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Deb Dreves, of Sewanee, received the Harry Yeatman Environmental Education Award during the annual meeting of the Friends of South Cumberland. Dreves was recognized for her work in building South Cumberland's Tennessee Naturalist Program; her efforts in helping to develop and deliver children's programming for area students; and her initiative in managing the Teaching Garden area at the SCSP Visitor Center.



John Greeter, of Cowan, received the Jim Prince Memorial Award during the annual meeting of the Friends of South Cumberland. Greeter was recognized for his years of leadership in the Friends group; his dedication to the cause of conservation; and his pivotal role in the addition of the Firescald Creek/Greeter Falls area to South Cumberland State Park.

Secretary Hargett Encourages Tennesseans to Vote Early

Early voting for the Tennessee State and Federal Primary and County General Election begins Friday, July 17, and runs Monday to Saturday, until Saturday, Aug. 1. Election Day is Thursday, Aug. 6. "The safety of voters and poll officials are our top priority," said Secretary of State Tre Hargett. "With social distancing measures and many other safety precautions in place for this election, I urge voters to take advantage of Tennessee's generous early voting period."

Early voting provides Tennesseans the opportunity to avoid Election Day crowds and can shorten your wait time. Early voting also offers the flexibility of evenings and Saturdays along with multiple polling locations in many counties.

During early voting and on Election Day, Tennesseans are encouraged to do their part. This includes wearing a face covering and maintaining a six-foot distance from poll officials and other voters. Voters should expect to see signs with further safety instructions at their polling locations. All poll officials will be wearing face coverings and will be trained to social distancing measures.

"County election commissions have been planning for a safe and secure election for months," said Coordinator of Elections Mark Goins. As part of our commitment to safety, the state is providing masks, social distancing resources, gloves, gowns and face shields for poll officials."

Tennesseans can find early voting and Election Day polling locations, view and mark sample ballots and much more with the GoVoteTN app or online at <GoVoteTN.com>. You can download the GoVoteTN app for free in the App Store or Google Play. Reviewing your sample ballot and deciding how you will vote will reduce your time at the polls.

Voters who have moved within the county or have had a name change since the last time they voted can update their registration online at <GoVoteTN.com>. By making sure your registration is up to date, you can shorten the time you will need to spend at your polling location.

More information about what types of ID are acceptable can be found on <GoVoteTN.com> or by calling the Division of Elections toll-free at 1-877-850-4959.

Franklin County Schools COVID-19 Resuming Classes Plans

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Franklin County School system students will have the option of virtual instruction or in-classroom instruction. At the July 13 school board meeting, Director of Schools Stanley Bean talked about specifics. The board also took up policy changes recommended by the Tennessee School Board Association, and heard from three speakers asking the board to take action to change the Franklin County High School (FCHS) Rebel mascot, [see page 5].

School begins Aug. 5. Sign up for virtual learning will be July 16-17 and July 20-21 at FCHS, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or online at the Franklin County Schools website <fcstn.net>. To participate in

virtual learning, a student must have reliable internet access and a parent or guardian needs to be at home with the student, Bean said. Parents must sign a contract agreeing to a nine-week commitment in the virtual learning program. After nine-weeks, parents may opt for their children to return to classroom instruction or may opt to begin virtual learning if they participated in classroom instruction for the first nine weeks.

Bean stressed the virtual program would be rigorous. "The state says there must be six and a half hours of in-class work online. That's more than we do in a regular school day."

Asked how long the virtual

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Changes in University's COVID-19 Health and Safety Planning Team

University Provost Nancy Berner this week announced some changes in personnel in the University's COVID-19 health and safety planning team. David Shipp; Mariel Gingrich, MPH; and Dr. Mary Heath, MD, MPH, have been added to the team.

David Shipp, director of the Babson Center for Global Commerce, will temporarily take over management of health and safety planning from Eric Hartman.

Mariel Gingrich was recently hired as Sewanee's public health communications officer. Community members might see the effects of her work in particular. She will serve as the primary liaison with public health leadership in the tri-county area and the Tennessee Department of Health; create a public communications campaign both on and off campus in support of healthy and preventive behaviors; apply public health techniques to reduce and control the incidence and the spread of the novel coronavirus in Sewanee; and coordinate student health peer efforts on campus and in the community. Gingrich received a master's of public health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in 2016.

Many community members probably know Mary Heath, MD, MPH. She is a longtime resident of Monteagle and a pediatrician with Sewanee Pediatrics. She is assisting the University part time through November, focusing on testing events and medical protocols. Dr. Heath earned a master's in public health from Tulane University and an MD at the Medical School for International Health.

These additions to the University's health and safety team will help ensure the effective implementation of the University's COVID-19 plan.

A Network of Blessings at the CAC

by Bailey Basham, Messenger Staff Writer

Like many folks in this time of working, studying, doing absolutely everything from home, David Goodpaster has been relying on email lately. It is one of the most convenient ways to arrange Zoom calls, plan new projects and discuss how continuing to serve families in need might look as cases of COVID-19 begin to rise.

Goodpaster typically signs the emails he sends with "Blessings." He said it is for good reason. So much of his life has been guided by the desire for his work to be a vehicle of sharing God's blessings with others.

"A blessing is defined as God's favor or a gift of grace. It is truly a gift from God. In the Old Testament, blessings are of abundance, whether that's sons and daughters, flocks, these kinds of things. It is this idea that God is favoring you, protecting you, is with you. In the New Testament, it takes this tilt toward a more spiritual sense, and that is what is so exciting for me about this opportunity," he said.

"The Community Action Committee (CAC) really wraps all of that together. It is this blessing of providing things for folks, of being together, of truly using the community and all its resources. Whether it is the person at the farm that can do this thing, or the person at the market that knows how to put that particular bolt in that particular hole. It is having those conversations and that communication to form a network of blessing."

Earlier this year, Otey Memorial Parish announced longtime CAC director Betty Carpenter's plans to retire, and Goodpaster was named her predecessor.

"He completely understands the mission of CAC and has my full support as this important work goes on," Carpenter said.

In May, the two collaborated to develop a plan for a smooth transition as Goodpaster shifted into his new role as director. Since he took the helm in May, Goodpaster and

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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. 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.

Chances will be offered online at the MGTA website, <mountain-goattrail.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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Sewanee, TN 37375

Letters

REQUESTING BIDS FOR A DECK AT SES

To the Editor:

Sewanee Elementary School's SPO (the Sewanee Parent Organization, the equivalent of a PTO) is seeking bids from those licensed and insured to build a deck, which will serve as an outdoor STEM classroom. This will allow our students to have more time outside this fall, which is good during this challenging time, and in the years to come. The area is roughly 28 feet by 22 feet, and the deck would need to go around a tree. We also want an outdoor chalkboard or two built at teacher/student height. Please email Sarah Marhevsky at the SPO email address, <sesptoenews@gmail.com>, if you are interested in giving us a bid and making life better for students at the elementary school!

Please include your name, your business or company name (if different), your email address, your phone number, and any other relevant information, and we will contact you to set up a time to meet. We hope to get this project going soon; we'd love to have this in place by September, if possible!

Thanks,

The SPO Board

WELCOME TO NEW VC

To the Editor:

I will begin by expressing my desire to send a warm welcome with sincere regards to our new and recently unelected "Mayor of Sewanee" Vice-Chancellor Reuben E. Brigety II. He has obviously merged two very distinct and different worlds, on campus and off campus, in his comments given in the feature article of the "Messenger" June 26, 2020.

The Vice Chancellor's remarks seem to address the history of past,

present and future as we explore the teachings of many generations. I personally found it very inspiring to learn of his desires to explore and welcome other cultures in order to help enlighten our community.

I fervently believe that the University of the South will take a position of positive and ongoing leadership as to "small town communities" actively participating in the transformation of our much larger global family. It is good to see and know that we, as a community, are determined by our leadership to make a significant contribution now and in the days to come.

*Mary Elizabeth Nelson,
Sewanee*

MASK COLLECTION FOR SEWANEE ELEMENTARY

To the Editor:

Sewanee Elementary needs you! We want to collect 200 reusable child-sized masks to distribute to students (and have on hand) when school starts on Aug. 5. Pull out that colorful material you've got stashed away and help us meet our goal.

Don't sew? You can also donate masks. Old Navy is offering value-packs of reusable kid-sized masks. Go to <https://oldnavy.gap.com> to order.

We would also like to have extra disposable masks on hand. Go to <https://www.amazon.com/> and search for Sfaverak Disposable Comfortable Pollution Protection to order.

Ordered or homemade masks can be sent to Elyzabeth Wilder at 735 University Avenue, Sewanee TN 37375 or dropped off at the SPO.

Please email <egwilder@sewanee.edu> with any questions.

Elyzabeth Wilder, Sewanee

<www.sewaneemessenger.com>

Supplies Needed for MES

Monteagle Elementary School needs several supplies to help with the annual Tools for School. Donation boxes will be in the foyer of MES. Through Tuesday, July 21, donations are accepted for the following items:

24-pack crayons; scissors; glue sticks; pencils; colored markers (12-pack); colored pencils; large pink erasers; pencil pouches (must have holes for 3-ring binders); crayon boxes; and washable and disposable masks (small and adult sizes).

Tennessee Recruiting Poll Officials

Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett announced a state-wide 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.

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



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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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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.

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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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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Upcoming Meetings

Franklin County Commission

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, July 20, in the Community Room of the Franklin County Annex Building.

Sewanee Utility District

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners will have its regular meeting at 5 p.m., Tuesday, July 21, at the utility office on Sherwood Road. If a customer is unable to attend but wishes to bring a matter to the board, call 598-5611, visit the office, or call a board member. Your board members are Paul Evans, Randall Henley, Ronnie Hoosier, Charlie Smith and Doug Cameron.

Rotary Club Meeting

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary will meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, July 23, at the Sewanee Inn. The meeting will also be available to members and interested guests via Zoom transmission. Guest speaker will be Dixon Myers with Housing Sewanee. To eat breakfast at the Sewanee Inn, contact May Kamalick <maykamalick@gmail.com> on Monday each week to make a reservation.

Two Sales Tax Holidays

For 2020 only, the Tennessee General Assembly has approved two sales tax holiday weekends to help Tennesseans save money and support the economy amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

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, consumers may purchase clothing, school supplies, and computers and other qualifying electronic devices without paying sales tax. Certain price restrictions apply. For school supplies and clothing, the threshold for qualifying items is \$200 or less. For computers and other electronics, the price threshold is \$3,000 or less.

Exempt items sold online are also eligible. Consumers must purchase items for personal use, not business or trade.

The second sales tax holiday weekend focuses on restaurant sales. It begins at 12:01 a.m. on 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.

For more information about the sales tax holiday weekends, visit <www.tntaxholiday.com>. You can also read our frequently asked questions, as well as this important notice.

The Department of Revenue is responsible for the administration of state tax laws and motor vehicle title and registration laws, as well as the collection of taxes and fees associated with those laws. The Department collects around 87 percent of total state revenue. During the 2019 fiscal year, it collected \$15.3 billion in state taxes and fees and more than \$3 billion in taxes and fees for local governments. To learn more about the Department, visit <www.tn.gov/revenue>.

Messenger Break Ahead

There is one more issue for the month of July, on July 24. The Messenger will be on break July 27-31. We will return to the office on Monday, Aug. 3, and in print on Friday, Aug. 7.

As we approach the start of school in the fall, a number of organizations and churches change meeting schedules. Please let the Messenger know either by phone 598-9949 or email <news@sewanee-messenger.com> if your organization's schedule will differ from the one published regularly in our printed and online calendar.

We're glad you're reading the Messenger!

Hospitality Shop Sale

Weather permitting, the Hospitality Shop will have a Yard Sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, July 25. In accordance with University rules, face masks must be worn on the property, and there will be temperature screening as you enter the property. Correct change will be greatly appreciated. No early birds please.

The Hospitality Shop is located at 1096 University Ave. The Yard Sale will be postponed in the event of rain.

COVID-19 Assessment Sites Open

The Tennessee Department of Health has COVID-19 assessment sites available across the southeast region. A full list of sites can be accessed <www.tn.gov/health/cedep/ncov.html>.

Currently, there is free drive-through testing available, Monday through Friday, at the health departments in Bradley, Franklin, Grundy, McMinn, Rhea, and Sequatchie. Residents in Bledsoe, Marion, Meigs, and Polk counties may also call their local health department during regular business hours for assistance in getting tested.

Franklin County Health Department, drive-thru testing 8:30-10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday, 266 Joyce Lane, Winchester, TN 37398, (931) 967-3826.

Grundy County Health Department, drive-thru testing 8:30-10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday, 1372 Main Street, Altamont, TN 37301, (931) 692-3641.

Marion County Health Department, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, 24 East 7th Street, Jasper, TN 37347, (423) 942-2238. Call ahead.



Pictured is the Comet C/2020 F3 Neowise rising over the Sewanee Equestrian Center fields around 4 a.m. Chris Waldrup reports "It was spectacular. I saw it Saturday morning from the same spot and it has faded in brightness a little bit." Photo by Chris Waldrup



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All Saints' Chapel Will Begin Offering Live Streamed Services

This Sunday, July 19, All Saints Chapel will take a small but important step toward establishing what worship will look like in the coming semester. Instead of pre-recording our service, the Chapel will live stream on Sunday morning at 10 a.m. on our website <<https://new.sewanee.edu/campus-life/believing/all-saints-chapel/>>. If you can't remember that link, you can simply google "All Saints Chapel Sewanee" to find us easily. In addition to the live stream, you can also find on our website a link to the day's service bulletin. There you will also find archived videos of each live stream in case you happen to miss the morning service in real-time.

Sisters of St. Mary to Host Virtual Retreat

What is the spirituality of this pandemic? That nothing will be the same after the coronavirus pandemic dawns upon us gradually. Walking into so utterly new a reality must be a walk in the dark. Let's look into the unknowable future by considering what we know about the past, for this is not the first time the world has changed suddenly. How did people of the past handle it? Think of the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem, the Black Death, the American Civil War, the First World War. Each of these changed the people who lived through it and those who came after. How did their faith sustain them? And how can our faith sustain us?

These are the questions we will explore in our first virtual retreat, led by the Rev. Barbara Crafton who has offered well-received retreats for our Community and guests in the past. This half-day retreat will be held on Saturday, July 25, from 9 a.m.—noon, and will include three addresses from Rev. Crafton along with periods for reflection and contemplation.

The cost of the retreat is \$25, and participants can register at <www.communityofstmarysouth.org>.



Obituaries

Joseph B. Long Jr.

Joseph "Joe B." Long Jr., age 80 of Monteagle, died on June 27, 2020 at his home. He was born on Nov. 1, 1939, in Sewanee, to Joseph B. Long Sr. and Ruth Roche. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter Christy Brawley; and sisters LulaBell Brawley and Katherine Guyer.

He is survived by his wife, Emma Sue McCreary Long; son, Jody (Kimberly Lynn) Long; sisters Lucille Terrill and Ruth "Goggles" Green, eight grandchildren, and an extensive multi-generational extended family.

A Celebration of Life was on July 1, 2020 from the chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home, Monteagle, with the Rev. James Taylor officiating. Memorial donations may be made to Tennessee Oncology, 2092 Cowan Hwy., Winchester, TN 37398. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Martha Dinwiddie Meeks

Martha Dinwiddie Meeks, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Ray Dinwiddie, age 80, died peacefully the morning of July 8, 2020.

Martha was born in Scottsville, Ky., and was a long-time resident of Sewanee, Tenn. She lived her final years at Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community in Asheville, N.C. Martha worked for many years in the Office of Financial Aid at the University of the South and treasured her relationships with colleagues, students, and friends in the community. She was a member of Winchester First United Methodist Church in Winchester, Tenn.

Martha is survived by her husband of 57 years, Dennis Winfred Meeks, her daughters, Lisa Seaton and her husband, Greg, and Lori Garst and her husband, Art. She is also survived by her loving grandchildren, Ann Louise Seaton, Caroline Ray Seaton, Arthur High Garst IV, and Elisabeth (Ellie) Tucker Garst. Martha is predeceased by her parents, Willie Ray and Dema Ray Dinwiddie, brothers Jimmie Ray Dinwiddie and Robert Morris Dinwiddie, and sister Lucinda Carol Dinwiddie Calvert.

The family will be forever grateful for the love and attention Martha received from her caregivers at Deerfield.

Memorials may be made in Martha's honor to the Sewanee Fund, 735 University Avenue, Sewanee, TN 37383, or Winchester First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 427, Winchester, TN 37398.

A private service will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church in Asheville, N.C. Interment will be at the University of the South Cemetery in Sewanee, Tenn., at a future date. For complete obituary go to <www.grocefuneralhome.com>.



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Church News

Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish has resumed a schedule of Masses, with many changes to the services to safeguard the health of those participating. Mass is at 5 p.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, with a 2 p.m. Spanish Mass on Sunday. St. Margaret Mary Mission Church is temporarily meeting at Good Shepherd Church.

Morton Memorial UMC

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence

with singing! (Psalm 100:1-2) On our broadcast this week, we will hear from some members who will share about their favorite hymns and how those hymns have been helpful in their faith journey.

During the pandemic, Morton Memorial has suspended worship in the Sanctuary but makes the weekly service available through Morton's web page and Facebook. You can view the July 19 service any time after 8 a.m. on Sunday via a link at <Mortonmemorial-umc.com>. Past messages are also available. Prayer requests can be sent to <mortonmemorialumc@gmail.com>.

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 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 working 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.

Church Calendar

Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

All Saints' Chapel

(Please join us for worship on our website <<https://new.sewanee.edu/campus-life/believing/all-saints-chapel/>>)

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

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

(services also available on CTK's FB Live page)

Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

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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

Goshen Cumberland Presbyterian Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

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

Midway Church of Christ

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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

(service available online afterward, link is at

<Mortonmemorialumc.com>)

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, <pelhamumc.org>)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

St. Agnes' Episcopal Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday (also on FB or

YouTube, <www.stagnescowan.org>)

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

School *(from page 1)*

learning option would continue, Bean said it would probably be offered for two years. He noted virtual learning for homebound students could save the schools money since a certified teacher would not need to visit the child at home.

The board reviewed nine Tennessee School Board Policy recommendations. Assistant Superintendent Linda Foster highlighted significant changes.

The Title IX & Sexual Harassment policy requires a Title IX coordinator and stipulates “all employees shall receive training on complying with this policy and federal law.”

The Alternative Education policy differentiates between an off-site alternative school and an on-site alternative plan at the student’s regular school. The policy also provides for removing an alternative-school student who disobeys rules and assigning an alternative program to the student. This could be virtual instruction, Foster said.

The Reporting Child Abuse policy requires each school to have a child abuse coordinator and a substitute coordinate. By state law, teachers and school personnel who observe or suspect child abuse must file a report with the coordinator, human services and law enforcement. The policy removes the responsibility of parent notification from the principal. “It’s a good policy,” Foster said. “It helps us better protect our children.”

The board approved eight of the proposed policies, but held the Code of Conduct Policy for further review.

“We can’t adopt this policy revision and keep corporal punishment,” said board member Sarah Liechty, citing contradictions. The policy calls for disciplinary action that “balances accountability with an understanding of traumatic behavior” and “teaches school and classroom rules while reinforcing that violent and abusive behavior is not allowed at school.”

The board will review the policy for possible revision. The Code of Conduct parents are required to sign at the beginning of the school year will reference the unrevised Code of Conduct policy.

CAC *(from page 1)*

the CAC have partnered with both the South Cumberland Farmers’ Market and the Sewanee Food Literacy Project to continue the work of the CAC’s food pantry.

Before settling in Sewanee, Goodpaster worked with the Peace Corps as a health education volunteer in the Malawian village of Kang’Oma. After returning to the states, he was in charge of operations for a para-transit service that provided transportation to people with disabilities in Lexington, Ky.

His experience is varied, but he said guiding all his work has been a call to ministry.

“In Kang’Oma, Lauren and I did HIV aids education and life skills education. I would teach general good healthy habits, whether that was sexual, physical, or mental. Lauren worked a lot more in the health clinic with mothers and newborns and young children,” he said. “It was such a great experience. You try to do what you can to serve and help others, but you get so much out of the experience too. There’s not a day that goes by that I don’t think about Mulawi. It just gets in your blood.”

Since finding home in Sewanee, Goodpaster said he’s noticed a lot of similarities between Kang’Oma and the Mountain.

“There’s such a strong sense of community, and in the end, that’s what people really value. That’s what people crave. Introvert or extrovert, people like to know that they’re loved and that someone is there,” he said. “In both places, it is people who are together. In the end, it is just about connecting folks. What’s valuable is truly being in it together. Community is truly a blessing from God. In Sewanee, it is almost as though helping each other is in the DNA of the community. I cannot think of a better place to be. I am so truly blessed to be here.”

The CAC is located at 216 University Ave., Sewanee. For information on how to receive aid, call (931) 598-5927.

FCHS Rebel Mascot Challenge

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the July 13 meeting, three speakers petitioned the Franklin County School Board to take action to change the Rebel mascot at Franklin County High School (FCHS). The Rebel icon, a confederate soldier, has served as the school’s mascot since 1950. The speakers reflected the view of more than 2,500 petition signers. Shanae Williams, an AP U.S. History teacher, started the Project Rebel movement. Her 40-page proposal asks FCHS to “remove all sounds and symbols of anything resembling or connected to the Confederacy”—specifically, the Rebel symbol and name, the Franklin County Rebels; “Dixie,” the de facto anthem of the Confederacy, which has long been the school’s fight song; and the school seal, which bears strong resemblance to the Confederate flag.

“I grew up in Franklin County,” Williams said. “I’m not proud to be a Rebel. I am not proud to know that our symbols are used by hate groups every day. We’ve asked for generations to have these symbols changed.”

Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace Executive Director Lisa Rung recited a long list from the 1840 Franklin County public records, denoting the names of children and families sold as slaves and for what price.

Sewanee resident Christine Colane argued the Rebel mascot was “in violation of board of education policy 6.304, which prohibits students’ discrimination.” Colane proposed the following course of action: discontinue the Rebel mascot; set up a committee to set a new mascot; set up a diverse task force to dialogue, create awareness, and implement training and policies to promote sensitivity to discrimination in our school system.

“Since the Civil War, rebel has been commonly used to refer back to people who fought for the Confederate States,” Williams’ proposal states. “Mr. Rebel” was adopted as a mascot when the Winchester Central High School and the Decherd school were combined in 1950. “At the time, before the significant ruling of Brown v. Board of Education in 1954, the student body was intentionally composed of only white students.”

“I hold my white counterparts accountable because your voice is louder than mine,” Williams said.

A 1991 effort challenging the Rebel mascot, “Dixie,” and the school seal failed to yield results.

“The wisest thing is to get this on the agenda and decide the best way to proceed,” said Board Chair Cleijo Walker.

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Animal Harbor Bone Drop

Animal Harbor is hosting its annual Bone Drop on Saturday, Aug. 8, at noon. Participants purchase a bone for \$100 for a chance to win \$3,000. No more than 150 bones will be sold. Proceeds benefit the work at the shelter.

Bones are tagged and dropped 50 feet from a Duck River Electric bucket truck. The bone that falls closest to the center of the target wins. Participants do not have to be present to win.

For more information or to purchase a bone, get the sign up form at <www.animalharbor.org>, drop off payment at the shelter, or mail in payment with the form to P.O. Box 187, Winchester, TN 37398. For more information call the shelter at (931) 962-4472, or email <sheltermanager@animalharbor.org>.

Animal Harbor’s Golf “Fore” Paws

Animal Harbor will host a four-person scramble at the Bear Trace at Tims Ford to benefit the work at the shelter. There will be an 8 a.m. shotgun start on Saturday, Aug. 1. The cost is \$300 per team, or \$75 per player. Prizes will be awarded. For more information, go to <www.animalharbor.org>, or call Phyllis Larson at (954) 895-1384.

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MARC Receives Grant from SCCF for Free Spay Program for Dogs and Cats on the Plateau

MARC - Marion Animal Resource Connection wants to thank South Cumberland Community Fund (SCCF) for its generous grant of \$2,500 awarded in the 2020 SCCF spring grants cycle. This grant will be used to spay 10 female dogs and 10 female cats who belong to Plateau residents who are economically challenged. These animals will also receive rabies shots if needed.

The SCCF grant will also be used to provide educational materials in libraries and schools on the Plateau that teach compassionate and healthy ways to care for animals. Stop by your local library to check out Humane Education boards that MARC will display with new messages every couple of months.

SCCF is the first local philanthropic entity to serve the tri-county area of the South Cumberland Plateau in rural Tennessee. Its mission is to improve the quality of life across the Plateau by increasing philanthropic giving and providing community leadership to build on the strength of the area's people, communities, and natural setting; enhance community capacity and collaboration; and support innovative ways to solve community problems.

MARC is a 501(c)3 non-profit animal welfare organization that assists animals and people in a rural area of southeast Tennessee which has little to no animal control. Its mission is to improve the lives of animals through a spay/neuter program, humane education, and rescue/rehoming.

If you live in Monteagle, Sewanee, or Grundy County and receive food stamps or are on TENNCARE, then you are eligible to apply to MARC for no-cost assistance through this grant opportunity. If you do not receive food stamps or are not on TENNCARE, but think you would still qualify, there may be other ways to verify your low income status.

To be considered for free spaying and to schedule your female dog or cat for this procedure call the MARC message line at (423) 240-9074 and choose option "1"; leave a voice message and a MARC volunteer will call you back.



Voting Information

Aug. 6, 2020 is voting day for the State Primary and County General Election. Early voting takes place July 17-Aug. 1.

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. You may request ballots to be mailed until July 30.

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

Primary elections will be held for U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, Tennessee Senate (even-numbered districts), and Tennessee House of Representatives. General elections will be held for applicable county offices and state judicial offices where a vacancy has occurred.

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 <http://franklincotn.us/election_commission.html>, phone (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.

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VILLAGE REPORT

by Frank X. Gladu

It's already the middle of July. Before you know it, the leaves will start turning as the University, SAS and SES plan for the reopening of school for a fall semester like no other! We all need to do our part by wearing masks, washing our hands and watching our distance. Good luck to us all!

Much is happening pertaining to the Sewanee Village project despite the pandemic. The fourth annual July 4 Open House was held as a Zoom meeting and reported on by the Messenger in their July 10, 2020 edition. Several first time attendees participated, offering their questions and comments. Hopefully we can return to an in person Open House on Sunday, July 4, 2021.

Project updates include:

The construction for the new University Book and Supply Store has been completed. Russell Green, manager of the store, told me that they have started to move in and stock merchandise. They are planning to do a "soft" opening later this month, so watch for an announcement and go check it out.

The Tennessee Department of Transportation has completed their field review and are preparing the project for a competitive bid this fall. After the project has been awarded, their contractor will address a project schedule with a possible start date in the Spring of 2021. The Food Market, Village Green and Housing projects are in a holding pattern until things become more certain in this time of the pandemic.

A big "Welcome to Sewanee" banner has been installed on the south side of Taylors Mercantile along Hwy. 41A. Thanks to Ken Taylor for his willingness to allow his building to showcase this banner. Additional thanks goes to Aaron Welch, owner of Big A Marketing here in Sewanee, for his design and layout, Mary Priestley for her stunningly representative artwork and to the University's Facility Management for the tricky installation. The banner measures a whopping 60 feet long and 16 feet high and is yet another way to brighten up the Village.

Even though we continue to focus on the future of the Village, we are purposely focusing on the existing businesses in Sewanee. I cannot say enough positive things about how the Sewanee Business Alliance (SBA) has performed since the onset of the pandemic. They have acted quickly with raising money, holding raffles, coordinating sound COVID-19 business practices, creating signage, providing customer masks and hand sanitizing stations. They have been cooperative partners with the University and Vice-Chancellor Brigety's directives to do all that can be done to keep Sewanee as safe as possible. Their fundraising efforts have provided several distributions to Sewanee businesses who have applied for assistance during these tough times. They will continue their fundraising efforts to support businesses and provide the needed PPE supplies for the long haul. Please support our businesses with your patronage and contributions to their fundraising efforts at <<http://sewaneevillage.com/>>.

The University is also taking action to partner with the SBA. Vice-Chancellor Brigety has committed support to provide face coverings as well as other supplies in our Downtown commercial area. Vice-Chancellor McCardell also provided funds to assist the Commercial Leaseholders with assistance pertaining to Ground Lease fees. This effort is intended to help defray expenses to Sewanee businesses as they navigate the downturn in sales during the pandemic. We are truly "all in this together!"

The next Village Update meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 1. I will provide more information about it in my next report at the end of August.

Thanks....and keep your distance!

Frank

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28 VISTAs Make a Difference this Summer

The pandemic may have put Make a Difference Day on hold this year, but that hasn't stopped 28 Volunteers in Service to America (VISTAs) from making a big difference every day this summer. One of the largest VISTA programs in the state of Tennessee, the South Cumberland Plateau AmeriCorps VISTA Project is home to over 20 percent of all VISTAs presently serving in the state.

The program hosts 10 full-year VISTAs and 18 Summer Associate VISTAs all of whom work to alleviate poverty in Franklin, Marion and Grundy Counties. Full-year VISTA members work to build capacity within organizations to alleviate poverty in the areas of health, education and economic development. Summer Associate VISTAs work to alleviate poverty by both building capacity and directly serving communities.

This May, the VISTA project welcomed five full-year VISTA members serving at the Grundy County Sheriff Office, Franklin County Prevention Coalition, Grundy Safe Babies Court, and the Office of Civic Engagement at the University of the South. The new VISTA cohort joined a group of VISTAs already serving at the Grundy County Mayor's Office, Grundy Safe Communities Coalition, Sequatchie Valley Head Start, DuBose Conference Center, and the UT Extension.

In June, 18 Summer Associates VISTAs joined their ranks serving the plateau in a wide range of capacities. First and foremost Summer Associates VISTAs support the South Cumberland Meal Program, which has expanded in volume by nearly tenfold during the pandemic. The free summer meal program for children operates from 15 sites with the greatest

volume of meals distributed from local elementary schools on Monday and Tuesday mornings. (Please see distribution schedule below for detail). The massive program keeps Summer Associate VISTAs busy about half-time.

When not distributing meals, Summer Associate VISTAs serve at sites scattered across the plateau region. These include various locations within the South Cumberland State Park, the DuBose Conference Center, Camp Rain, Rain Teen Center, Morton Memorial Food Bank, the University Farm, the Office of Civic Engagement at the University of the South and an archeological dig also sponsored by the University. The program additionally includes three Summer Associate VISTAs who work remotely to support local nonprofit organizations, either by organizing large volumes of data or creating websites and other communication content. Remote Summer Associate VISTAs serve at Dependable Laundry, Sequatchie Valley Head Start and Palmer Cemetery.

Due to pandemic related safety precautions VISTA managers had to organize the Summer Associate VISTA program differently this year. For example all Summer Associate VISTAs working on the plateau are local residents. "For safety reasons, we recruited locally. What we first perceived as a limitation, ultimately became an advantage," said VISTA Coordinator, Vicki Borchers. "This year's summer team is staffed by young people serving in their own community, which has been very meaningful."

The VISTAs agree. Theology student and Summer Associate, Shelby Bowles said, "I honestly have not had a day that I did not feel like going to work. I love going to the schools to help and make a

difference in the lives of many children and their families." VISTA, Thomas Macfie additionally summarized what many have expressed this summer, "I feel a certain kind of joy knowing I have contributed to the betterment of the community of which I am a part."

All children 18 years old and under are welcome to receive free meals. Children need not be present during meal distribution, which means parents or other adults may pick-up meals for children who are at home. At most locations meals are distributed in grab-and-go fashion with as many as 10 meals per child distributed at one time.

The University of the South in partnership with the South Cumberland Community Fund 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.

University of the South Child-care Center, 574 Georgia Ave., Sewanee, Monday-Friday, through July 31, 8-10 a.m.

Monteagle Elementary School, 120 E. Main St., Monteagle, Monday, through July 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



Summer Associate VISTA, Thomas Macfie serving at DuBose Conference Center

55th Ave., Gruetli Laager, Tuesday, through July 28, 10 a.m.-noon

Grundy Housing Authority, 187 Raulston Ave., Monteagle, Wednesday, through July 29, 9-11 a.m.

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

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

Grace Center for Hope, 912 S. College St., Winchester, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, through July 30, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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

The 2020 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is administered in Tennessee by the Department of Human Services under an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). If you wish

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Apply for Pandemic Food Assistance Until July 27

The Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) is taking steps to ensure parents are able to receive a program designed to help them feed their children during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Applications will be accepted online for the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program until Monday, July 27 at 4:30 p.m. Central Time < https://tdhs.service-now.com/relief?id=relief_registration>. This is the second time TDHS has extended the application deadline and the department has expanded its outreach efforts to encourage more families to apply.

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. The program is designed to replace meals lost during the months of March, April, and May due to COVID-19 school closures.

Families who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) do not need to apply as P-EBT benefits have automatically been applied to their existing EBT cards.

Families who do not currently receive SNAP or TANF need to apply and will receive a P-EBT card in the mail after approval that can be used to purchase food at any establishment that accepts EBT or online with Amazon and Walmart. Approval times can be delayed by inaccurate or incomplete information on the application so families are encouraged to double check all

names and addresses to make sure they match what their children's schools will have on file.

This coming week more than 70,000 children will be approved for P-EBT and if a family's case is pending, they're encouraged to re-check the status of their case online in the coming days. As of today, benefits have either been mailed or applied to existing EBT cards to serve roughly 380,000 children across Tennessee.

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.

Online Courses from SAS

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School's most inspiring teachers have stepped up to offer fun and instructional academic enrichment. Class fees range from \$100-\$225.

Graph It Up!, July 27-31, 3-5 p.m., Instructor: SAS Physics Teacher Peggy Ankney, Grade: rising ninth—Get ready for high school science classes. Learn how to read data represented visually. You will complete project-based activities, collect data using items found around the house or online, and learn to use simple graphing software to present and analyze data.

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More information at <www.sasweb.org/summer>.

Gladstone Retires from SAS

When students return to classes at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School on Aug. 17, someone will be noticeably absent. After 26 years on the SAS faculty, Burki Gladstone has chosen to retire.

Burki and her husband Tom Gladstone joined the SAS community as residential faculty members in 1994, Burki in history and ceramics and Tom in English. Over the years, Burki taught history, clay, and Mind*Body*Exercise and has served in the roles of History and Art Department Chair, Gallery Director, 10th Grade Lead Sponsor, Global and Local Outreach faculty sponsor, and residential parent for both St. Mary's and Colmore Houses. She and Tom raised two children on the SAS campus, Max and Hallie, who have both brought pride to their alma mater, Max as a renowned fantasy writer and Hallie who has followed her parents' path and serves as dorm faculty at Indian Springs School.

"Over the years, Burki introduced the world, the joy of creating, and mindfulness to generations of SAS students," said Head of School Karl Sjolund. "Her world history courses and (in)famous map drawing expectations provided SAS students with perspectives and knowledge that served them well as they continued their studies. Her leadership of our pottery curriculum in recent years helped to maintain the outstanding reputation of this beloved program." More than a few of Burki's former students have continued to create pottery both for pleasure and profit. "Burki's work at SAS is a testament to how a dedicated and talented teacher can enrich their students' lives," added Sjolund.

The Gladstones will be retiring to Montecle.

FC Meal Distribution

The Franklin County School Nutrition Program will continue meal distribution through July 30, 2020. Meals may be picked up in a drive-thru service at Franklin County High School each Thursday from 1:30–5:30 p.m. Pick up location is at the back of the school at the kitchen dock area. Children do not have to be present to receive meals. All children under 18 years of age may receive meals at no cost. Frozen foods must be heated at home following re-heating guidelines. Meals are not to be consumed on-site. Distribution days are July 23 and July 30. For more information, go to <www.fcstn.net>.

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. 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.

The Pre-K session at the Sewanee Children's Center begins Monday, Aug. 3. For more information on applying, the curriculum, and what it means to be a co-op, contact the director, Sandy Glacet, at <sewaneechildrenscenter@gmail.com>.



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NATURENOTES

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Jonathan Ertlet, left, Jon Evans and George Ramseur with the Titan flower. Photo by Ally Cahoon

Titan Flower Blooms

Sewanee was the site of a world-class botanical event over the Fourth of July when the Titan flower bloomed in the Biology Department's Webb Greenhouse located on the side of Woods Labs and managed by Professor Jon Evans. The greenhouse became the recipient last winter of the gift of more than 200 species of tropical plants from the Vanderbilt University greenhouses, this plant among them, through the kind offices of Jonathan Ertlet, C'78 (see The Sewanee Plant Press summer 2020 edition, or <<https://www.evanslab.org/single-post/2020/07/05/Titan-Arum-aka-Corpse-Flower-is-blooming>> or <<https://www.tennessean.com/story/life/home-garden/2020/07/08/corpse-flower-blooms-first-time-tennessee-sewanee-university/5393206002/>> for more detailed information). Jonathan Ertlet was present for the blooming event, as was his former professor and mentor, George Ramseur. Jonathan had started this plant from seed in 2012, and this is the first time it has bloomed. It is a member of the Arum Family, the same family as plants like the houseplant, the peace lily, or the familiar wildflower, jack-in-the-pulpit. It is also known as the "corpse flower" for its putrid smell, intended to attract certain types of pollinators which, alas, were not likely to be present in the greenhouse.



Willy



Freckles

Pets of the Week

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Scruffy, playful, sweet Pineapple Willy is also a little fighter! Brought in as a stray, Willy appeared to be injured. Upon further medical evaluation, it was discovered that he had a fractured pelvis that was previously injured. He was likely hit by a vehicle while he was out on the streets, and was then left to fend for himself. The good news is that he is healing naturally without surgical intervention needed. He will be required to be kenneled with light exercise while his pelvis continues to heal over time. Willy is around one-year-old, and we think that he has a great prognosis. Willy likes to talk to you and he is social with other dogs. We would want Willy in a home with older children only at this time. Willy is neutered, microchipped, heartworm-negative, and up-to-date on vaccinations. If you are interested in adopting Willy, please fill out our online adoption application at <<https://www.animalharbor.org/adoption-application>> and our adoption coordinator will be in touch with you.

Freckles is an adorable one-year-old calico cat who came to us as a stray with five small kittens. Frecks has since nursed all her kittens and has been spayed, so she is ready for a new home all her own where she can live the rest of her life free from stress and the mothering of kittens. Frecks has become our shelter kitty because she loves to be around the staff. We feel she would do well in a single cat home since in her experience with us, she has not liked the company of cats or dogs. She is very affectionate with people and loves to explore. If you think your family would be a good fit for Frecks, please fill out our online adoption application at <<https://www.animalharbor.org/adoption-application>> and our adoption coordinator will be in touch with you.

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.

WEATHER

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	July 06	83	69
Tue	July 07	83	70
Wed	July 08	82	70
Thu	July 09	84	64
Fri	July 10	87	66
Sat	July 11	85	63
Sun	July 12	79	67

Week's Stats:
Avg max temp = 83
Avg min temp = 67
Avg temp = 75
Precipitation = 1.45"

Reported by Sandy Gilliam
Domain Ranger

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>.

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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 17

Evening Hike to Horse Pound Falls (\$10)—Meet Ranger Kristin Willis at 4:45 p.m. (CDT) at Collins West Trail Head, 2689 55th Ave N Gruetli Laager, for an evening hike to Horse Pound Falls. Bring or wear sturdy, closed-toed shoes, bring a flashlight or headlamp, plenty of water and something to eat if you choose.

Foster Falls Night Hike (free—please pre-register)—Meet Ranger and Seasonal Interpretive Recreator William Allen at 7:45 p.m. (CDT) at Foster Falls parking lot, 498 Foster Falls Rd., Sequatchie, for a hike over moderate terrain around Foster Falls, to see the beautiful night sky and nighttime wildlife. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, and a bottle of water. Group size is limited.

Saturday, July 18

Hike to Sycamore Falls (free—please pre-register)—Meet Seasonal Interpretive Recreator and Ranger William Allen at 1:45 p.m. (CDT) at Grundy Forest Trail Head, 131 Fiery Gizzard Rd., Tracy City, for a 3.2-mile hike through Grundy Forest to Sycamore Falls. Bring proper footwear (tennis shoes or hiking boots), bug spray/sunscreen and a bottle of water. (Also at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, July 20 with Ranger Austin Holman).

Monday, July 20

Sherwood Sunrise (\$5)—Beat the summer heat by joining Ranger Jason Reynolds at 5 a.m. (CDT) at Sherwood Forest parking lot for a moderate stroll around the Sherwood Forest Dayloop. This trail gently undulates through the woods and passes interesting geologic formations and beautiful overlooks.

Snakes of South Cumberland (free)—Join Ranger and Interpreter Austin Holman at 1:30 p.m. (CDT) at Grundy Forest parking lot, 131 Fiery Gizzard Rd., Tracy City, to meet the Park's resident Corn Snake, Cayenne, and hear a short talk on the different types of snakes found in our area, how to identify them, and their important role in our ecosystem.

Tuesday, July 21

Foster Falls and Climbers Loop Hike (free)—Meet Ranger Austin Holman at 8:45 a.m. (CDT) at Foster Falls parking lot, 498 Foster Falls Rd., Sequatchie, to hike the 2.5-mile Climber's Loop. This is a difficult trail. Closed-toed shoes or hiking boots recommended. Bring at least 32 oz. of water and a snack if you like. CDC social distancing guidelines will be followed throughout this program.

Mammals of Middle Tennessee (free)—Meet Ranger Austin Holman at 2 p.m. (CDT) at Grundy Forest parking lot to learn about the mammals of the region. Learn about the diet and habits of the animals, and about the rarely-seen species you didn't know live here. CDC social distancing guidelines will be followed throughout this program; a mask is recommended.

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.

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salt, its magnetism;
it is the wedding
of the day,
parsley
hoists
its flag,
potatoes
bubble vigorously,
the aroma
of the roast
knocks
at the door,
it's time!
come on!
And, on
the table, at the midpoint
of summer,
the tomato,
star of earth, recurrent
and fertile
star,
displays
its convolutions,
its canals,
its remarkable amplitude
and abundance,
no pit,
no husk,
no leaves or thorns,
the tomato offers
its gift
of fiery color
and cool completeness.

Ode to Tomatoes, by Pablo Neruda (1904-1973)

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Community Calendar

Friday, July 17 • Early Voting Begins

- 8 a.m. Summer Feeding Program, U of S Child-care Center, 574 Georgia Ave., Sewanee, Monday–Friday, until 10 a.m.
- 8 a.m. COVID-19 testing, Marion County Health Department, until 4:30 p.m. (call for appointment) (423) 942-2238
- 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/>
- 8:30 a.m. COVID-19 drive-thru testing, Franklin County Health Department, (931) 967-3826, until 10:30 a.m., Monday–Friday
- 8:30 a.m. COVID-19 testing, Grundy County Health Department, until noon, (931) 692-3641
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. FC Schools Online Learning registration. FCHS back lobby-gym entrance, until 5 p.m.
- 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>

Saturday, July 18

- 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); email <rob-iejogamtn@gmail.com>

Monday, July 20

- 8 a.m. Franklin County Library open, until 6 p.m., <http://www.franklincountylibrary.org/index.html>
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. FC Schools Online Learning registration. FCHS, back lobby-gym entrance, until 5 p.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>
- 10 a.m. Summer Feeding Program, Coalmont Elementary, Monteagle Elementary, Pelham Elementary, Tracy City Elementary, until noon
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Center, until 11:15 a.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Summer Feeding Program, Franklin Co. Prevention Coalition, 900 S. Shepard St., Winchester, until 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 21

- 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.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. FC Schools Online Learning registration. FCHS back lobby-gym entrance, until 5 p.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, beginners, Angel Park/Zoom
- 10 a.m. Summer Feeding Program, North Elementary, Palmer Elementary, Swiss

- Memorial, until noon
- 10:30 a.m. Yoga for Every Body, Anneli, DuBose Pavilion, until noon
- 11:30 a.m. Summer Feeding Program, Grace Center for Hope, 912 S. College St., Winchester, 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 p.m. Sewanee Utility board meeting, Utility office, Sherwood Rd.
- 5:30 p.m. Pilates, beginner, Angel Park/Zoom; email <kim_butters59@hotmail.com>
- 5:30 p.m. Summer Feeding Program, Franklin Co. Prevention Coalition, 900 S. Shepard St., Winchester, until 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 22

- 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. Pilates, intermediate, Angel Park/Zoom; email <kim_butters59@hotmail.com>
- 9 a.m. Summer Feeding Program, Grundy Housing Authority, 187 Raulston Ave., Monteagle, until 11 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Center, until 11:15 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. Summer Feeding Program, Grace Center for Hope, 912 S. College St., Winchester, until 1:30 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Summer Feeding Program, Rain Teen Center, 626 Bennett Cemetery Rd., Decherd, until 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 23

- 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
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Angel Park/Zoom; email <kim_butters59@hotmail.com>
- 11:30 a.m. Summer Feeding Program, Grace Center for Hope, 912 S. College St., Winchester, 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.; <www.fcstn.net>
- 5:30 p.m. Pilates, beginner, Angel Park/Zoom; email <kim_butters59@hotmail.com>

Friday, July 24

- 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. 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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