and Barbara Finney voted against the motion. Commissioners Chuck Stines and Johnny Hughes were absent.

Discussion followed on Mayor David Alexander’s resolution opposing refugee resettlement in Franklin County.

“I was caught flat footed,” Stapleton acknowledged. “I had plans to bring a priest and area refugees to speak in the event the issue was on the agenda.” Normally the commission only considers agenda items advanced by the Legislative Committee, Stapleton explained.

Alexander first brought the refugee-ban resolution to the Legislative Committee in January. The resolution opposed Governor Bill Lee’s decision to allow refugee resettlement in the state, arguing “Franklin County does not want to be forced into participating in the federal refugee resettlement program due to either Gov. Lee’s consent and/or being within the permissible placement radius of a resettlement agency office.”

The Legislative Committee tabled the resolution until March to seek advice from the Tennessee County Services Association, which advises county governments on administrative and legal matters. The memorandum received from the TCSA stated, “If your county was not contacted by an agency requesting your permission to accept refugees, there is really nothing you need to do. Under the [President’s] executive order, you did not have to opt-out, you had to opt-in or consent to receive refugees. . . . For the federal fiscal year 2019 under the reduced number of total refugees allowed in the country, it is projected that 583 individuals may be resettled in Tennessee, with all of those expected to be placed in Shelby, Davidson, Knox and Hamilton Counties.” In the past five years, 5,610 refugees have been resettled in Tennessee, the vast majority in those four counties.

At the March 6 meeting, the Legislative Committee again postponed deciding whether to bring the resolution to the full commission to allow the committee to get a legal opinion from the county attorney and state attorney general (see “Legislative Committee Postpones Refugee-Resettlement-Ban Vote” on page 1).

Stapleton said before the county commission voted on the refugee resettlement resolution, County Clerk Phillip Custer read a letter from Stines objecting to false reports about the March 6 meeting. Citing a fake-news mailing targeting Legislative Committee members Finney, Hughes, and Stines for voting in opposition to the resolution on March 6, Stapleton said, “It needs to be made abundantly clear Finney, Hughes, and Stines did not vote against the resolution on March 6. They voted to seek more information.”

“Public discussion at the county commission meeting followed the same lines as discussion at the legislative committee meeting,” Stapleton said. “The county commission vote in support of the resolution matched the vote to suspend the rules to bring the unannounced issue to the floor for a vote.”

Community Chest Needs You

The 2019-20 Sewanee Community Chest fund drive is underway through April 2020. Sponsored by the Sewanee Civic Association, the Community Chest raises money yearly for local charitable organizations serving the area. This year’s goal will help 25 organizations that have requested basic needs funding for quality of life, community aid, children’s programs, and those who are beyond Sewanee but still serve our entire community. Currently, 75 percent of the \$105,150 for this year has been reached in donations and pledges.

Now more than ever, these 25 organizations will rely heavily on the annual funding from the Community Chest.

The Sewanee Community Chest is made possible by contributions. All donations are tax deductible. Donations can be made by credit, debit, or PayPal at <sewaneechest@gmail.com>, either one-time or recurring. Checks may be mailed to Sewanee Community Chest, P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375. For more information, go to <www.sewaneechest.org>.

Organizations and funds requested are:

Arts Inside, \$350
Blue Monarch, \$1,250
Boy Scout Troop 14, \$500
Community Action Committee, \$7,500
Cub Scout Pack 152, \$750
DuBose Conference Center, \$300
Folks at Home, \$5,000
Franklin County Humane Society, \$1,500
Housing Sewanee Inc., \$7,000
Little Bellas, Sewanee Chapter, \$250
Marion Animal Resource Connection (MARC), \$7,000
Mountain Goat Trail Alliance, \$1,500
Reach Out and Read at Sewanee Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, \$2,090
Sewanee Fourth of July Celebration, \$3,000
Sewanee Angel Park, \$1,000
Sewanee Children’s Center, \$10,000
Sewanee Chorale, \$550
Sewanee Community Center, \$4,000
Sewanee Mountain Messenger, \$11,000
Sewanee Parent Organization, \$25,000
Sewanee Senior Citizens Center, \$12,000
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SENIOR CENTER NEWS

The Sewanee Senior Center serves lunch at noon Monday through Friday. The suggested donation is \$4, regardless of your age. Please call 598-0771 by 9 a.m. to order lunch. Lunch will only be available for takeout. Menus follow:

Monday, March 23: Grilled chicken salad, crackers.

Tuesday, March 24: Salmon patty, macaroni/tomatoes, crowder peas, cornbread, dessert.

Wednesday, March 25: Beef tenderloin, garlic mashed potatoes, broccoli salad, roll, no dessert.

Thursday, March 26: BLT soup, pimento cheese sandwich, dessert.

Friday, March 27: Chicken Alfredo, salad, garlic bread, no dessert.

Menus may vary. For information call the center at 598-0771.

The Sewanee Senior Center does not charge any membership fee. All persons 50 or older who take part in any of the activities are considered members.



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Franklin County School System Press Release

Effective immediately, in accordance with Governor Lee's request, Franklin County Schools, including all extracurricular activities, will be closed through Tuesday, March 31 due to continuing health concerns for the COVID-19. This date is pending any further complications or outbreaks. At that point, the situation will be assessed to determine the needs for any further action. We encourage continuing social distancing and all other CDC recommendations.

The following are some optional opportunities for children to continue their academic progress over the next two weeks. This link <<https://sites.google.com/teta.org/teta-teacher-affiliate-member/curriculum/math?authuser=0>> contains websites that can enhance learning for your children, and we ask parents to be involved in helping and encouraging this opportunity. Students can also access any of their school resources or programs through CLEVER from home. Many students will be taking ACT and other tests that could affect their future, so please do everything possible to continue their academic progress.

All students are encouraged to read over the next few days. Parents, please challenge your children to find something in which they are interested, as this may lead to future endeavors.

ESP will be closed from March 18-31.

The Central Office will be open March 16-31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to assist you. The office will be closed on March 27.

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School COVID-19 Response

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Andrew's-Sewanee School will move to virtual learning through the remainder of the school year. "We have a duty to keep our students and community safe," said Head of School Karl Sjolund. "We believe this is the best course of action at this time." Already on a two-week Spring Break, SAS teachers will return to work, as they are able, on March 23 and resume instruction on March 26 after several days of training and preparation. International boarding students will remain on campus only until they are able to return home. Afternoon programs, including spring athletics, and all large gatherings scheduled for campus will not resume this school year. School offices will have limited staff onsite.

Academic Dean Kelley Black and Educational Technology Coordinator Viva Reynolds have been working diligently to prepare for distance learning. "Of course, nothing can fully replace the in-class experience," said Black, "especially at SAS where our classes are small and very hands-on, but we have some ideas for how to meet the challenges we are facing. Our faculty members are creative, resourceful, and dedicated, and we know that they will make the most of a difficult decision." With the knowledge that some of its students may have limited access to reliable internet, the school has promised patience and grace as everyone adjusts to this year's suspension of in-person classes.

A day and boarding school, the pandemic has presented particular issues for the school's boarding population. International students are being given the option to remain in residence as long as necessary to ensure safe passage home. The school's Robinson Dining Hall and Health Clinic will remain open as long as there are students in residence. Residential faculty will continue to see to their care and social activities.

To limit the campus' exposure to COVID-19, the school has implemented CDC recommendations and is asking that faculty and staff work from home, if they are able and limit travel. Employees returning to campus will be required to complete a health screening and daily temperature check.

"At SAS, we speak of the importance of challenge, balance, and joy. While this is not the challenge we anticipated, this is a good opportunity for us all to model the resiliency that we hope to instill in our students. We will continue to balance precaution and optimism," said Sjolund. "And we promise to find opportunities for joy, even if we have to share it virtually for a while." This includes opportunities to celebrate community through virtual Chapel gatherings. A group will meet (virtually) next week to discuss alternative modes of celebration for year-end rites of passage such as Prom, Honors Day, and Commencement. <www.sasweb.org>.

Sewanee Children's Center Postpones Progressive Dinner

Because of the coronavirus, the Sewanee Children's Center has determined it to be in the best interest of the community to postpone our annual Progressive Dinner scheduled for April 4. For those who have already purchased tickets, please contact Sandy Glacet, director, at <sewaneechildrenscenr@gmail.com> or (931) 598-5928. Current plans are to reschedule the event early this coming fall.

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Other Closures

Marion County Schools closed until March 30. <marionschools.org>.

Grundy County Schools closed until March 31. <grundycoschools.com>.

Public libraries are closed. Franklin County Library is closed until April 1. Staff will be working and we will be answering phones if anyone has a question about something. Posts will be made regularly on our Facebook page with links to sites for educational content while schools are closed.

duPont Library is currently open Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., closed Saturday and Sunday. <<http://library.sewanee.edu/library>>.

Meal Pick Up at Franklin County Schools

Franklin County School Nutrition Services will provide an opportunity to pick up lunch and breakfast at a drive-through meal service for children 18 and under. These meals will be available at no cost for anyone 18 and under regardless of what school they attend. No paperwork is required. Children must be present in the vehicle in order for meals to be distributed. Meals will be provided based on the number of children present. This program will be solely for the pickup of meals. Meals will not be consumed on site. We encourage families to continue to be proactive in reducing the risk of COVID-19 by not congregating at the school site and utilizing social distancing once meals have been distributed.

This service will be provided on March 23-March 31, from 10 a.m.-noon at the following locations:

Broadview Elementary – back drive through

Clark Memorial – drive through by kitchen

Cowan Elementary – front drive through

Decherd Elementary – back drive through

Franklin County High School – front drive through

Huntland – back drive through

North Lake Elementary – front drive through

Sewanee Elementary – front drive through

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DREMC Temporarily Closes Lobbies to Public

Duck River Electric Membership Corporation (DREMC) officials have been closely monitoring the evolving COVID-19 situation and want to assure everyone that proactive, protective measures are in place to further care for the health and safety of our members, employees and community. As a result, DREMC is temporarily closing its eight office lobbies beginning at noon on Wednesday, March 18, as a precautionary measure.

"This decision to temporarily close the lobbies is based on the growing risk of exposure and the caution recommended by local, state and national government to help contain the spread of the virus," says DREMC President and CEO Scott Spence. "DREMC employees are working to ensure that we provide as many essential services possible. With the lobbies closed to the public, we ask that DREMC members and vendors contact employees by phone or email when possible and continue to use the drive-through at each office for your convenience as most of them have extended hours to assist members."

Please call DREMC offices during regular hours, or email employees directly or use the cooperative's company email, <corpinfo@dremc.com>. Phones are answered 24/7 in efforts to assist members around the clock, especially during outages. For assistance after regular office hours, please call your district's after-hours number.

To establish, transfer or disconnect electric service, call the office for assistance as calls will be routed to other DREMC offices during this time to assist. Another option for establishing electric service is to click the APPLY FOR SERVICE tab found on DREMC's website homepage and download the membership application and follow instructions. To transfer or disconnect service, please call your district office or email <corpinfo@dremc.com>.

To make bill payments, DREMC encourages members to use one of the free, fast and remote payment options, including the mobile app, website payment portal at <www.dremc.com> or by calling the office. No extra fees apply when using debit or credit cards for payments. If members choose to pay by check via phone, please speak with a DREMC member service representative and have your routing number ready.

Spence reminds DREMC members that scammers may use the current situation to take advantage of people. He asks that members be reminded that DREMC will not call and demand payment with a pre-paid card or ask for sensitive banking information. If you receive such a call, please hang up and call your local DREMC office to discuss any concerns regarding your account.

"We regret any inconvenience the temporary lobby closings may cause, but in efforts to aid in reducing the risk of exposure to the virus, we believe this precaution is in the best interests of our members and employees," adds Spence. "With health and safety at the forefront, DREMC employees will continue working behind the scenes to maintain the quality of service you expect and deserve from your electric cooperative."

"DREMC will continue to monitor the situation, attempt to make the best decisions going forward and keep members informed as we go," says Spence.

SVEC Responds to the Spread COVID-19

As your electric cooperative, we at Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative are stewards of critical infrastructure. Our number one priority is the safety, health and well-being of our members, employees and the greater community.

In response to growing concerns surrounding the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), we must temporarily change the way we function:

All SVEC, SVEConnect and SV Propane lobbies are CLOSED until further notice.

Drive-thru windows will remain open during regular business hours. The Whitwell office is CLOSED until further notice.

Our call centers will continue to answer calls 24/7;

Our website, <www.svalleyec.com>, drop-boxes and the SVEC app for iPhone and Android are available 24/7.

We will continue to respond to outages 24/7.

We recognize this event may cause financial hardship and we will be working with those in need to ease the burden and provide extra time for recovery. During this period of uncertainty, SVEC will not disconnect members for nonpayment of their electric bills and late fees will not be charged. As we transition back to normal in the coming months and the grace period ends, SVEC will offer payment arrangements to members who are behind on their electric bills as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Unfortunately, in times like these, scammers are targeting our customers. SVEC will never:

Call and threaten disconnection;

Demand immediate payment with a prepaid card;

Show up at your home and request access indoors;

Ask for sensitive data, such as banking information, through email or phone.

We're here to help. If you have questions about electric, broadband or propane service from SVEC, SVEConnect or SV Propane, call us 24/7/365 at (423) 837-8605.

Sewanee Police Department

The Sewanee Police Department is "open for business." Residents should call 911 in the event of an emergency. If you need to file a police report for a non-emergency situation SPD will be happy to take a report over the phone at (931) 598-1111, via email at <police@sewanee.edu>, or through the LiveSafe app. SPD reminds residents to be aware of scams and other fraudulent activity as we move through these stressful times. Do not pay excessive prices for PPE (personal protective equipment), hand sanitizer, or other items found online.

Sport Cancellations

The Southern Athletic Association has suspended the remaining spring athletics season. The University of the South is part of the SAA.

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School has suspended the remainder of the spring athletic schedule.

Franklin County has suspended the spring athletic schedule through the end of March.

The annual Mountain Goat Trail Race is rescheduled for Saturday, Sept. 5. We will apply all registrations and sponsorships to the new race date.

We are glad you are reading The Messenger!

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Partner with the South Cumberland Summer Meal Program in Summer 2020

The University of the South's Office of Civic Engagement and McClurg Dining Hall in partnership with South Cumberland Community Fund announce their sponsorship of the 2020 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). The SFSP program is administered in Tennessee by the Department of Human Services under an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Popularly known as the South Cumberland Summer Meal Program, the meal sessions will begin June 8 and end Aug. 2.

Meals will be provided to all children without charge. Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. If your organization is interested in becoming a meal site or for more information, email <sfpvista@gmail.com>. We welcome summer reading, sports and enrichment programs, vacation bible school, libraries etc., to partner with us. All partner sites must be within a 40 minute drive from the University of the South. If you are a partner site or would like to become one, USDA requires mandatory attendance at one of the following Information and Training Sessions held on University of the South's campus, to be decided after the March 16 deadline. We look forward to hearing from you.

For more information contact Hannah Olinger by email at <sfpvista@gmail.com> or call (423) 765-6803.



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Spring Wildflowers in Abbo's Alley

In addition to the always lovely display of daffodils in Abbo's Alley, there is also a substantial number of native wildflowers. The annex, between South Carolina and University Avenue, has an impressive number of the toadshade trillium, Little Sweet Betsy. Flower colors in that trillium range from deep maroon to bright yellow-green. Mixed in with them are a number of Cut-Leaf Toothwort in bloom. Slightly off the path but brilliantly visible at the base of a stone is a clump of Scarlet Cup, a fungus that is commonly part of the early spring "flora." Virginia Springbeauty is dotted here and there, with pink-striped white flowers open when it is dry and light enough. Along the stream in the Alley proper nods a Northern Spicebush covered in tiny yellow flowers. Nearby are some patches of the leaves of Dogtooth Violet, but I only saw single leaves, not the paired leaves that would indicate flowering. There were also several clumps of Virginia Bluebells. Near the large pink Saucer Magnolia is a patch of delicate Bladder or Fragile Fern, also a part of the early spring "flora." That magnolia is coming into bloom, but sadly was once again damaged by frost when in bud. Some individual sightings were: Bloodroot, Halberd-Leaf Yellow Violet, and Downey Yellow Violet.



Little Sweet Betsy. Photo by Yolande Gottfried



Scarlet cup. Photo by Yolande Gottfried

Trails & Trilliums, Gala Postponed

The 17th Annual Trails and Trilliums festival and related Wild Azalea Gala fundraiser are both being postponed due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

The Friends of South Cumberland State Park (FSC), which offers both events to help raise awareness and funding for its work on behalf of the park, will announce rescheduling plans for both events once the current health crisis has subsided, according to FSC Board President John Hille.

The events, both of which were scheduled for April 17-19, included group gatherings that had potential for facilitating virus spread. FSC Treasurer Rich Wyckoff said the Friends will be refunding fees to guests who have already pre-registered.

"Given the current guidance from the federal government, the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control, we felt it was in everyone's best interest that we do our part to prevent community spread of the Covid-19 virus," Hille said.

"We are also in the process of contacting our sponsors and suppliers to explain our decision and discuss options going forward," Hille said. "This was a difficult decision, but we hope that all of our guests and event partners will understand the necessity for postponement and will look forward to our rescheduling these events after the current health situation has passed."

Margaret Matens, FSC's Trails and Trilliums Chair, said that Tennessee State Parks remain open, and are a welcoming place for people to get out and enjoy nature in wide-open spaces. "Our park is especially beautiful in the springtime, when the waterfalls and wildflowers are spectacular. We invite everyone to come visit the park, enjoy the fresh air, and take a break from the stress and disruptions of the current situation."

For more information about planning a socially-distanced visit to the park, visit <FriendsOfSouth-Cumberland.org/plan-your-visit>.



Olive



Daphne

Pets of the Week

Meet Olive & Daphne

Olive is a mature (approximately six-eight years old) brown tabby cat with such a sweet personality. Olive came in to us as a stray. Upon arrival Olive had skin wounds, and seemed to have been injured or possibly hit by a car. After medical assessment, it was discovered that the skin wounds were those from a severe flea allergy that had been left untreated for a long time. Once she was properly treated for her ailments, she healed up nicely and is now looking for her forever home. Olive is social and will do well in a home with other feline companions or children. Olive is up-to-date on vaccinations, FIV/FelV negative, spayed, and microchipped. Come see this precious cat today. She deserves to be in a home after a life of displacement.

Daphne is a four-year-old catahoula mix with a lot of energy and a loving personality. Daphne is very treat, toy, and affection motivated, so we think she will be both easy to train and easy to love dog! If you are looking for a dog that will be a good exercise buddy or a dog that will lay up on the sofa with you after a long day out on an adventure, she is the dog for you! We think she would do well in a variety of homes, but could be a little too boisterous for a feline companion. Daphne is up-to-date on vaccinations, heartworm-negative, and patiently awaiting her spay and microchipping procedures so she can be all fixed up and ready to be suited for the right family. If you would like to meet her or learn more about our adoption protocol, please call or visit the shelter during open hours.

Amidst the events of the COVID-19 pandemic, we will remain open at the shelter until further notice. We will still be serving our community and adopting pets at this time and in the coming days, unless a threat presents itself. Please note- animal intakes may be limited due to space and uncertainty.

We do feel that the shelter is a safe place for the community, and what better way to alleviate personal stress surrounding the virus and social isolation than to snuggle a cat or walk a dog in the fresh air? The front desk will be disinfected between visits, and ample soap and hand sanitizer will be available at the front desk and at dispensing stations around the shelter.

Animal Harbor is located at 56 Nor-Nan Rd., off AEDC Road, in Winchester. Call Animal Harbor at 962-4472 for information and check out the other pets at <www.animalharbor.org>. Enter their drawing on this site for a free spay or neuter for one of your pets. Help Animal Harbor continue to save abandoned pets by sending your donations to Animal Harbor, P.O. Box 187, Winchester, TN 37398.

State Park Offerings

Please note: To confirm that these events will occur as listed go to <<http://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/southcumberland/#/?park=south-cumberland>> or call (931) 924-2980.

Thursday, April 9

Hike to Stone Door and Talk About Hemlock Wooly Adelgid (free)—Join Ranger Murray Gheesling, a stewardship ecologist and the Forestry strike team coordinator at 1 p.m. Central Time at Stone Door Ranger Station, 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs, for an easy 2-mile hike (some rough terrain) to Stone Door. The topic of the day is the Hemlock Wooly Adelgid (HWA). Discussion will center on recognizing infestation, impact, and management actions for control of this invasive pest. What treatment efforts have been taken to protect these ecologically important Hemlock trees? What are potential future outcomes from HWA in Tennessee. Come find out!

Saturday, April 11

Grundy Forest Exploration (free)—Come to Grundy Forest Parking Lot, 131 Fiery Gizzard Rd., Tracy City, at 10 a.m. Central Time, for a 3-mile strenuous hike with rocky and rooty terrain, to see the highly diverse and scenic Grundy Forest and the Fiery Gizzard Creek. This hike is not a race, so there will be frequent stops to observe plants and animals from the old-growth forest. The area features cascading streams, waterfalls, rock-houses, rock formations, hemlock cove forest, dry upland pine forest, and steep cliffs and is recognized for its diversity of wildflowers, mosses, liverworts, and wildlife. Please bring proper hiking shoes, plenty of water and food as we will be having lunch on the trail.

The South Cumberland State Park Visitors' Center is located on Highway 41 South between Monteagle and Tracy City and is open 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. seven days a week. For more information call (931) 924-2980.

WEATHER

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Mar 02	62	55
Tue	Mar 03	66	46
Wed	Mar 04	59	47
Thu	Mar 05	59	38
Fri	Mar 06	48	25
Sat	Mar 07	65	42
Sun	Mar 08	61	50

Week's Stats:
Avg max temp = 60
Avg min temp = 43
Avg temp = 52
Precipitation = 0.98"

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Mar 09	59	54
Tue	Mar 10	64	55
Wed	Mar 11	67	52
Thu	Mar 12	58	49
Fri	Mar 13	66	42
Sat	Mar 14	44	41
Sun	Mar 15	56	51

Week's Stats:
Avg max temp = 59
Avg min temp = 49
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■ **CLEAR**

■ **Do not leave items outside of bins. Do not leave trash and boxes behind.**

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Local 12-Step Meetings

Friday

7 p.m. AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City

Saturday

7 p.m. NA, open, Decherd United Methodist

Sunday

6:30 p.m. AA, open, Morton Memorial, Wesley House, Monteagle

Monday

5 p.m. Women's Recovery, Brooks Hall, Otey Parish
7 p.m. AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City

Tuesday

7 p.m. AA, open, First Baptist, Altamont

Wednesday

10 a.m. AA, closed, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493
7 p.m. NA, Decherd United Methodist
7:30 p.m. AA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle

Thursday

6 p.m. Al-Anon, Morton Memorial, Wesley House, Monteagle
7 p.m. Al-Anon, First UMC, Winchester

Community Calendar

Friday, March 20

7:30 a.m. Curbside Recycling
8:30 a.m. Deep Stretch Yoga, Daryllann, Community Center (canceled until further notice)
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
10 a.m. Game day, Senior Center (canceled until further notice)

Saturday, March 21

8:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga, Robie, (\$8), Community Center (canceled until further notice)
9 a.m. MGT 5K Parkrun, Pearl's parking lot

Sunday, March 22

8:30 a.m. Vinyasa Yoga, Community Center, until 9:45 a.m. (canceled until further notice)
2 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 4 p.m. (canceled until further notice)
4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center (canceled until further notice)

Monday, March 23

8 a.m. Walking Program, F@H, Fowler Center, (canceled until further notice)
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
9 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, Monteagle City Hall (canceled until further notice)
9:30 a.m. Yoga, Daryllann, (\$8), St. Mary's Sewanee (canceled until further notice)
10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Center (canceled until end of April)
5:30 p.m. Gentle Yoga, Robie, DuBose Conference Center, upper room, until 6:45 p.m.
5:30 p.m. Diabetes Prevention Program, MMUMC, until 7 p.m.
6 p.m. Karate, youth, Legion Hall; adults 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 24

7 a.m. Qi Gong on the Bluff, Wall, St. Mary's Sewanee (canceled until further notice)
8 a.m. GC Food Bank, Tracy City, until 10 a.m.
8:30 a.m. Deep Stretch Yoga, Daryllann, Community Center (canceled until further notice)
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
10 a.m. SAIL, Community Center (canceled until further notice)
10:30 a.m. Bingo, Senior Center (canceled until end of April)
11:30 a.m. GC Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery (canceled through March 30)
noon Legal Aid presentation, Senior Center (postponed, date TBA)
4:30 p.m. South Cumberland Farmers' Market, curbside pickup, Community Center, until 6:30 p.m.

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5 p.m. Yoga, Daryllann, (\$8), St. Mary's Sewanee (canceled until further notice)
6 p.m. Acoustic Jam, Water Bldg., Tracy City (canceled until further notice)

Wednesday, March 25

8 a.m. Walking Program, F@H, Fowler Center (canceled until further notice)
8:30 a.m. Gentle Yoga, Robie, (\$8), Community Center (canceled until further notice)
9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Taylor's Creek Greenway, Estill Springs
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
10 a.m. Art Wednesday, Artisan Depot, until 12:30 p.m. (canceled until further notice)
10 a.m. Senior Writing Group, 212 Sherwood Rd.
10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Center (canceled until end of April)
5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center (canceled until further notice)

Thursday, March 26

7 a.m. Qi Gong on the Bluff, Wall, St. Mary's Sewanee (canceled until further notice)
8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, Sewanee Inn (canceled through April 2)
9 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, Monteagle City Hall (canceled until further notice)
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
9 a.m. Yoga, Daryllann, (\$8), Community Center (canceled until further notice)
10 a.m. SAIL, Community Center (canceled until further notice)
10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Judy, Monteagle City Hall (canceled until further notice)
1 p.m. F@H Caregiver Group, Brooks Hall, Otey (canceled until further notice)
2 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 4 p.m. (canceled until further notice)
4 p.m. Yoga, Daryllann, (\$8), Community Center (canceled until further notice)
5:45 p.m. Vinyasa Yoga, Community Center, until 7 p.m. (canceled until further notice)
6 p.m. Karate, youth, Legion Hall; adults 7 p.m.
6:30 p.m. Reversing Diabetes Seminar, week 3 of 6, Smoke House, until 8 p.m.
7 p.m. Acoustic Jam, Artisan Depot, Cowan, until 10 p.m.
7:30 p.m. Candlelight Flow Yoga, Emily, (\$8), Community Center (canceled until further notice)

Friday, March 27

8 a.m. Walking Program, F@H, Fowler Center, (canceled until further notice)
8:30 a.m. Deep Stretch Yoga, Daryllann, Community Center (canceled until further notice)
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
10 a.m. Game day, Senior Center (canceled until end of April)

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