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New Sewanee Masking Directive

Dear Members of the Sewanee Community and Visitors to the Domain:

The increasing incidence of the novel coronavirus in Tennessee poses a serious threat to public health. Further, slowing the spread of the virus is essential to our ability to reopen the University at the start of the 2020 academic year. Finally, as a community we will need to take actions in the midst of this pandemic to keep one another safe. I appeal to your sense of civic solidarity in this time of crisis to do what is necessary to protect us all.

The Ordinances of the University (Section 10) state that “the Vice-Chancellor shall have authority to act to meet any emergency.” And so, consistent with Executive Order No. 50 issued by Gov. Lee and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, I am instituting a mandatory mask directive for all persons on the Domain—to include residents, visitors, students, faculty, and staff. It will go into effect at 8 a.m. on July 3, 2020, and will remain in force until further notice. I ask for your help in complying with this directive voluntarily. I have instructed the Sewanee Police Department to encourage compliance in the same manner that I am asking everyone in our community to encourage others to comply.

All residents of, and visitors to, Sewanee are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth when in public or inside buildings other than private residences, with five exceptions:

When they are alone

When they are asleep (such as in a residence hall room or hotel room)

When they are eating or drinking

When they are maintaining a social distance of six feet or more from any other person, and

If they have a documented medical condition that precludes their wearing a face covering.

In situations that may be ambiguous with regard to the above exceptions, individuals are asked to exercise their best judgment with regard to their likelihood of spreading the virus to others. If in doubt, individuals should wear a mask. Everyone is asked to have a mask on their person at all times so that they may don it when circumstances require it as outlined above.

I am grateful for your cooperation in helping to keep our community safe during this unprecedented health crisis. We will get through this together.

Respectfully yours,
Reuben E. Brigety, II
Vice Chancellor and Mayor

*Please go to page
7 of this issue for
information on the
extension of the State of
Emergency.*



If you've been to Lake Cheston lately, you've noticed some significant improvements. Over the past several months, Sewanee's grounds crew has worked with the Office of Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability to drain the lake to remove sediments and treat exotic species. They reconfigured the beach to control erosion and renovated the bridge that leads to the beach. They rebuilt a trail staircase near the pavilion. They repaired erosion and planted native wildflowers that are now in full bloom. Photo from the University of the South



SES summer campers reading at the Sewanee Memorial Cross.



Monteagle Challenges: Dump Pressure, MGT Interstate Crossing

by Leslie Lytle
Messenger Staff Writer

At the June 29 meeting, the Monteagle City Council took up two longtime challenges: pressure on the city dump from businesses and building contractors and how to get the Mountain Goat Trail across I-24. The council also approved purchase of digital speed signs and a Utility Department vehicle, and adopted a Hazard Mitigation Plan.

“On weekends, area residents get turned away at the dump because the facilities are full,” said Vice Mayor Tony Gilliam. He blamed the problem on dumping by businesses and building contractors.

An area resident said the Sewanee Convenience Center recently advised her she could no longer bring trash and recycling because she lived in Grundy County. She suggested Monteagle take advantage of monetizing recycling.

Another resident asked if Monteagle turned away Franklin County residents.

“No,” Gilliam said. “We want to accommodate all citizens. If we get

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Governor Cuts Franklin County Schools’ Funding \$337K

by Leslie Lytle
Messenger Staff Writer

“The governor took \$337,000 from us,” said Director of Schools Stanley Bean, laying the grim facts on the table at the June 25 continuation of the June 8 Franklin County School board meeting. The board recessed June 8, anticipating a need for budget revision after learning of the likelihood of a decrease in Basic Education Program funding.

The original budget called for one percent raises for certified employees with 21-25 years’ experience, 2 percent for those with 25-plus years’ experience, and 1.6 percent raises for classified employees and contract bus drivers. The approximate \$400,000 revenue deficit requiring a draw on the reserve fund balance would have been one of the smallest in years.

The board looked at three options to address the \$337,000 revenue loss: 1 percent raises only for certified employees with 21-25 years’ experience (this group received no raise last year), cost \$84,000; 1 percent raises for certified employees with 21-25 years’ experience, classified employees,

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FC Director of Schools Releases Opening Guidelines

Franklin County plans to return to school on the most recent calendar for 2020-21. This will bring teachers back on Aug. 3 and students back on the abbreviated day of Aug. 5 and full day on Aug. 7.

Students and staff will have daily temperature checks each morning. A child with temperatures of 100.4 or more will be required to go home. Please do not send your child to school with a temperature.

Hand sanitizers and disinfectant wipes will be used throughout the day.

Social distancing will be strongly encouraged and enforced when needed. This includes the classroom, cafeteria, hallway and outside.

There will be options for their child returning to school if they have health issues. State requirements will be much more strenuous than they were in the spring.

Transportation: We will provide buses for all students; however, it is strongly recommended that parents bring their children to school if at all possible.

Mask: As of now mask will not be required on a daily basis, however it will be encouraged for both teachers and students. Some schools will have policies on this as well. Mask for students will be provided by parents, if they choose to use them.

Cafeteria will be open for all students as we are during the regular school year.

“This has been very trying and stressful for many people,”

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Letters

PAYING FOR HIGHWAY PROJECT

To the Editor:

Since the University is planning for the upcoming narrowing of 41A through downtown Sewanee, the University, not SUD, should pay for the relocation of the service lines. Even though TDOT regulations say the Utility is responsible for the cost, the University should reimburse SUD the full amount. At present the amount is around \$327,000. If SUD winds up paying for the costs, I have no doubt water rates will skyrocket because of this project. Narrowing 41A is not needed, and as Mr. Gipson stated, a dangerous move as well. Before the road was widened to its present size, numerous accidents occurred. TDOT should have

never approved the University request. This is a State highway, not the middle of campus.

Stephen Cardwell, Sewanee

NARROWING THE HIGHWAY

To the Editor:

I am afraid that I must disagree with Mr. James Gibson's letter of June 26 arguing against the proposed changes to Highway 41A. As someone who lives just two houses away from this very busy road and who regularly walks along it, I think that the narrowing is quite necessary. Big trucks roar and motorcycles race along it, and cars rarely slow down to the posted 35 mph. Despite the turn lane being clearly marked as such I have often seen two cars driving in parallel and then the one in the turn lane speeding up to pass through the intersection in front of the other car! But even more than these vehicular problems, the current width of the road simply separates one side from the other too drastically. Instead of a highway cutting through the commercial center of Sewanee and its residential components, we need the envisioned Main Street, along with proper sidewalks along it. Downtown Sewanee needs to become much more pedestrian and

bicycle friendly, and the proposed narrowing and repurposing of 41A is essential to those goals.

Rob MacSwain, Sewanee

OBSERVATIONS

To the Editor:

In the light of current events, I must admit to grave concerns about the future of our nation and the influence of various organizations that purport to seek the betterment of mankind while in truth their ultimate aim is the destruction of everything the founding fathers of our country sought to put into place to guarantee life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all her citizens.

That said, all due vigilance and in-depth investigation into emerging trends should be prerequisites to alliance with and sanctioning of same.

Many lives have been sacrificed for the institution and preservation of our freedoms and traditional values. Nothing should be allowed to jeopardize these. Nothing whatsoever.

Any attempts to undermine the precepts upon which civilized societies are based should be dealt with as expeditiously as possible lest we sink into anarchy and chaos.

Don Shannonhouse, Monteagle



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Tennessee Recruiting Poll Officials

Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett announced a new statewide campaign to recruit poll officials for the Aug. 6 State and Federal Primary and County General Election. Tennesseans can apply now to join the campaign.

Poll officials perform various tasks to help polling sites run smoothly, including greeting voters, answering questions, processing voters, explaining how to cast a ballot and counting votes. Any voter is eligible to apply, regardless of political affiliation.

Poll officials are compensated for working during early voting and on Election Day, as well as for attending required training sessions.

For more information and to sign up to become a poll official, visit <GoVoteTN.com>.

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Letters to the editor are welcome at the Sewanee Mountain Messenger and are a vital part of our community's conversation. Letters need to be no longer than 250 words and may be edited for space and clarity. We make exceptions from time to time, but these are our general guidelines.

Letters and/or their author must have some relationship to our community. We do not accept letters on national topics from individuals who live outside our print circulation area. Please include your name, address and a daytime telephone number with your letter. You may mail it to us at Sewanee Mountain Messenger, P.O. Box 296, Sewanee, TN 37375, come by our office, 418 St. Mary's Ln., or send your email to <news@sewaneemessenger.com>. —KB

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Voting Information for Aug. 6

Registration Deadline July 7

Aug. 6, 2020 is voting day for the State Primary and County General Election. Voter registration deadline is July 7.

Early voting in Franklin County takes place July 17-Aug. 1. You may request ballots to be mailed until July 30.

If you are unable to appear at your polling place on Election Day or during the Early Voting period, you may request an absentee ballot.

On Election Day, Aug. 6, vote at your local precinct.

Offices up in the Election State Primary are United States Senate, United States House of Representatives, Tennessee State Senate, and Tennessee House of Representatives. Offices up for Election County General in Franklin County include winners from primaries, and School Board Members Districts 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

Contact information for election offices, sample ballots and more can also be found at <<https://sos.tn.gov/elections>>.

For more information, go to Franklin County <www.franklin-county.us>, or call (931) 967-1893. In Grundy County <grundycountyttn.net>, phone (931) 692-3551. In Marion County <marionvotes.com>, phone (423) 942-2108.

Tennesseans voting on Election Day should remember to bring valid state or federal photo identification with them to the polls. For information about what types of ID are acceptable, visit <GoVoteTN.com> or call (877) 850-4959.

Voters can also download the GoVoteTN app. Voters can find early voting and Election Day polling locations, view sample ballots, see names of elected officials and districts, as well as access online election results through the application. Go to <GoVoteTN.com>.



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Upcoming Meetings

Sewanee Village Project Virtual Open House

For the last three years, Frank Gladu, Special Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor at The University of the South, has hosted an open house during the Fourth of July activities in Sewanee. This gave everyone an opportunity to view the maps and renderings of the Village Project, and ask questions.

This year, the Open House will be held virtually from 10–11 a.m., Saturday, July 4. To request a link to attend, email Gladu at <fxgladu@sewanee.edu>.

Rotary Club Meeting

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary will meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, July 9, at the Sewanee Inn. The meeting will also be available to members and interested guests via Zoom transmission. Guest speaker will be Sally Avery, Director of Economic Research in Tennessee. She will discuss recruitment and expansion of businesses in and to Tennessee, and share some economic trends relevant to economic development.

Franklin County Democratic Women Meeting

The Franklin County Democratic Women will sponsor a meet and greet with State Senate candidate Sheila Younglove on Saturday, July 11. Sheila is running against incumbent Janice Bowling. The event will be from 9-11 a.m. at the home of Sandy Rice, 201 Kentucky Ave., Sewanee. Masks are required and social distancing will be possible throughout the acre yard. Suggested donation is \$100 but any amount is welcome. You may also meet Sheila “virtually” through social media and making a donation at <www.youngloveforsenate.com> or Facebook Sheila Younglove for State Senate.

Two 2020 Sales Tax Holidays

During the 2020 legislative session, the Tennessee General Assembly expanded the sales tax holiday for 2020 only. This year, there will be two sales tax holidays. For more information, visit <www.tntaxholiday.com>.

The first tax-free holiday weekend focuses on clothing and other back-to-school items. It begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 31 and ends Sunday, Aug. 2 at 11:59 p.m. During this time, clothing, school supplies, and computers and other qualifying electronic devices may be purchased tax-free. Certain price restrictions apply.

Exempt items sold online are also eligible. Items must be purchased for personal use, not for business or trade.

The second tax-free holiday weekend focuses on restaurant sales. It begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 7 and ends Sunday, Aug. 9 at 11:59 p.m.

During this time, the retail sale of food and drink by restaurants and limited service restaurants, as defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 57-4-102, is exempt from sales tax.

Fresh Food at Area Markets

The Sewanee Gardeners’ Market is open every Saturday, 8–10 a.m. in the summer. The Market is located on Highway 41A, next to Hawkins Lane and the Mountain Goat Trail.

The South Cumberland Farmers’ Market has breads, fruits and vegetables, eggs, coffee and meats available. Learn more online at <<http://sewanee.locallygrown.net>>.

The Franklin County Farmers’ Market is open 7 a.m.–1 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday on Dinah Shore Boulevard, Winchester, next to the Franklin County Annex building.

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The Retreat at Water's Edge Property Raffle to Benefit the Mountain Goat Trail

The Mountain Goat Trail Alliance (MGTA) is partnering with The Retreat at Water's Edge to offer chances to win a property lot in the development in Tracy City, Tennessee. All proceeds from the raffle will go to the MGTA.

The lot, worth approximately \$25,000, is one of 140 properties at The Retreat at Water's Edge, a luxury tiny home community opened in 2019 on the Tracy City Reservoir. The Retreat at Water's Edge, still in development, will offer community firepits, pavilions, a saltwater pool, playground, private trails, access to the 95-acre calm water lake, and more. Water's Edge residents also have access to all of the amenities at The Retreat at Deer Lick Falls, their sister community down the road in Monteagle, Tenn.

“We’re excited about supporting the Mountain Goat Trail in this way,” said Chip Hayes, President of The Retreat at Water's Edge. “We hope the raffle will not only raise funds to build more trail, but also bring more regional exposure to this great asset to the South Cumberland Plateau.”

Beginning Friday, July 3, chances will be offered online at the MGTA website, <mountaingoattrail.org> at \$5 for one chance, \$50 for 12 chances, and \$100 for 30 chances. The chances will be numbered and gathered into a random digital generator; on Aug. 8, a number will be chosen by the owner of the Retreat at Water's Edge onsite, and the winner announced. You need not be present to win.

More information can be found at <mountaingoattrail.org/watersedge/>.

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Church News

Christ Church Monteagle

July 5 will be kept as a celebration of the Independence of the United States of America at Christ Church Monteagle. Even though a Proposed Book of Common Prayer was set forth in 1786, it was not until 1928 that a set form of Prayer and special lessons from Bible were approved for Independence Day by a General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Since that time, many jurisdictions and denominations have included prayers and lessons for Independence Day. Hymnals of many churches contain various hymns and songs which have become part of our American Tradition. The service of Holy Communion will begin at 10:45 a.m.

With so many churches still not holding in-person services, Christ Church takes very seriously its role as a temporary place of worship for local visitors and travelers. We practice Social Distancing and we provide Hand Sanitizers and Masks. Although we are not requiring that Masks be worn, we are trying to be quite strict about “the six feet rule,” and we hope that people will not see our practice of that to be inhospitable or unfriendly.

We are not serving lunch, but we do have a coffee hour, with coffee-to-go, and also snacks to go. We wish everyone blessings for this whole weekend!

Cowan Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Sunday services resumed on June 21 at the usual 11 a.m. hour. Be sure to like/follow on Facebook for timely updates, video services, and other announcements.

Cowan Fellowship Church

We will not meet for Sunday service on July 5; however, we will resume the following Sunday, July 12 at 11 a.m. Join us in welcoming Rev. Cynthia Jolley Gray as she begins a new ministry with our church family! <www.cowanfellowship.org>

Cowan First Baptist Church

Join us at 9:15 a.m. for Sunday School and at 10:25 a.m. for Worship. Small group activities, evening worship, and other programs have resumed as well. Videos of our Sunday services are shared through our Facebook page. <www.cowanfirstbaptist.org>

Cowan First Church of the Nazarene

Sunday services resumed on May 31. Come and join us at 11 a.m. Sunday school and evening services will resume on a later date to be announced.

Goshen Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Sunday services begin at 11 a.m. both inside the church and through our radio broadcast in the church parking lot for those unable to come inside. <<https://www.facebook.com/goshencpc/>>

Otey Memorial Parish

Our Sunday worship service will stream live at 8:30 a.m. on our Facebook page. The service recording will also be available at 11 a.m. and afterward on both our YouTube channel and our Facebook page.

The Community Action Committee continues to serve the needy while observing sensible precautions, 9–11 a.m., Monday–Friday. Please call (931) 598-5927.

The parish office is staffed limited hours and staff members are completing the rest of their work remotely. The office phone (598-5926) and email <oteyparish@gmail.com> are being monitored and we are responding to messages. To arrange to meet with a staff member, please call or email in advance.

St. Agnes’ Episcopal Church

Come and worship with us on Sunday’s at 11 a.m. Sunday school and coffee hour will resume on a future date to be announced. You can also connect through our website, our Facebook page, or our YouTube channel. <www.saintagnescowan.org>



Church Calendar

Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

All Saints’ Chapel

(services canceled until further notice)

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Monday–Friday

4 p.m. Evening Prayer, Monday–Friday

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

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

10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

noon Service, Wednesday

Christ Episcopal Church, Tracy City

(services canceled until further notice)

10 a.m. Adult Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd

9 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6:30 pm. Healing/prayer service - Thursday, July 2 (services also available on CtK’s FB Live page)

Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday (NOT July 5)

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

(also www.facebook.com/cowancpchurch/)

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 canceled 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

First Church of the Nazarene, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday

2 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday

5 p.m. Mass, Saturday

Grace Fellowship Church

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

Harrison Chapel Methodist Church, Midway

(FB Live service below)

8 a.m. Radio Show, Sunday (WSGM 104.7 FM)

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday (FB Live)

Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City

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

Monteagle 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

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Monteagle Seventh-Day Adventist

11 a.m. Worship, Saturday

Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle (services available online)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

(online worship services via Zoom. Info: call (931)

924-5339 or go online, <www.WildfireOnTheMountain.com>)

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

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, Rayburn Chapel

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

8:30 a.m. (and available afterward)—Sunday service on the Otey Memorial Parish Facebook page and the Otey Memorial Parish YouTube channel. For info on how to participate in Sunday School or Forum, contact <oteyformation@gmail.com>. Repeats at 11 a.m.

Pelham United Methodist Church (services online)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

St. Agnes’ Episcopal Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. James Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Morning Prayer Rite II, conference call

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

(temporarily meeting at Good Shepherd, Decherd)

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 until further notice)

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

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

Tracy City First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

Tracy City First United Methodist Church

(services canceled 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 canceled 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

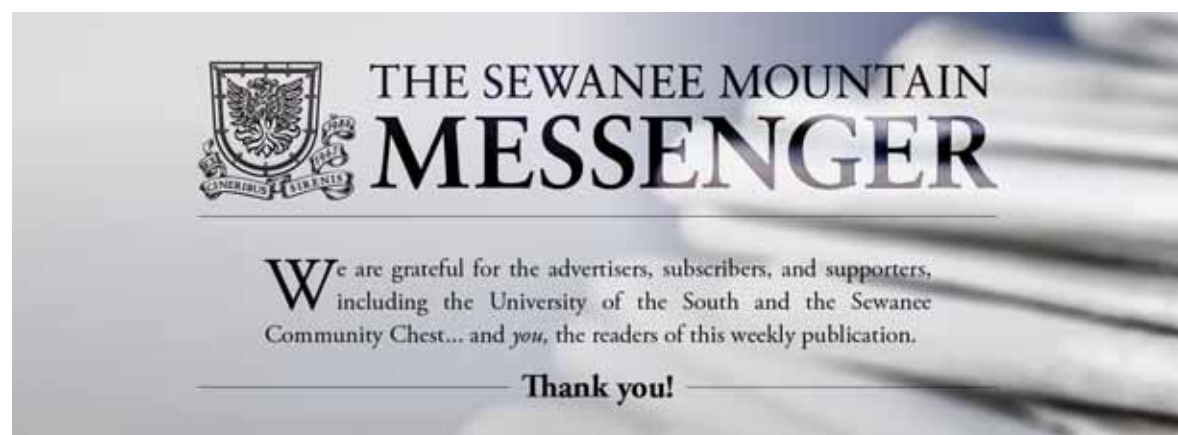
7 p.m. Worship, Wednesday

Unitarian Universalist, Tullahoma

(services canceled until further notice)

10 a.m. Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Tullahoma Sangha, Wednesday



Monteagle (from page 1)

the commercial end cleaned up, we'll have plenty of room for residents." The Monteagle dump prohibits commercial dumping. Gilliam recommended all businesses and builders be required to have dumpsters and to create a city-regulations handbook for police guidance.

"Recycled cardboard is more valuable than pulpwood," a resident pointed out. Gilliam said the city was pursuing cardboard recycling with a Winchester vendor. The resident suggested the city also investigate a cardboard recycler used by the Smokehouse.

Nate Wilson, board president of the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance (MGTA), updated the council on Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) plans to redo the deteriorating western travel lane on the Highway 41A bridge crossing I-24 and to incorporate the MGT crossing in the plan. "TDOT will tear down the western travel lane and the old railroad bridge and build a single new bridge with a 10-foot walkway," Wilson said.

Gilliam asked about the water and gas utilities crossing the interstate on the old railroad bridge. According to Wilson, TDOT said they would pay for the relocation.

With funds earmarked for a railroad-bridge trail crossing freed up, the MGTA hopes to extend the trail from the interstate to DuBose Conference Center.

In other business, the council approved purchasing a digital speed sign, cost \$2,747. The device slows traffic by alerting motorists of their speed. The police department will purchase another sign with a grant. Police Chief Jack Hill recommend the city have two. The pole-mounted digital signs can be moved to different locations as needed.

"The digital signs are as good as having another patrol car to slow traffic," Gilliam said.

The council also approved the Utility Department's request to purchase a side-by-side utility vehicle for use by the sewer plant, as well as for ballfield and MGT maintenance, cost \$8,999. Mayor David Sampley noted another possible use would be rescues on sections of the trail not accessible by ambulance.

The Hazard Mitigation Resolution adopted by the council affirms Monteagle's participation in Marion County's Hazard Mitigation Plan. Being officially affiliated with Marion County's HMP will help Monteagle secure FEMA funds to address disasters like the 2019 Laurel Lake Road flooding, and to pay for preventative measures.

Monteagle's July 4 parade participants will lineup at 9 a.m. behind the Smokehouse, except for bikes and horses which will start from the Church of Christ. Judging will be at 9:30 a.m.

Fireworks will begin at 9 p.m. at the ballpark. "This year, the city will celebrate with four trailers of fireworks instead of the usual two," Sampley said.

Revisiting the May discussion about the travel center proposed for I-24 exit 135, Gilliam said the Southeast Development District questioned whether the franchisees could build onto an existing facility. The Monteagle Planning Commission will take up the travel center at the July 7 meeting.

'Superheroes Wear Masks'

Superheroes Wear Masks, a new children's book, helps children understand the importance of wearing masks to avoid spreading the coronavirus. Authored by Nashvillian Kathy Patten and illustrated by Mary Priestley, paperback and Kindle versions are available through <amazon.com>.

"Our children are familiar with larger-than-life superheroes," said Patten. "Behind the capes and masks, the world of pretend adventure captivates them. Using this time of Covid-19, we can teach our children to appreciate real superheroes — the real people doing real service around us and around the world. This book is a thank-you to the brave superheroes who tie on masks and continue to do their good work. It is also a message to children to wear their masks with a spirit of adventure so that they can

be heroes, too." Profits from the book will be donated to programs that serve children and promote their well-being.

**School (from page 1)**

and contract bus drivers, cost \$153,000; no raises.

With raises, the revenue deficit would rise to \$622,000. With no raises, the revenue deficit would still be \$469,000, significantly higher than the original budget projected.

Board member Sarah Liechty argued for retaining the one-percent raises for certified employees with 21-25 years' experience.

"We've been trying to get raises for that group for years," Bean said.

Board member Christine Hopkins argued for giving one-percent raises to all three groups, 21-25 years' experience certified employees, classified employees, and contract bus drivers.

"It's not our prerogative to give raises," board member Lance Williams said. "It's up to the county and the state. We're not a funding body. Nobody gave us the money to give raises."

"We find the money when we want to," Hopkins said.

Motions by Liechty and Hopkins received only two votes. Williams motion to amend the budget removing all raises passed with only Hopkins voting no.

Liechty pointed out the governor recently said Tennessee was one of the fastest recovering states economically. "We're on track to be back to where we should be in the near future," Liechty stressed.

The board discussed asking the county commission's permission to amend the budget in the fall if sales tax revenue increased.

"I hesitate to estimate what sales tax revenue will be," said Franklin County Finance Director Andrea Smith. "We'll have a better picture in three to four months."

Turning to what the return of students would look like in the midst of the ongoing pandemic, Bean said there was very little chance instruction would be totally online.

Bean referenced the stakeholder survey results: 57 percent favored in-the-school-building instruction, 15 percent favored online instruction, and 27 percent favored a combination of the two. He said there had been discussion about students having in-classroom instruction on a staggered schedule, some on Monday-Wednesday-Friday and some on Tuesday-Thursday, with students receiving online instruction on the out-of-classroom days.

Tentatively, plans call for parents having the option to choose between in-classroom instruction and online instruction. Online instruction could be conducted via

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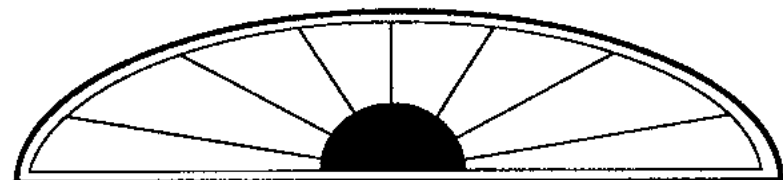
Director (from page 1)

said Director of Schools, Stanley Bean. "I appreciate the work of my administrators, administrative assistants, and supervisors over the past several months to come up with the best plan for our school system. I appreciate all the calls and emails of support and offering to help from parents and community people."

"There will be several detailed information releases over the next few weeks as we prepare for the return."

"Parents, your support and cooperation will be of the utmost importance during the next few months."

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Gov. Lee Extends State of Emergency to Aug. 29, 2020

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee today signed Executive Order No. 50 to extend the State of Emergency related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic to August 29, 2020. The order allows the continued suspension of various laws and regulations and other measures in these orders to facilitate the treatment and containment of COVID-19 through regulatory flexibility, promoting social distancing and avoidance of large gatherings, and protecting vulnerable populations.

Executive Order No. 50 extends previous provisions that:

Urge Tennesseans to continue limiting activity and staying home where possible, as well as following health guidelines and maintaining social distancing;

Urge persons to wear a cloth face covering in places where in close proximity to others;

Urge employers to allow or require remote work/telework if possible;

Provide that persons with COVID-19 or COVID-19 symptoms are required to stay at home, and that employers may not require or allow employees with COVID-19 to work;

Limit social and recreational gatherings of 50 or more persons, unless adequate social distancing can be maintained (the 6 counties with locally run county health departments may issue different directives on gatherings);

Limit contact sports with a requirement or substantial likelihood of routine close contact;

Limit nursing home and long-term-care facility visitation, while providing a framework for safe, limited visitation set forth in Executive Order No. 49, and continue the closure of senior centers;

Provide that employers and businesses are expected to comply with the Governor's Economic Recovery Group Guidelines (e.g., Tennessee Pledge) for operating safely, as well as general health guidelines from the CDC and other government entities (the 6 counties with locally run county health departments have authority to issue different directives on businesses/venues);

Provide that bars may only serve customers seated at appropriately spaced tables and must follow the Economic Recovery Group Guidelines (e.g., Tennessee Pledge) for restaurants (the 6 counties with locally run county health departments have authority to issue different directives on businesses/venues);

Urge persons and businesses to take special care to protect vulnerable populations, including by offering delivery or special shopping hours where possible;

Allow take-out and delivery alcohol sales by restaurants and limited-service restaurants to continue to encourage customers to utilize take-out or delivery options;

Allow broad access to telehealth services;

Extend deadlines and suspend certain in-person continuing education or inspection requirements to avoid unnecessary person-to-person contact; and

Increase opportunities to work remotely where appropriate.

For more information go to <tn.gov>.

Free Summer Meals to be Served at DuBose

On Monday, July 6 free grab-and-go summer meals for children will be served at DuBose Conference Center 10 a.m.– noon. For this week only, meal service at DuBose replaces the Monteagle Elementary site.

"We've been serving nearly 90 children each week at Monteagle Elementary, and want to ensure that families know to receive meals this coming Monday at DuBose Conference Center instead. We'll be returning to our regular Monday service at Monteagle Elementary on July 13 and will continue serving at Monteagle and all Grundy County Elementary schools through July," said VISTA Coordinator, Vicki Borchers.

The week of July 6, meals will be served Monday 10 a.m.–noon at DuBose Conference Center and as usual at Tracy City, Coalmont, and Pelham Elementary Schools. Meals are additionally served Tuesdays 10 a.m.–noon at North, Swiss and Palmer Elementary Schools. On Wednesdays meals are available at the Grundy County Housing Authority 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Additionally, Camp Rain in Decherd is in session the week of July 6–9. During this time breakfast will be served 8–10 a.m. and lunch will be available 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

All children 18 years old and under are welcome to receive free meals. Grab-and-go style meal service includes 10 meals for each child (five breakfasts and five lunches). Children need not be present during meal distribution, which means parents or other adults may pick-up meals for children who are at home.

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encourages all plateau families with children to participate in this free meal program. All children 18 years and younger are welcome to receive meals at no charge regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Additionally, meals will be provided throughout the summer at four Franklin County locations listed below.

Monteagle Elementary School, 120 E. Main St., Monteagle, Monday, July 13–27, 10 a.m.–noon

Tracy Elementary School, 276 3rd St., Tracy City, Monday, through July 27, 10 a.m.–noon

Coalmont Elementary School, 7862 SR 56, Coalmont, Monday, through July 27, 10 a.m.–noon

Pelham Elementary School, 2402 SR 50, Pelham, Monday, through July 27, 10 a.m.–noon

Palmer Elementary School, 226 Palmer Rd., Palmer, Tuesday, through July 28, 10 a.m.–noon

North Elementary School, 309 Main St., Altamont, Tuesday, through July 28, 10 a.m.–noon

Swiss Memorial School, 477 55th Ave., Gruetli Laager, Tuesday, through July 28, 10 a.m.–noon

Grundy Housing Authority, 187 Raulston Ave., Monteagle, through July 30, Wednesday, 9–11 a.m.

Epiphany Mission, 62 Mountain Ave., Sherwood, through July 31, Friday, noon–1 p.m.

DuBose Healthy Roots, 635 College St., Monteagle, Monday, July 6, 10 a.m.–noon

Rain Teen Center, 626 Bennett Cemetery Rd., Decherd, through July 29, Wednesday, 5–7:30 p.m.

Grace Center for Hope, 912 S.

College St., Winchester, through July 30, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Franklin Co. Prevention Coalition, 900 S. Shepard St., Winchester, through July 28, Monday and Tuesday, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Camp Rain, 626 Bennett Cemetery Rd., Decherd, July 6–9, 8–10 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

The 2020 Summer Food Service Program (SFSF) is administered in Tennessee by the Department of Human Services under an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at <<https://www.ascr.usda.gov/filing-program-discrimination-complaint-usda-customer>> or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail to:

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, by fax at (202) 690-7442, or email at <program.intake@usda.gov>.

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Federal Pandemic Unemployment Program Ending in July

FPUC provided \$600 per week in federal assistance, in addition to benefits from other unemployment insurance programs, including Tennessee Unemployment Compensation and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA).

The CARES Act requires states to provide FPUC through July 31. Tennessee, like many other states, ends its benefit week on Saturdays. July 25 is the last Saturday in the month. Federal law does not allow the state to pay this particular benefit through Saturday, August 1.

Eligible claimants still unemployed as of July 26 will receive benefits that do not include the additional \$600 FPUC payment starting Monday, Aug. 3.

If an eligible claim is in pending status, and the claimant has completed all weekly certifications prior to July 25, they will retroactively receive their benefits, including the FPUC payments, on the date the claim processes.

The additional unemployment programs outlined in the CARES Act; PUA and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation, will continue through Dec. 26, 2020, the last Saturday of that month.

Register for the Tennessee Naturalist Program

Registration is now open for the 2020-21 Tennessee Naturalist Program (TNP), sponsored by the Friends of the South Cumberland.

TNP is a series of 10, four-hour classes that are designed to introduce adult learners to the natural history of Tennessee. Graduates join a critical corps of volunteers providing nature education, outreach and service to the South Cumberland State Park (SCSP).

Classes are scheduled in two semesters, from September to November and February to May, and are usually held on Saturday mornings. The classwork is divided between lectures, hands-on activities and many hours of outdoor immersion. Topics include geology, forests, plants, mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians, aquatic ecosystems, trail building and interpretation.

The cost for the classes is \$250 per person for current members of the Friends of South Cumberland State Park. For those who are not current members, the fee is \$275 per person, which includes a one-year individual membership in the Friends.

Classes are limited to 20 participants. Requirements for becoming a Tennessee Naturalist are 40 hours of instruction and 40 hours of environmentally focused volunteer service. To register or for more information, visit <www.friendsofsouthcumberland.org>, or email <todd.wright@tn.gov>.

A scholarship has been made available by the Friends of South Cumberland to be used by a teacher in the Grundy County School System. To learn more about the scholarship, email <todd.wright@tn.gov>.

The SCSP is located within four Tennessee counties: Grundy, Franklin, Marion and Sequatchie. The park is composed of approximately 30,845 acres in nine separate areas and boasts some of the best hiking and backcountry camping in the region. For more information, visit <www.tnstateparks.com/south-cumberland>.

The Friends of South Cumberland is a group of volunteer citizens dedicated to supporting the South Cumberland State Park, at 30,837 acres, Tennessee's largest state park.

The Caverns Goes Deeper Underground by Opening A New Cave

The Caverns, home of PBS's Bluegrass Underground, announced the July 4 grand opening of a new cave on its grounds and new daily guided tours. Known for underground concert experiences, the new cave tours make The Caverns a daytime destination for underground adventure as well.

"This opening marks the first show cave to open in Tennessee in over 50 years! We're excited to provide the public with a new natural tour showcasing the wonder and awe that only a select few skilled cavers have ever seen before," says The Caverns owner Todd Mayo.

Beginning July 4, guided cave tours will be offered daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central and cost \$22.95 for adults, \$12.95 for children 12 and under. With a 7-day advance booking, The Caverns will also offer adventure cave tours for \$130 (includes T-shirt) to take guests deep inside The Caverns cave system. To be one of the first to experience the new attraction, The Caverns is now accepting reservations via its website, <TheCaverns.com>.

Historically known as "Big Room Cave," guided cave tours start in a natural cave room that's longer than three football fields. Now accessible to the general public for the first time, it's one of the longest commercial cave rooms in the United States. The tour will also entwine geology, cave lore and the unique history of the area.

The second portion of the guided tour takes guests inside The Caverns music venue to learn how the cave was developed for concerts, how underground concerts are produced, and more. The tour ends on The Caverns iconic stage where guests can pose for photos just like the venue's headlining artists. All told, the experience is two tours for the price of one and lasts between 45 minutes to 1 hour.

"Since opening in 2018, The Caverns has attracted visitors from all over by celebrating what makes Tennessee unique—music and natural beauty. With the opening of The Caverns new show cave, guests have all the more reason to visit us in Tennessee," said Commissioner Mark Ezell, Tennessee Department of Tourist Development.

The Caverns is located at 555 Charlie Roberts Rd, Pelham, TN 37366 at the foot of Monteagle Mountain in the rolling green hills of Grundy County, Tennessee just 10 minutes from Exit 127 on I-24.

The Caverns plans to see an exponential increase in annual attendance by offering daily cave tours. School, church and other organized groups are welcome for tours and overnight adventures. Presently, The Caverns hosts more than 50,000 guests a year for concerts. Many of these guests take advantage of the venue's Stay & Cave Packages, which include VIP tickets, accommodations in either Monteagle or Manchester, ground transportation to and from the venue, meal vouchers, commemorative merchandise and a VIP liaison to help make the experience all it can be.

Creating unforgettable experiences is a core principle at The Caverns and during COVID-19 we are committed to The Tennessee Pledge to responsibly open and operate the tours. The cave tour staff at The Caverns will follow CDC recommended cleaning practices and protective measures. In addition the size of tours and the space between parties on tours will be limited to protect safety. Take advantage of the opportunity to get out of the house and explore the natural beauty at The Caverns.

Annual 'Picture the Park' Photo Contest Open

Area photographers are invited to submit their most picturesque photos of the South Cumberland State Park (SCSP) to the annual Picture the Park photo contest sponsored by the Friends of South Cumberland (FOSC).

Winners will be named in several categories, and the photos will be used on the Friends' website, in printed literature, in physical products offered in exchange for donations to the Friends, or to sell in order to raise money for projects facilitated for the SCSP.

"By entering our contest and donating your photos to the Friends, you'll help us tell the amazing story of the park and receive much-deserved recognition for your photographic talents," said Friends board member Rick Dreves.

Deadline to submit photos is midnight on Sept. 13. More information, submission requirements and categories are available at <www.friendsofsouthcumberland.org>.

Deadline Extended to Apply for COVID-19 Food Assistance

Families across Tennessee still have time to apply for an important program designed to help support them through the COVID-19 pandemic. The Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) has extended the deadline to apply for the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program until Monday, July 13 at 4:30 p.m. Central Time.

Families can apply online <http://tdhs.service-now.com>

P-EBT provides parents with \$5.70 in food benefits per child for each day that child qualifies. To be eligible, children must receive free or reduced meals at school or attend a Community Eligibility Provision school. Families who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits do not need to apply as their benefits will be automatically applied to their existing EBT cards.

P-EBT is designed to replace meals lost during the months of March, April, and May due to COVID-19 school closures. Qualifying families who do not receive SNAP or TANF will receive a P-EBT card in the mail in July that can be used to purchase food at any establishment that accepts EBT or online with Amazon and Walmart.

Individuals who need assistance completing their P-EBT application or have general questions about the program are encouraged to call the TDHS hotline at 1-833-496-0661.

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act authorized the U.S. Department of Agriculture to approve states for Pandemic EBT (P-EBT). Approved state agencies may operate P-EBT when a school is closed for at least five consecutive days during a public health emergency designation when the school would otherwise be in session. Tennessee is among the more than 40 states that have received P-EBT approval.

Learn more about the Tennessee Department of Human Services at <www.tn.gov/humanservices>.



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Pre-K Applications

Monteagle Elementary School is still registering for Pre-K 2020-2021 school year. Your child must be 4-years old on or before Aug. 15. You must be a resident of Marion County or live within Monteagle City Limits. Registration packets will be in the office all summer. Limited space is available, so register as soon as you can. Please call (931) 924-2136 and someone will assist you.

Applications for Pre-K are still available for Franklin County Schools. Call the Board of Education at (931) 967-0626, and ask for Beth or Patti.

Pre-K Spaces Available at the SCC

The Sewanee Children's Center (SCC) has openings in its Pre-K classes and ample funding for need-based tuition assistance. The Pre-K class is for fun-loving, curious, bright-eyed children ages three to five. SCC teachers are committed, creative, and welcoming to new families, who come to us for our small class sizes, excellent outdoor and indoor play spaces, and after-school care. Since 1949, SCC has been serving Sewanee and the surrounding counties with a preschool and after-school curriculum that "respects childhood as a time to explore, create, and be joyful." The center is guided by the idea that encouraging and allowing the opportunities for pretend play not only makes for happier children but also creates the foundation for their development into confident, compassionate, and creative adults. Pretend play has also been shown to contribute to early literacy, mathematical thinking, and problem-solving.

SCC has always been committed to building a healthy community around cooperative ideals. SCC has developed new policies and practices founded on CDC guidelines to create first and foremost a safe and healthy environment for the children, their families, and SCC staff. These new practices will also ensure a relaxed, nurturing environment for the children where they can thrive.

The Pre-K session at SCC begins Monday, Aug. 3. For more information on the Sewanee Children's Center, its curriculum, its new health and safety guidelines, and what it means to be a co-op, contact the director, Sandy Glacet, at <sewaneechildrenscenter@gmail.com>. Find the SCC online at <http://sewaneechildrenscenter.org/>.

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SAS Quarter 4 Honors Lists

The following students from Franklin, Coffee, Grundy, and Marion counties were named to the Honors Lists at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School for Quarter 4 of the 2019-20 school year. Overall, 100 students, including 33 boarding and 77 day students, achieved academic distinction for the fourth quarter.

Students who earn an average of 93 or above with no grade below 83 are named to the High Honors List for academic achievement. Students with average ranges between 83 and 92 and who have received no grade below 80 are named to the Honors List. Satisfactory completion of after-noon programs is required for students to be eligible for the Honor Roll.

High Honors

Porter Neubauer, Belvidere
Eli Thompson, Belvidere
Hannah Warmbrod, Belvidere
Riley Burnette, Monteagle
Chloe Fontenelle, Monteagle
Luciana Mollica, Monteagle
Ryan Ostrowski, Monteagle
Kathleen Perkins, Monteagle
Anna Post, Monteagle
Emily Bailey, Sewanee
Alex Brewster, Sewanee
Annabett Bridgers, Sewanee
Sarah Grace Burns, Sewanee
Sophia Carlos, Sewanee
Lucy Carroll, Sewanee
Abi Cassell, Sewanee
AJ Clements, Sewanee
Mac Croom, Sewanee
Evan Fox, Sewanee
Myers Gorrell, Sewanee
Harrison Hartman, Sewanee
Nathan King, Sewanee
Tanner King, Sewanee
Zolon Knoll, Sewanee
Erin Mattingly, Sewanee
Tim Nelson, Sewanee
Iliana Pate, Sewanee
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Justine Rogers, Sewanee
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Aidan Smith, Sewanee
Payton Zeitler, Sewanee
Curtis Gill, South Pittsburg

Sarah Beth Hobby, South Pittsburg

Kendale James, Tracy City
Gabriel Pongdee, Tracy City
Michael Pongdee, Tracy City
Breezy Rollins, Tracy City
Adeline Smith, Tullahoma
Saje Mangru, Winchester

Honors

Libby Neubauer, Belvidere
Noah Henley, Cowan
William Barron, Manchester
Isaac Pauley, Manchester
Phoebe Foshee, Monteagle
Hannah Moss, Monteagle
Elijah Seavey, Monteagle
Lauren Wockasen, Monteagle
Cate Bachman, Sewanee
Jenna Black, Sewanee
Kyler Cantrell, Sewanee
Victor Eichler, Sewanee
Pete Haight, Sewanee
Sylvan Huber-Feely, Sewanee
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J.T. Jenkins, Sewanee
Madison King, Sewanee
Luca Malde, Sewanee
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2020 UT-Knoxville Spring Dean's List Announced

The following local students were announced to the University of Tennessee-Knoxville Dean's List. To qualify for the dean's list, an undergraduate student must earn a term grade point average of 3.80 to 4.00 (summa cum laude), 3.65 to 3.79 (magna cum laude), or 3.50 to 3.64 (cum laude). Students must complete at least 12 credit hours, not counting work taken on a satisfactory/no-credit basis, to be eligible.

John H. Beavers, Sewanee, Magna Cum Laude;
Casandra G. Billington, Winchester, Magna Cum Laude;
Amanda R. Carson, Winchester, Cum Laude;
Lauren Courtney, Winchester, Summa Cum Laude;
William H. Duncan, Decherd, Summa Cum Laude;
Jordan R. Hall, Estill Springs, Summa Cum Laude;
Andrew H. Harrison, Winchester, Summa Cum Laude;
William T. Henley, Decherd, Magna Cum Laude;
Devin W. Hevener, Winchester, Magna Cum Laude;
Victoria R. Howard, Winchester, Summa Cum Laude;
Mackenzie C. Hudgins, Pelham, Summa Cum Laude;
Ryan A. Jernigan, Cowan, Summa Cum Laude;
Eugene Kim, Winchester, Magna Cum Laude;
Catherine J. Martella, Sewanee, Summa Cum Laude;
Cole T. Norris, Winchester, Summa Cum Laude;
Kylee B. Norris, Winchester, Summa Cum Laude;
Austin M. Orr, Estill Springs, Summa Cum Laude;
Annie Pan, Winchester, Summa Cum Laude;
Rahul S. Patel, Winchester, Summa Cum Laude;
Pooja S. Patel, Winchester, Summa Cum Laude;
Taylor A. Patterson, Tullahoma, Summa Cum Laude;
Jarod K. Pendleton, Huntland, Summa Cum Laude;
Madison C. Rhoton, Winchester, Summa Cum Laude;
Matthew C. Rhoton, Winchester, Summa Cum Laude;
Cameron J. Rogers, Gruetli-Laager, Summa Cum Laude;
Jace A. Smith, Winchester, Magna Cum Laude;
Zachary T. Stovall, Huntland, Summa Cum Laude;
Malia N. Stovall, Winchester, Summa Cum Laude;
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Tortuga



Elwood Blues

Pets of the Week

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Elwood Blues is a handsome, blue-eyed, one-year-old husky mix. Elwood has been at the shelter since he was seven-months-old. Elwood has special needs that will require a special adopter and a safe environment in order for him to succeed. Being dumped in the streets at a young age meant Elwood had very little proper socialization with people or animals leading up to his arrival at the shelter. Furthermore, the shelter environment is even more challenging for a fearful and stressed dog like Elwood. Even though Elwood has overcome a lot of fear and our trainer is working with Elwood as much as possible to properly socialize him, he is still going to need some extra work outside of the shelter with a very committed and confident adopter. Elwood is dog selective, people selective, and does not get along with cats. Elwood will not be able to go into a home with small children, but would do well with older teens if they know how to respect boundaries. Elwood does have an issue with sight due to his eye placement, and because of that, he can be fearful when caught off guard. Elwood is up-to-date on vaccinations, heartworm-negative, neutered, and microchipped. Serious inquiries only. To inquire and learn more about Elwood, please submit our online adoption application at <www.animalharbor.org>.

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.

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NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried



Stewartia specimen by Leonard King, photo by Yolande Gottfried

Stewartia

Leonard King brought me a flowering specimen of mountain camellia, *Stewartia ovata*, last weekend, and shared a lot of information about it. He knows that it usually flowers around the 4th of July and having missed it last year, went out earlier this year and found it in bloom. It is an uncommon shrub, found in the southeast U.S. in mesic woods along streambanks and bluff bases in the Appalachian Mountains and the Piedmont. In Tennessee, Franklin County is at the western edge of its range except for a report in Rutherford County. It is the only member of the Tea Family in our flora.

The flower is similar to that of *Franklinia*, which has only been found in the Altamaha River Valley in southeast Georgia and is now extinct in the wild. It survives as a cultivated plant all descended from seeds collected by the Philadelphia botanist William Bartram, who first described the plant around the time of the American Revolution and named it for his father's friend, Benjamin Franklin.

Another connection with the American Revolution is found in the genus name of *Stewartia*, which honors John Stuart, 16th century Scottish botanist and third Earl of the Isle of Bute. He was the tutor and friend of George III, king of England at the time of our Revolution. He is also by way of being a family connection of mine, in that the McCurdys (my paternal family name) are a sept of clan Stuart of Bute in Scotland.

How appropriate on this Fourth of July weekend to be able to feature a plant that blooms at this time, was "discovered" at the time of the American Revolution, was named for a friend of the King of England at the time of the Revolution, and is related to a plant named for Benjamin Franklin!

WEATHER

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	June 22	81	67
Tue	June 23	81	65
Wed	June 24	76	66
Thu	June 25	80	64
Fri	June 26	72	66
Sat	June 27	78	61
Sun	June 28	83	71

Week's Stats:

Avg max temp =	79
Avg min temp =	66
Avg temp =	72
Precipitation =	3.33"

*Reported by Sandy Gilliam
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State Park Offerings

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

Friday, July 3

Stone Door Night Hike (free; please pre-register)—Join Seasonal Interpretive Recreator and Ranger William Allen at 8:30 p.m. CT at Stone Door parking lot, 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs, 37305 on a 2-mile moderate journey to Stone Door. This will be a night hike so guests will be able to see the beautiful night sky filled with stars and the nighttime wildlife. Participants should bring a flashlight/ head lamp along with a bottle of water. Proper foot wear is suggested. Group size is limited so please register before attending. (Also available at 8 p.m. on Friday, July 10, with Ranger Austin Holman, \$5. Social distancing guidelines will be followed.)

Saturday, July 4

Lunch at Beautiful South Champion Overlook (\$5)—Meet Ranger Austin Holman at 9:30 a.m. CT at Savage Gulf Natural Area, 3157 SR 399, Palmer, for a moderate-to-difficult 6-mile hike, stopping for lunch at a beautiful overlook, and stopping at Savage Falls and its pool. Bring at least 72 oz. of water, lunch or a snack, and wear sturdy shoes or boots and weather-appropriate clothing. Bug/sun protection also recommended. *Covid-19 social distancing guidelines will be followed throughout this program. Bringing a mask is recommended.

Sunday, July 5

Yoga at Stone Door (\$8)—Join Ranger Kristin Willis at 9 a.m. at Stone Door, 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs, in the overnight parking lot next to the Stone Door campsites for a yoga session. This program will contain yoga stances along with static stretching which is perfect before hiking our trails! All levels of experience are welcome. We will walk to a group site together. For this session, bring a yoga mat/towel and water. *Covid-19 social distancing guidelines will be followed throughout this program. Bringing a mask is recommended.

Friday, July 10

Hike to Horsepound Falls (free; please pre-register)—Meet Seasonal Interpretive Recreator and Ranger William Allen at 9 a.m. CT at the Collins West Parking lot, 2689 55th Ave., Gruetli-Laager, for a 4-mile hike through the Collins West Gulf trail to Horsepound Falls. Learn more about the native plants and animals residing in this forest plus some brief history of the park. Tennis shoes or hiking boots, bug spray/sunscreen sufficient water and weather-appropriate clothing a must. Group size will be limited so pre-registering is necessary.

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.

Have a safe and happy Fourth of July!



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Fourth of July

I hear America singing, the varied carols I hear,
Those of mechanics, each one singing his as it should be blithe and strong,
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The mason singing his as he makes ready for work, or leaves off work,
The boatman singing as she sits on his bench, the hatter singing as he stands,
The wood-cutter's song, the ploughboy's on his way in the morning, or at noon intermission or at sundown,
The delicious singing of the mother, or of the young wife at work, or of the girl sewing or washing,
Each singing what belongs to him or her and to none else,
The day what belongs to the day--at night the party of young fellows, robust, friendly,
Singing with open mouths their strong melodious songs.

—Walt Whitman, *I Hear America Singing*

I, too, sing America.

I am the darker brother
They send me to eat in the kitchen
When Company comes.
But I laugh,
And eat well,
And grow strong.

Tomorrow,
I'll be at the table
When company comes.
Nobody'll dare
Say to me,
"Eat in the kitchen,"
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Besides,
They'll see how beautiful I am
And be ashamed--

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—Langston Hughes, *I, Too*

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- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- noon Stretch/Straighten, Angel Park/Zoom; email <kim_butters59@hotmail.com>
- 6:30 p.m. Stress Relief Class, Kim, (free), Angel Park/Zoom; email <kim_butters59@hotmail.com>

Saturday, July 4 • Independence Day

- 8 a.m. Sewanee Gardener's Market, Hawkins Lane, until 10 a.m.
- 8:30 a.m. Outdoor Gentle Yoga, Robie, (\$15) Mooney's Yoga Yard, until 9:45 a.m. (weather permitting); to reserve a spot email <robieyogamtn@gmail.com>
- 10 a.m. Sewanee Village Virtual Open House, Gladu, until 11 a.m.; to request a link to attend, email <fxgladu@sewanee.edu>

Monday, July 6

- 8 a.m. Franklin County Library open, until 6 p.m., <<http://www.franklincountylibrary.org/index.html>>
- 8 a.m. Summer Feeding Program, Camp Rain, 626 Bennett Cemetery Rd., Decherd, until 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. May Justus Library open, until 5 p.m. <<https://www.grundytnlibraries.org/>>
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Angel Park/Zoom; email <kim_butters59@hotmail.com>
- 9 a.m. COVID-19 testing, Franklin (931) 967-3826, Grundy (931) 692-3641, Health Departments, until noon
- 10 a.m. Summer Feeding Program, Coalmont Elementary, Pelham Elementary, Tracy City Elementary, until noon
- 10 a.m. Summer Feeding Program, DuBose Healthy Roots, 635 College St., Monteagle, until noon
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Center, until 11:15 a.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Summer Feeding Program, FC Prevention Coalition, until 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 7

- 7 a.m. FC Farmers Market, Dinah Shore Blvd, Winchester, until 1 p.m.
- 8 a.m. Franklin County Library open, until 6 p.m., <<http://www.franklincountylibrary.org/index.html>>
- 8 a.m. May Justus Library open, until 4 p.m. <<https://www.grundytnlibraries.org/>>
- 8 a.m. GC Food Bank, Tracy City, until 10 a.m.
- 8 a.m. Summer Feeding Program, Camp Rain, 626 Bennett Cemetery Rd., Decherd, until 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, beginners, Angel Park/Zoom
- 9 a.m. COVID-19 testing, Franklin (931) 967-3826, Grundy (931) 692-3641, Health Departments, until noon
- 10 a.m. Summer Feeding Program, North Elementary, Swiss Memorial, Palmer Elementary, until noon
- 10:30 a.m. La Leche League, via Zoom, email <LaLecheLeaguesewanee@gmail.com> for link to attend
- 10:30 a.m. Yoga for Every Body, Anneli, DuBose Pavilion, until noon
- 11:30 a.m. Summer Feeding Program, Grace Center for Hope, until 1:30 p.m.
- noon Pilates, intermediate, Angel Park/Zoom; email <kim_butters59@hotmail.com>
- 4:30 p.m. South Cumberland Farmers' Market,

curbside pickup, Community Center, until 6:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Summer Feeding Program, FC Prevention Coalition, until 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 8

- 8 a.m. Franklin County Library open, until 6 p.m., <<http://www.franklincountylibrary.org/index.html>>
- 8 a.m. May Justus Library open, until 4 p.m. <<https://www.grundytnlibraries.org/>>
- 8 a.m. Summer Feeding Program, Camp Rain, 626 Bennett Cemetery Rd., Decherd, until 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. COVID-19 testing, Franklin (931) 967-3826, Grundy (931) 692-3641, Health Departments, until noon
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Angel Park/Zoom; email <kim_butters59@hotmail.com>
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Center, until 11:15 a.m.
- 11 a.m. Summer Feeding Program, Grundy County Housing Authority, until 1 p.m.
- 11:30 a.m. Summer Feeding Program, Grace Center for Hope, until 1:30 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Summer Feeding Program, Rain Teen Center, until 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 9

- 7 a.m. FC Farmers Market, Dinah Shore Blvd, Winchester, until 1 p.m.
- 8 a.m. Franklin County Library open, until 6 p.m., <<http://www.franklincountylibrary.org/index.html>>
- 8 a.m. May Justus Library open, until 4 p.m. <<https://www.grundytnlibraries.org/>>
- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, Sewanee Inn, also via Zoom
- 8 a.m. Summer Feeding Program, Camp Rain, 626 Bennett Cemetery Rd., Decherd, until 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. COVID-19 testing, Franklin (931) 967-3826, Grundy (931) 692-3641, Health Departments, until noon
- 9 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Angel Park/Zoom; email <kim_butters59@hotmail.com>
- 11:30 a.m. Summer Feeding Program, Grace Center for Hope, until 1:30 p.m.
- noon Pilates, intermediate, Angel Park/Zoom
- 1:30 p.m. FC School Nutrition Program drive-thru meal pickup, FCHS, until 5:30 p.m.; more info visit <www.fcstn.net>

Friday, July 10

- 8 a.m. Franklin County Library open, until 6 p.m., <<http://www.franklincountylibrary.org/index.html>>
- 8 a.m. May Justus Library open, until 4 p.m. <<https://www.grundytnlibraries.org/>>
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. COVID-19 testing, Franklin (931) 967-3826, Grundy (931) 692-3641, Health Departments, until noon
- 9 a.m. Pilates, golf/tennis, Angel Park/Zoom; email <kim_butters59@hotmail.com>
- noon Summer Feeding Program, Epiphany Mission, Sherwood, until 1 p.m.
- noon Stretch/Straighten, Angel Park/Zoom; email <kim_butters59@hotmail.com>
- 6:30 p.m. Stress Relief Class, Kim, (free), Angel Park/Zoom; email <kim_butters59@hotmail.com>

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, Otey Parish on Zoom, call (606) 275-9562 for link
- 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 - canceled
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon, First UMC, Winchester

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