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Monteagle Council Consults MTAS on Zoning; 911 Changes

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

In a lengthy discussion at the Aug. 31 Monteagle City Council meeting, Vice Mayor Tony Gilliam said the city was seeking an opinion from the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) on zoning changes. Hinging on the outcome of that opinion is whether the property for a proposed Petro travel center has the C-3 zoning necessary for the project to go forward. The council also voted to make changes to area 911 service.

Gilliam said MTAS was asked if a zoning ordinance passed Aug. 13, 2018, was valid. The requirement of a 15-day in-advance published notice for a hearing on the ordinance may not have been met.

At issue are 7 acres of the proposed 21-acre travel center tract, which were rezoned from R-3 to C-3 in conjunction with redistricting stipulated by the Aug. 13, 2018 ordinance. The rest of the tract is zoned C-3. Questioned following the meeting, Gilliam said the change was made so the zoning would follow street boundaries. Gilliam stressed the Planning Commission would not vote on the revised travel center site plan until an MTAS opinion was received. [See "Monteagle Planning Commission Postpones Petro Decision" page 6.]

More than 50 residents attended the council meeting. Meridith Gardial, who serves on the executive board of the DuBose Conference

Center, spoke in opposition to the travel center. Gardial raised three concerns: the environmental impact of noise, light, smog, and watershed pollution; alleging to an increase in drug and sex trafficking associated with truck stops, which she attested to from her experience as an assistant D.A.; and danger to residents from semi-trucks entering and exiting the interstate.

Monteagle attorney Jerry Bible said as long as applicants for building permits and site plan approval complied with all city ordinances, the planning commission and council "must treat them all equally."

"If we do something we're not supposed to do, they're going to sue the town of Monteagle," Gilliam said.

"The first few months of the year, nobody had a clue what was going on, because we hadn't seen any plans or anything else," Bible stressed. "The same concerns you [residents] have, the council has had too."

Gilliam pointed out all but 7 acres of the proposed 21-acre travel center was zoned C-3, 36 years ago. "If everything is in compliance, it will be up to the citizens to file an injunction against the builders [to stop the construction]."

Former Monteagle mayor and alderman Dean Lay noted if it was

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Elizabeth Outka

'Rethinking Modernism Through A Pandemic Lens' Virtual Lecture

Elizabeth Outka, a former member of the Seawanee English Department and now a professor of English at the University of Richmond, will give a talk at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 10.

"What Rough Beast? Rethinking Modernism through a Pandemic Lens" will draw on the W.B. Yeats poem "The Second Coming" to showcase the surprising ways interwar literature encoded the conditions of the 1918-1919 influenza pandemic.

That pandemic killed 50-100 million people worldwide, with the United States losing more people in the outbreak than it did in all the 20th- and 21st-century wars combined. Arriving just as the First World War was drawing to a close, the pandemic brought a non-human, invisible horror into every community, shifting enemies, threats, and targets, and changing the calculus of risk and blame between soldiers and civilians.

Until recently, the viral tragedy has been largely hidden, drowned out by its overwhelming scope, by the broader ways outbreaks of disease are often silenced, and by the way the human-inflicted violence consumed the literary and cultural attention. If we know what to look for, though—if we recover the sights and sounds of the pandemic, and its widespread devastation and impact—the outbreak emerges as a catastrophe as influential as World War I, a spectral trauma haunting both the literature and the culture.

The talk explores the sensory and affective history of the pandemic and then turns to Yeats' poem to investigate how its meaning shifts when we better understand the societal and individual context in which it was written.

The talk will be given on Zoom. Find the link here: <<https://new.sewanee.edu/programs-of-study/english/news-events/rethinking-modernism-through-a-pandemic-lens/>>.



The procession forming for the installation of the new University Chaplain, Rev. Peter Gray, last Sunday. Photo by Seawanee Invite Welcome Connect

SCA: Finding and Meeting Needs

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

The Aug. 27 Seawanee Civic Association (SCA) meeting, the first SCA meeting since February, provided a much-needed opportunity to address business. The meeting was held at the Dubose Conference Center Pavilion and via Zoom to accommodate social distancing. President Brandon Barry updated the membership on the new 37375 Campaign to supply COVID-19 health and safety supplies to the community, and the Community Chest, which funds initiatives throughout the Plateau, enriching the quality of life of children, seniors, and everyone in between.

The 37375 Campaign, a partnership between the SCA and the Seawanee Business Alliance (SBA), hopes to raise \$37,375 by the Sept. 30 deadline. A panel made up of SCA and SBA members will then review applications from area organizations expressing a need for health and safety products and attempt to meet these needs. To donate to the campaign, send a check payable to Seawanee Community Chest 37375 Campaign, P.O. Box 99, Seawanee, TN 37375. For online giving via PayPal go to <<https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/charity/119597>>. The Seawanee Community Chest is a 501 (c) (3) organization. Donations are tax-deductible.

The Seawanee Community Chest (SCC), the SCA's annual fund drive, supports a wide array of community projects and organizations providing books, elderly care, children's programs, recreational spaces, animal care and much more. Last year the SCC funded 25 local programs. To apply for SCC funding visit <<http://sewaneecivic.org>>. The application deadline is Sept. 15.

Barry presented and the membership approved the 2020-21 SCA budget. The only change from the 2019-20 budget was a \$500 decrease in insurance premiums. Insurance costs decreased because responsibility for area parks now falls to the Seawanee Community Council Parks Committee, Barry said.

The membership also approved several bylaw revisions. The revisions provided for making the Community Chest Administrator a board position and described the duties for this position; eliminated the MOUs for the parks; changed the name of the Opportunity Fund to the SCA Endowment, as more accurately descriptive of the SCA fund reserve; and provided for appointment of a second member-at-large in the event the past president declines to serve on the board.

Barry thanked departing board members Theresa Shackelford, past president; Jesse Bornemann, secretary; Jade Barry, vice president; and Stephen Burnett, member-at-large.

The membership approved the following slate of officers for 2020-21: Brandon Barry, president; Brett Del Balso, vice president; Chris Champion, secretary; Erin Kunz, treasurer; David Michaels, member-at-large; Jared Sorenson, member-at-large.

The membership discussed possible meeting venues accommodating social distancing where the organization could resume the practice of having speakers and a meal. No future meeting date has been set at this time.

SCA dues are \$10 annually. Membership includes a subscription to the Seawanee Classifieds listserv. To join the SCA visit <<http://sewaneecivic.org/sewaneeclassifieds/>> or mail a check to SCA, P.O. Box 222, Seawanee, TN 37375. Make sure to include your email address on the check.

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University's Four-Part COVID-19 Strategy

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the Sept. 1 Seawanee Village meeting held via Facebook livestream, viewers heard from Mariel Gingrich, the University's new Public Health and Communications Officer, who talked about the University's four-part strategy for dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. Viewers also received an update on the Seawanee Village priority projects.

Gingrich's role is to function as a liaison between Seawanee, the surrounding community, and the department of health with a focus on controlling spread of the coronavirus in Seawanee.

The University's four-part strategy consists of testing, contact tracing, quarantine, and commu-

nication, Gingrich said.

The University began with testing all employees and has performed 6,600 tests. "So far the positive rate has remained low, under one percent," Gingrich noted. She compared the University's under-one-percent rate to a 6.4 percent rate statewide.

"Contact tracing is a tried and true public health method," Gingrich stressed. Those who test positive are interviewed about their contacts, and the contacts are asked to quarantine. Contacts receive daily follow-up, inquiring about their health.

Those who test positive are asked either to return home for an

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SCC Mums Sale Continues

The fourth annual Seawanee Children's Center's Fall Mums Sale continues. Orders are still being taken through next Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Color choices include bronze, yellow, red, white, and purple. Each is potted in a 3-gallon container and sells for \$15. All proceeds from this fundraiser are spent to further enhance the educational opportunities offered to the young children attending the center. Order forms can be found at most downtown businesses and can be returned to the center by mail at 216 University Avenue, Seawanee, 37375 or by calling SCC at (931) 598-5928. Orders may also be placed and paid for on Venmo (@sewaneechildrencenter). Be sure to include the number of each color choice as well as your name, phone number and email address in the space provided. Orders may also be placed online at <<https://www.sewaneechildrencenter.org/annual-mums-sale/>>. Pick-up takes place Monday, Sept. 14, noon-5 p.m., or anytime Tuesday, Sept. 15, between 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Center's entrance behind Otey Parish.

Become a Poll Official for the State and Federal General Election

Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett encourages Tennesseans to serve as poll officials for the Nov. 3 State and Federal General Election. Most Tennesseans are eligible to work as poll officials, regardless of political affiliation. The minimum age to work as a poll official is 16 years old. Anyone over 18 must be a registered voter in the county they are serving in. County or municipal government employees can serve if they don't work directly under the supervision of an elected official who is on the ballot.

Poll officials will be supplied with face coverings, gowns, face shields, gloves and other personal protective equipment. All poll officials are required to wear a face covering and will be trained in social distancing protocols.

In Tennessee, poll officials are compensated for working on Election Day and for attending required training sessions.

For the latest information on the Nov. 3 election, follow the Secretary of State's social media channels Twitter: @SecTreHargett, Facebook: Tennessee Secretary of State and Instagram: @tnsecofstate.

For more information and to apply to become a poll official, visit pollworkers.govotetn.com.

Letter

THANK-YOU TO SUD

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the members of the Sewanee Utility District. Kudos to Jim Jacobs, Don McBe, Ben Beavers, LeBron Graham, Emily Jackson, and Hollie McBe. Because of the cable being laid, the water lines have been broken numerous times. I am sure everyone is most appreciative of your outstanding efforts in repairing the lines in a prompt manner. Your dedication to service is commendable.

Keep those lines flowing!

Thank you all,

Karen Vaughan, Sewanee

MCCSN Walk-a-Thon is Sept. 11

The 27th annual Multi-County Cancer Support Network Walk-a-Thon will be from 6–10:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11, at the old Franklin County High School football stadium, 801 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester.

The community is encouraged to participate in the evening's events: live music, a silent auction, concessions, a drawing for a "Colors of Love" quilt made by the Material Girls Quilt Guild (tickets \$1 each), and fellowship. Admission is free.

The Survivors' Lap is at 6:15 p.m.; teams will walk after that, and a candlelight service and the remembrance ceremony will be at 9 p.m.

This year due to the constraints of CDC COVID-19 restrictions, there will not be a kids' zone, and participants are requested to observe social distancing guidelines and wear a mask.

MCCSN is a not-for-profit organization, not affiliated with the American Cancer Society, which provides educational, emotional and financial support to cancer patients and their families. The annual Walk-a-Thon is MCCSN's largest fundraiser.

For more information go to www.mccsn.org or contact by email at mccsn501@att.net.



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Upcoming Meetings

Sewanee La Leche League

The La Leche League breastfeeding support meeting is at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 8. Email <LaLecheLeaguesewanee@gmail.com> for a Zoom link to the meeting.

Rotary Club Meeting

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary will meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 10, at the Monteagle Inn. The meeting will also be available to members and interested guests via Zoom transmission. Guest speaker will be Carolyn Hoagland with the University Farm. For the Zoom link, email Woody Deutsch <woodybike@me.com>.

Sewanee Emeritus Association

The September meeting of the Sewanee Emeritus Association will take place at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 10, via Zoom. Sewanee Dining Director Rick Wright will discuss the South Cumberland Meal Program, which this summer served 50,000 meals—breakfast and lunch five days a week to school children of the Plateau. Chef Wright will also describe the options and solutions which have been devised to provide 1,500 college students plus staff three meals a day safely. The public is invited. Please send an email to <rzachau@sewanee.edu> to receive an access code.

Franklin County School Board

The Franklin County School Board is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Sept. 14, at the Franklin County Board of Education Building, 215 S. College St., Winchester.

Sewanee Community Council

The next meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 14, 2020, at 7 p.m. Items for the agenda were due by noon on Wednesday, Sept. 2.

SUD Meeting

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners will have its regular meeting at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 15, 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 Doug Cameron, Randall Henley, Ronnie Hoosier, Charlie Smith and Paul Evans.

SCRLT to Host Annual Meeting Virtually on Sept. 19

The South Cumberland Regional Land Trust (SCRLT) will host its annual members meeting virtually this year on Saturday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. This year a brief business meeting will be followed by a short program honoring longtime SCRLT supporter Mack Prichard. Often described as the “environmental conscience of Tennessee,” Mack passed away in April. Tennessee’s first state naturalist and a passionate force for appreciation and preservation of the environment, he dedicated his life to “all things nature”, the great outdoors, and Native American culture. He spent his life protecting all these things, while building amazing coalitions to save, understand, interpret and protect these special places. For a link to the Zoom meeting, please email <southcumberlandrlt@gmail.com>.

Trustee Community Relations Committee

The Trustee Community Relations Committee will meet Monday, Sept. 21, virtually via Zoom. Members will meet with the Sewanee Community Council, who will update the Trustees on topics of interest and concern to our community. If you have items that you would like the council to consider, please contact a council member by Friday, Sept. 4. Members of the Sewanee Community Council include Nancy Berner, Pam Byerly, Pixie Dozier, Adam Foster, Sallie Green, Sarah Hess, Louise Irwin, Eric Keen, Anna Palmer, Cindy Potter, Mary Priestley, Kate Reed, Paul Schutz, Theresa Shackelford, Karen Singer, Shirley Taylor, Phil White, and June Weber.

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The Franklin County Commission is scheduled to meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 21, at the Franklin County Courthouse.

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Fall Heritage Festival, Sept. 18–20

The Fall Heritage Festival returns to Cowan, Sept. 18–20, filling the town with art, history, music, food, and free activities for kids of all ages. There will be modifications based on Tennessee and CDC recommendations, but at this point The Fall Heritage Committee is proceeding with plans to hold the Festival.

The Fall Heritage Festival is a celebration of life in the foothills of the Cumberland Plateau, engaging regional communities through the educational and inspirational experience of history, music, arts, and civic involvement.

The festival begins Friday, Sept. 18, from 5–9 p.m., and continues Saturday, Sept. 19, 10 a.m.–9 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 20, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. There will be fireworks at 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

For more information go to <www.FallHeritageFestival.info>.

SWC Meeting Sept. 14

The Sewanee Woman’s Club will meet on Monday, Sept. 14, at the Dubose Conference Center in Monteagle. The meeting starts at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon. Social distancing will be practiced and participants should wear a mask.

The program will be “Trash or Treasure,” presented by Mandi Oakes, owner of 1866 Revival. Please bring one small item to share and Mandi will attempt to tell us about the history and usage of the item.

The cost of lunch is \$15. The menu is tomato bisque, chicken chef salad, garlic knots, and Ms. Mary’s magic bars.

New members are welcome, but please make a reservation. Dues are \$10. Please make your reservation by Friday, Sept. 4, by emailing or calling Janet Miller Schmidtt, <jrms2777@gmail.com>, (504) 858-5221 or Susan Peek, <susan.peek@gmail.com>, (615) 504-5404.

The Sewanee Woman’s Club begins its 90th year, chartering new territory and hopefully getting back to normal.



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All Saints’ Chapel streams its 11 a.m. service each week at <<https://new.sewanee.edu/campus-life/believing/all-saints-chapel/all-saints-chapel-services/online-services/>>.

In addition, All Saints’ can accommodate up to 50 in-person worshipers each Sunday for the 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite I and the 11 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II services. Visitors must wear a mask, have their temperature checked, be free of COVID-related symptoms, and sit 6 feet apart from those

outside their immediate family. Communion is distributed in one-kind only, and no congregational singing takes place during worship. At the 11 a.m. service, soloists and small vocal ensembles sing masked and with a minimum of 12 feet of distance between each other and between them and the congregation.

Christ Church Monteagle

On this Sunday, Sept. 6, the service at Christ Church will be Holy Communion, at 10:45 a.m. In

churches which follow the liturgical year, there has never been a notice in what are called Ordo Calendars. But there has been a tradition of recognition of those who work in industry and agriculture and, indeed of human labor in general.

Hymns which celebrate the word “labor” abound, and Christ Church’s service will include several of these.

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

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 Sept. 6 service any time after 8 a.m. on Sunday via a link at <Mortonmemorial-umc.com>. Past messages are also available. Questions and prayer requests can be sent to <morton-memorialumc@gmail.com>.

Otey Memorial Parish

Outdoor Service and Picnic planned for Sunday, Sept. 6 at 11 a.m. As long as the weather and Covid numbers cooperate, we are planning to have our first in-person worship service since March. We will have the shaded area in front of Brooks Hall marked off into separate distanced areas for each individual or family. Please bring your own everything—chairs, blankets, food, drinks, bug spray, etc. The service will begin at 11 a.m., followed by a picnic sharing joyful fellowship but not food, drink, or germs. If it is prudent for you attend, we hope to see you there; worship will also continue to be offered online.

Our Sunday worship service will stream live on our Facebook page at 8:30 a.m. The service

will also be available at 11 a.m. and afterward on our YouTube channel and our Facebook page.

St. Mary’s Sewanee Centering Prayer

St. Mary’s Sewanee hosts two Zoom-based Centering Prayer support groups. We invite all to participate with us and share the silence in a new way. The Tuesday group gathers at 3:30 p.m. (Central Time) each week. The Wednesday group meets at 3:30 p.m. (Central Time) each week. This is an opportunity for new and experienced practitioners to share time together, both in quiet conversation and in silence. We gather online, offer brief introductions/check-ins, listen to a Psalm, and then have a 30-minute sit. For log-in information and other details, please email <admin@stmaryssewanee.org>.

For more information on ongoing opportunities for prayer and mediation, and upcoming retreats, go to <<https://www.stmaryssewanee.org/>>.

Obituaries

Elsie Holt Barnett

Elsie Holt Barnett, age 92, of Monteagle, formerly of Goodlettsville, Tenn., died on Aug. 27, 2020. She was born on April 27, 1928, to Elbert and Mary Ramsey Wright. She was a very successful realtor with Century 21 for over 30 years. She was a member of Five Points Freewill Baptist Church of Nashville. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Sam Holt, and Daniel Barnett; son Michael “Mike” Holt; and brother Elbert “Bub” Wright Jr.

She is survived by her son Steve (Kathy) Holt; brother Kenneth (Joyce) Wright; four grandchildren, one great grandchild, and several nieces and nephews.

A private graveside service was at Spring Hill Cemetery, Madison, Tenn. For complete obituary and tribute video go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Shirley “Sherry” Campbell

Shirley “Sherry” Campbell, age 58 of Tracy City, died on Aug. 31, 2020. She was born on April 5, 1962, to Lewis and Edna Nunley. She was preceded in death by her parents; and sisters Oma Lee Anderson, Sandy Bess, and Charlene Tate.

She is survived by her daughter, Stephanie (Chris) King; her ex-husband, Steve Campbell; sisters Sylvia Meeks and Gail (Harold) Clark; brother, “Dalchie” (Christine) Nunley; two grandchildren, “second mother,” Thelma “Nanny” (Leon) Campbell; very special friend, Jerica Watwood; and several special nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be at 1 p.m. today, Sept. 4, 2020, from the Foster-Lay Chapel, Tracy City. Burial will immediately follow in Plainview Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Robert Mabon “Bob” Lamborn

Robert Mabon “Bob” Lamborn, age 92, died on Aug. 31, 2020, at Franklin Manor Assisted Living in Winchester. He lived in Sewanee 2018-2020.

A native of Pennsylvania, Lamborn was a graduate of the University of Chattanooga and Louisiana State University. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force. For a number of years he was principal trombonist of the Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra. Lamborn taught in Calhoun and Cartersville before serving as band director at LaFayette High School and the area middle and elementary schools 1960-1988. During his tenure the band grew immensely in size and earned numerous superior ratings. He was honored with the Rotary Vocational Service Award, and with the STAR Teacher award at LaFayette High. Lamborn was a member of the LaFayette Presbyterian Church, serving as choir director for more than 30 years. He was a Rotarian and headed up the Empty Stocking drive for many years. Bob enjoyed music, woodworking and woodcarving, reading, and golf.

He is survived by his son, Rob (Amy) Lamborn of Sewanee; granddaughter, Caroline Lamborn; and a number of nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Elinor Cole Lamborn.

Interment will be in LaFayette City Cemetery in a small family service. A public memorial will follow at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations are invited to LaFayette Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1193, LaFayette, GA 30728 or to the LaFayette Rambler Band Boosters, P.O. Box 1504, LaFayette, GA 30728.

Arrangements are by Wallis-Wilbanks Funeral Home, LaFayette, Ga.

Marie Cartinhour Woods

Marie Cartinhour Woods, age 95 of Monteagle, died on Aug. 27, 2020, at her home. She was born in Chattanooga, grew up on Lookout Mountain, graduated from the Bright School and Girls Preparatory School in Chattanooga, and attended Randolph Macon Women’s College in Virginia. During almost 50 years of marriage to The Very Reverend G. Cecil Woods Jr., she was a dedicated, active, and faithful member of the Episcopal Church, assisting at parishes and academic institutions in Dyersburg, Tenn., Sewanee, and Alexandria, Va. She also lived with her family for a time in New Haven, Conn. and in Oxford, England. Despite having lived in many wonderful places, she always considered Sewanee, with its incredible natural beauty, her true home. She was preceded in death by her parents, William Carl Cartinhour Sr. and Kathleen Gager Cartinhour; husband, G. Cecil Woods Jr., and daughter Kathleen Woods.

She is survived by brother, William C. Cartinhour Jr.; daughters Ellen, Margaret, and Caroline Woods; sons-in-law Philip Johnson and Gordon Peerman, seven grandchildren, and four great-grand children.

A small private family service will be held at her interment followed by a memorial service in 2021. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Otey Memorial Parish, the University of the South, or St. Andrew’s—Sewanee School. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

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/>>

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Sunday

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, 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 Holy Communion, Wednesday

Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd

9 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

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

5 p.m. Mass, Saturday

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday

2 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday

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

Facebook 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

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

Service available online afterward, at

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8 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

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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

(services will resume at a date to be announced)

6 p.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

Otey Memorial Parish Church

8:30 a.m. Service livestreamed on the Otey Memorial Parish FB page, Sunday

9:15 a.m. Coffee hour via Zoom. Contact <formation@oteyparish.org> for how to participate, Sunday

9:15 a.m. Godly Play, Sunday

11 a.m. Service available on the Otey Memorial Parish YouTube channel and the Otey Memorial Parish FB page

4–6 p.m. Fire on the Mountain Sunday School, Brooks Hall porch; mask required

Pelham United Methodist Church

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, Sunday, 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

Tracy City First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

United Pentecostal, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Worship, Wednesday

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57 Edgewater Ct. Lot 57	2184847	\$28,000
Cooley's Rift, Lot 1, 5.74 ac	2180573	\$51,500
0 Wilderness Bridge Lot RC11	2178470	\$59,000
Savage Bluff Lot RC11, 5.09 ac	2178470	\$59,000
Deepwoods Rd. Lot 125, 8.46 ac	2152060	\$49,000
Cooley's Rift Lot 10, 4.63 ac	2151255	\$99,000
Bear Ct., .51 ac, #18	2130056	\$29,000
Bear Ct., .5 ac, #19	2130059	\$29,000
Bear Ct., .58 ac, #20	2130058	\$29,000
13 Browbend Dr., 1.9ac	2130040	\$54,000
14 Browbend Dr., 1.5 ac	2130051	\$54,000
8 Jackson Pt. Rd. 5 PENDING	2115740	\$36,000
1159 Sassafraas Ct., 5.27 ac	2072615	\$59,000



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determined the 7 acres were zoned C-3 illegally, the travel center franchisees could submit a site plan excluding the 7 acre portion.

Taking up the issue of the city's contract with the 911 board, the council voted to end the relationship effective Nov. 1. The council first discussed ending the relationship with 911 and purchasing the equipment to move police and fire dispatch to the police department. This strategy would have relieved the city from paying for EMS 911 calls. "Ninety-five percent of the calls received are for ambulance service," Gilliam said.

Lay recommended ending the contract entirely and letting 911 handle both police and fire dispatch and EMS. "They are obligated to dispatch the calls they receive," Lay said, explaining this was how all other incorporated municipalities in Grundy County handled 911. Monteagle currently supplies three employees to 911. Lay observed the three employees' wages together with other expenses costs Monteagle \$150,000 annually. Lay suggested the savings could be used for road repair. Lay said 911 would probably pick up the three employees.

At the recommendation of Mayor David Sampley, the council also voted to table increasing building permit fees for a year due to the financial hardship many people were experiencing. Codes Enforcement Officer Earl Geary suggested increasing the fees to correspond with the state code the city used. "That would make the fees almost double," Sampley observed.

In other business, Gilliam announced the convenience center now had a cardboard compactor. Gilliam thanked Michael Gautier who supplied the compactor at no cost to the city and sold the recycled cardboard.

SCC Applications Available

Since 1908, the Sewanee Civic Association (SCA) has overseen the distribution of grants to nonprofit organizations across the South Cumberland Plateau. Sponsored by the SCA, the Sewanee Community Chest (SCC) is pleased to announce the beginning of the 2020–21 grant cycle. All nonprofits that benefit the community are encouraged to apply.

The 2020–21 funding application can be downloaded from

the website at <www.sewanee-civic.org>. Interested nonprofits may also request an application by emailing the SCC at <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>. The deadline for submission is Tuesday, Sept. 15.

The SCC is a nonprofit organization and relies on funding from the community in order to support charitable programs throughout the greater Sewanee area.

Monteagle Planning Commission Postpones Petro Decision

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

On the recommendation of city attorney Jerry Bible, the Monteagle Planning Commission deferred a decision on the Petro Stopping Center site plan at the Sept. 1 meeting. The city had requested on opinion from the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) on whether rezoning called for in an ordinance passed August 2018 was valid. Adequate public notice may not have been given. At issue were 7 acres of the proposed Petro site which may not have the C-3 zoning required. MTAS delivered a verbal opinion that afternoon.

"Our advice is to table any action until you get a written opinion from MTAS," Bible said. "There are other actions the council needs to make to act in a proper manner." Bible declined further comment.

Planning Commission Chair David Oliver said the revised site plan presented at the meeting called for an 8-foot tall block and brick wall along the entire rear section of the project. The Planning Commission previously requested a rear screening wall to protect neighborhood residents.

Rusty Leonard, attorney for the Petro franchisees, asked, "Are we now in full compliance?"

Oliver said, "I defer comment until we get a legal opinion on the zoning."

Leonard said his clients, RBT Enterprises, bought "a million-dollar property" and a franchise, and were making payments, trusting in the accuracy of the zoning map. "It behooves everyone to clear this up as quickly as possible. Dollars are ticking away," Leonard stressed that removing the 7 acres in question from the project "would take away a huge part of the parking area."

"Interest and engineering fees are racking up daily," said franchisee and investor Brian Graber.

"It would have been nice if you had come before the board before you started on the project," commented planning commission member Ken Gipson.

Monteagle officials first became aware of the project in May.

Graber said he was advised to consult with the Southeast Tennessee Development District (SETDD) and did so beginning in late February. SETDD planner Garret Haynes said the early plans he viewed were inadequate.

The new Petro site plan, available for viewing at the meeting, showed the footprint reduced from 21 acres to 13.8 acres. The new plan excluded the Monteagle Truck and Tire property and business originally incorporated in the project.

Gipson observed Monteagle Truck and Tire, owned by Rodney Kilgore, had failed to comply with Monteagle's fencing ordinance.

Leonard said the engineer recommended Monteagle Truck and Tire not be incorporated in the project now and that the two properties would be joined eventually. "It [the fence issue] will be taken care of."

"Why should we take your word for that?" Gipson asked. Kilgore has accumulated unpaid fines in the three years since the fencing ordinance passed.

Oliver ended the discussion pending the MTAS decision. He advised concerned residents to contact their city council representative by email at <monteagleinfo@blomand.net>.

When a written MTAS opinion is received, the planning commission will schedule a meeting and publish notice in the Messenger.

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isolation period of 10 days or to quarantine at St. Mary's Sewanee. Gingrich pointed out people in quarantine may have been exposed, but are not necessarily positive.

The communication effort addresses the need to inform the public about keeping safe through social distancing, mask wearing, and understanding public health protocols.

Asked if non-residents were barred from University facilities like the Sewanee Inn and golf course, Gingrich replied public businesses were open for operation and that would include the golf course. Mask wearing was, of course, required given Sewanee's mask mandate.

Frank Gladu, who heads up the Sewanee Village initiative, observed 90 percent of University students were attending classes on campus. The Sewanee Village Project is tasked with revising and revitalizing the downtown area.

Gladu gave a brief update on the priority projects. The new bookstore, the first completed of the five projects, opened last month. The Tennessee Department of Transportation will be sending out bid packages to prospective contractors next month, moving forward with the plan to narrow Hwy. 41A to calm traffic. Construction could begin as early as next spring. The conceptual design for the Village Green was completed earlier in the year and was currently being "costed out" to determine the scope of the fundraising campaign that would be needed. And, although the mixed-use food market was currently "on pause," since attracting retailers was difficult in the sluggish COVID-19 economy, Gladu saw a possible economic boon to the fifth priority project, housing. He speculated low-interest rates could help move the housing initiative forward. All five projects are "on track for substantial completion by 2022," according to Gladu.

Touching on related initiatives, Gladu said the University had created a fund to provide relief to businesses on the Domain. Three distributions would be made to applicants, the first in mid-September.

Gladu also announced a new business had opened in Sewanee, Village Nutrition, located at 12569 Sollace M. Freeman Highway (Hwy. 41A).



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Women's Suffrage Centennial Display at May Justus

The May Justus Memorial Library in Monteagle is hosting a poster display celebrating the Women's Suffrage Centennial. It will be available to view during regular library hours from 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday, and 8 a.m.–4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

"To Make Our Voices Heard: Tennessee Women's Fight for the Vote" was organized by the Tennessee State Library and Archives and the Tennessee State Museum with funding provided by The Official Committee of the State of Tennessee Woman Suffrage Centennial. This project is also funded in part by a grant from Humanities Tennessee, an independent affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The 37375 Campaign for COVID-19 Support

The Sewanee Civic Association and the Sewanee Business Alliance are working together to act locally and responsibly during this global pandemic. The 37375 Campaign will raise money for the purchase and distribution of COVID-19 health and safety products for the local businesses and organizations to help protect the entire community. The goal of this campaign is to raise \$37,375.

Once the funds are collected, eligible community organizations will submit a simple application asking for assistance and choose from available health and safety products, giving the program the flexibility needed to meet the needs of a variety of organizations.

This unique special fundraiser will end on Sept. 30, 2020. Anything raised in excess of the stated goal will go towards the annual SCC fundraising effort for 25 area nonprofits, which is scheduled to begin this fall.

To donate, send a check payable to Sewanee Community Chest 37375 Campaign, P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375. You may also use PayPal Giving for online donations at <<https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/charity/119597>>. The Sewanee Community Chest is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, and donations are tax-deductible.



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We are pleased to announce a full slate of programming for the remainder of 2020.

For those of you who have participated in a multi-day Centering Prayer retreat and yearn for that deep silence, the Rev. Tom Ward and Rebecca Paluzzi are offering a full day of quiet, lectio divina, and worship on Sept. 12 and Oct. 24.

Dr. Joe Howell and Lark Howell are returning on Sept. 26 with a day-long workshop on The Enneagram and Our Faith. The Howells will share their gifts and talents around the Enneagram with teaching and creativity.

Rabbi Rami Shapiro brings One River Wisdom to us again on Oct. 24 when he will explore The Heart of Spiritual Living — One Teaching: Perennial Wisdom; One Practice: Be a Blessing. Using a blend of conversation and contemplation, this promises to be a session full of insights.

Spend a day with Gordon Peerman and explore The Body Knows the Way: Effortless Mindfulness during a day of quiet contemplation. On Nov. 14, Peerman will explore how simple shifts of attention into an easy awareness can open the way to emotional healing and spiritual connection.

Susan Packard will return with a workshop on What Autumn Can Teach in This Year of Pandemic on Nov. 21 where she will help us discover how to find peace and calm during this extraordinary time.

The season of Advent offers an opportunity to slow down and prepare for the celebration of the birth of Christ. In this day-long Centering Prayer Advent Retreat on Dec. 12, there will be periods of deep silence, lectio divina, and worship focused on Advent.

St. Mary's Sewanee is also offering introductory workshops on Centering Prayer (Sept. 27), The Welcoming Prayer (Nov. 7), and Lectio Divina (Nov. 15).

The weekly Centering Prayer support groups welcome new and experienced practitioners at their meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. For login information, send an email to <reservations@stmaryssewanee.org>. There are links to Peerman's weekly meditation group and other contemplative offerings on the website.

Registration is open for all these new retreats and workshops at the website at <www.stmaryssewanee.org>. Please go there for a fuller descriptions of each event.

There is a place for you within the heart of St. Mary's Sewanee, even as we gather from our individual homes and safe spaces. Technology has surprised us in these past few months, showing us that we can come together in ways we might never have realized or expected. Until we can share the physical space at St. Mary's Sewanee again, let us celebrate the ways we can gather in these new, meaningful ways.

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Sixth Annual Hunger Walk Goes Virtual

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Hunger Walk was established in 2014 when John Goodson, Rotary Club President, contacted local leaders to discuss community needs and how the Rotary Club could make an impact. Food Insecurity was one issue that was not being adequately addressed at that time. The Rotary Club, along with local leaders, decided to sponsor a Hunger Walk. The first Hunger Walk was held in the Spring of 2015 as a 2.5 mile walk from Angel Park in Sewanee along the Mountain Goat Trail. The purpose of the Hunger Walk is to raise community awareness about food insecurity on the South Cumberland Plateau and to raise funds to support organizations combating food insecurity in the community.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary club has decided to hold the sixth annual Hunger Walk as a week-long virtual event. Anyone may participate. Pick your own route then walk, run, or cycle. Register as an individual, or get your business involved as a Partner or Title Sponsor of the event. Dollars raised go toward the Community Action Committee and Grundy County Food Bank to help the more than 12,000 people in our tri-county area who do not have access to adequate nutritious food.

Between Sept. 28 and Oct. 4, walk, run, or cycle at your chosen location. This year, we want to challenge you to log as many miles as you can in a one week period.

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Tennessee Releases New Digital Tool to Help Business Owners Check Relief Payment Eligibility

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee and the Department of Revenue announced a new digital eligibility tool for small business owners to determine if their business may be eligible for a Tennessee Business Relief Program payment. Businesses must confirm information by Sept. 25 deadline.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has placed an enormous strain on Tennessee's small businesses, and we're hopeful these relief payments will help alleviate that burden as businesses get back on their feet," said Gov. Lee. "We're excited for this tool to help small businesses get the relief they need."

More than 40,000 small business owners across 60 different industries qualify for the Tennessee Business Relief Program. Eligible businesses have until September 25, 2020 to confirm their information with the Department of Revenue in order to receive a relief payment between \$2,500 and \$30,000 in no-cost funds from the state.

"We encourage all eligible business owners to complete this step as soon as possible," said Revenue Commissioner David Gerregano. "And if you know a small business owner who could benefit from this program, please help spread awareness."

The eligibility tool can be found at <www.businessrelief.tn.gov>.

For questions please call the TN Dept of Revenue at (615) 253-0600 or email <revenue.support@tn.gov>. More details can be found at <www.tn.gov/revenue>.

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by Margaret Stephens

Home Remedies

My life, and perhaps yours, is like the conjugation of a verb. I am home. I have been home. I will be home.

We're making it through. But no denying this is tough, and I don't face the dangers of working on the front lines of medical facility, store, or school.

My gratitude and admiration to those who do, including the kindly librarians at duPont and elsewhere who provide us with pick-up service. Who'd have thought last fall that in 2020 we'd be able to order out for books?

Books and online forums about them are a vital part of my days. I'm reading in various genres at the same time. At the urging of my various woke offspring, I'm trying to educate myself about systemic racism. "Me and White Supremacy" by Layla Saad is a 28-day guide for those with white privilege to explore the ways in which, consciously or not, we're contribute to the disease. Even and perhaps especially for those of us who claim "white exceptionalism"—the belief that "I'm not racist; I'm one of the good ones"—, which can blind us to our subtle, unconscious attitudes and behaviors.

If that statement provokes irritation, our response may reveal more than we care to admit.

Next up is "Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers her Superpower" by Brittney Cooper and the popular YA novel "The Hate You Give" by Angie Thomas. They read easily—that is, the words flow—but they are not easy to read—those words can sting. I recommend them all, and if you don't like the rage and "spicy" language that burst through, that, too, is a response worth examining for what it reveals about assumptions of how "normal" language "should" sound.

But I admit that life now is so challenging on so many levels, I can only read these for brief periods. To counterbalance? There's always Trollope: The International Trollope Society just finished reading "The Last Chronicle of Barset" with bi-weekly Zoom get-togethers and has more fun planned, including a celebrity-involved event (remember the incandescent Susan Hampshire?), "Pick Up A Trollope."

Craving books which offer glimpses of our better nature, I've been raiding my own bookshelves. Eve Ibbotson is always a delight, as is mystery writer Elizabeth Peters. Both abound in wit, plot twists, and characters you want in your own family.

I've enlarged my understanding of the 19th century with biographies of Queen Victoria: after a lifetime of reading literature from the Victorian Age, it's fun to discover the reality behind the cliches.

For straight-out uplift, I browse through compilations of the writings of the late wonderful Fred Rogers. "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood," and "The World According to Mr. Rogers," which includes a quote which goes right to the heart of what we all need to do right now: "Listening is where love begins; listening to ourselves and then to our neighbors."

Finally, there's Joan Bauer's YA, "Hope Was Here." A diner owner battling leukemia decides to challenge the town's long-time, Putin-esque mayor. Why vote for a man fighting for his life? "Because no one understands how sweet life can be, how blessed every minute is, how important it is to say and do what's right while you've got the time, than a person who's living with a short wick." Now that's worth remembering.

As are words from the book's teenage protagonist, Hope: "I'd invented a sandwich here when I was fifteen—the Keep Hoping. It had layers of smoked turkey, sun-dried tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, and chopped salad greens with red wine vinaigrette on a sourdough roll. People ordered it like mad... because hope is something that everyone needs. It was a sandwich for our time."

May you have a similar sandwich and plenty of the hope that inspired it.

Comments? Suggestions? Email <mgtstep@gmail.com>.

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Monday–Friday,
Sept. 7–11
LUNCH

Monday, Sept. 7: Labor Day - No School.

Tuesday, Sept. 8: Zesty orange chicken, yogurt bag meal, steamed broccoli, deli roast potatoes, rice, fruit.

Wednesday, Sept. 9: Chicken fajita, taco, potato smiles, salsa, buttered corn, tortilla chips, fruit.

Thursday, Sept. 10: Mexican pasta bake, popcorn chicken, green beans, potato wedges, dinner roll, fruit.

Friday, Sept. 11: Fridays are Virtual Learning Days for All Students. Breakfast and lunch meals will be available for pickup. Please contact your school's cafeteria manager to order meals for Fridays.

BREAKFAST

Each day, students select one or two items.

Monday, Sept. 7: Labor Day - No School

Tuesday, Sept. 8: Pancake/sausage stick, juice, fruit.

Wednesday, Sept. 9: Meat biscuit, juice, fruit.

Thursday, Sept. 10: Muffin, juice, fruit.

Friday, Sept. 11: Fridays are Virtual Learning Days for All Students. Breakfast and lunch meals will be available for pickup. Please contact your school's cafeteria manager to order meals for Fridays.

Options available every breakfast: assorted cereal, assorted fruit and juice, milk varieties.

Menus subject to change.

Pre-K Applications

Franklin County Pre-K continues to accept applications for openings throughout the school year. There are presently openings at most schools. Please call Beth Charlton or Patti Limbaugh at the Board of Education (931) 967-0626 if interested.



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State Parks to Host Tennessee Serves Events in September

Tennessee State Parks will host volunteer events in September across the state as part of First Lady Maria Lee's Tennessee Serves initiative.

"We are proud to partner for the second year with Tennessee State Parks and bring Tennessee Serves volunteer events to parks across the state," said Lee. "We appreciate the many Tennesseans who have volunteered to help preserve the historic beauty of our state and look forward to a great month dedicated to serving our state parks."

"The first lady is an inspiration for volunteerism in our state, and we are proud to be a part of the Tennessee Serves program again this year," Jim Bryson, deputy commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, said. "This is also an excellent way to keep our parks in great condition."

The service opportunities at the parks are for all ages and skill levels. They include activities such as landscaping, invasive plant removal, litter pickup, and trail maintenance. Projects include clearing debris at Camp Hazlewood at Paris Landing State Park; cleaning buildings and doing trail work at Fort Loudoun State Historic Park; cleaning up storm damage at Mousetail Landing State Park; cleaning the shoreline of the French Broad River at Seven Islands State Birding Park; and cutting and treating non-native Japanese Knotweed and Multiflora Rose and clearing trash and rock dams at Roan Mountain State Park.

Tennessee Serves projects at parks also coincide with Public Lands Day at the parks on Sept. 26.

The first lady launched Tennessee Serves in 2019 to encourage Tennesseans to serve one another and volunteer in their communities. The three-part initiative includes serving Tennesseans across the state with a special focus on distressed counties; highlighting people and organizations already making a difference; and mobilizing Tennesseans to meet community needs.

For more information about plans at Tennessee State Parks visit <<https://tnstateparks.com/get-involved/volunteering>>.

For more information about the first lady's Tennessee Serves program, please visit <<https://www.tn.gov/firstlady/tennessee-serves.html>>.

SCSP 'Picture the Park' Photo Contest

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>.

State Parks Host Virtual Bicycle Ride Across Tennessee

Tennessee State Parks has announced that the Bicycle Ride Across Tennessee (BRAT) will be a virtual event this year for the health and safety of riders and park personnel.

Under the virtual format of the month-long event, Sept. 1-30, riders can log their miles on <lovetoride.net> as part of the Bicycle Ride Across Tennessee Cycling Club. The goal is for participants to ride 688 miles, the distance from Bristol to Memphis, in the month of September. Since this year is the 31st annual Bicycle Ride Across Tennessee, the club has a goal of 31,000 miles collectively.

In the past, riders would take out-and-back rides together. The virtual ride encourages riders to keep riding with shared goals in an online community and with shared routes across the state. The ride is non-competitive.

The cost to participate is \$150. Riders can register at <<https://tnstateparks.com/blog/the-bicycle-ride-across-tennessee-is-brining-riders-together-virtually>> and connect with the BRAT on its Facebook page.

Participants do not have to live in Tennessee to participate and are welcome to log their miles any way they choose, including road cycling, indoor cycling, gravel or mountain biking.

Proceeds go to the development and protection of the Cumberland Trail, a 300-mile-long footpath down the eastern edge of the Cumberland Mountains, and the Tennessee Park Rangers Association, which provides scholarships and training for park rangers throughout the state to continue education in order to provide the highest level of protection for Tennessee State Parks.

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-thru testing available, Monday through Friday, at the health departments in Bradley, Franklin, Grundy, McMinn, Rhea, and Sequatchie counties. 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 St., Altamont, TN 37301, (931) 692-3641.

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

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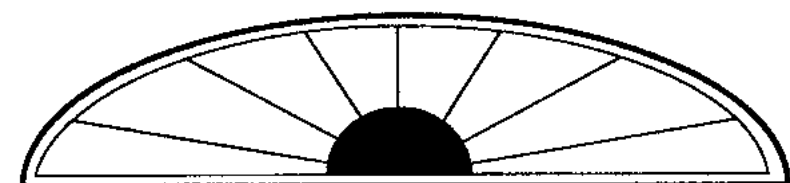
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Wingstems

Wingstems

As I take my usual walk down Gudger Road this time of year, I notice that all three species of Wingstem that are common to this area grow along the side of the road and are coming into bloom. The name Wingstem comes from the winged petioles or stalks of the leaves, the wings extending down the stem of the plant. As members of the composite plant family, the flowers are arranged in heads like those of a sunflower or daisy. One type of flower forms the central disc and another type (ray flowers) forms what look like a ring of petals. They are perennials and are quite tall, sometimes greater than the height of a person.

In the White Crownbeard, the rays flowers are white, of course, and rather small, and the leaves are alternate. This species seems to tolerate more shade than the other two, which have larger, yellow ray flowers, and grow in more open areas such as power line clearings. Yellow Crownbeard has opposite leaves and the third species, called simply Wingstem, has alternate leaves.

In wintertime, I try to remember to keep an eye on the areas where the White Crownbeard grows. Although it dies back at the end of the growing season, its underground parts are still alive and in certain conditions “frost flowers” form as water is forced out of the stem and forms curving shapes of ice crystals, giving the plant another name, Frostweed.

This is a reprint of the first Nature Note I wrote for Jean Yeatman, who wasn't feeling up to doing it, this very time of year in 2014.

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State Park Offerings

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Friday, Sept. 4

Sherwood Forest Twilight Hike (\$5)—Meet Ranger Jason Reynolds at 6:30 p.m. (CDT) at Sherwood Forest parking lot (take Jump Off Road to Old CCC Camp Road, turn right, go just past Coyote Cove Lane) to explore the evening environment of Sherwood Forest on this moderate 2.7 mile hike. Hiking at night is not allowed at South Cumberland State Park, so this is your opportunity to see a different aspect of the park you love: watch the sun set over the plateau and then continue on in the dwindling light as the night critters are waking up. As twilight transitions into darkness, you will need flashlight or headlamp, so don't forget to bring one with fresh batteries.

Saturday, Sept. 5

Removing Invasive Species (free)—Join AmeriCorps member Austin Holman at 9:30 a.m. (CDT) at Grundy Lakes parking lot, 587 Lakes Rd., Tracy City, near the rest rooms and beach, to help him remove some of the non-beneficial invasive plants that are overcrowding our native species at Grundy Lakes. Learn more about the importance of invasive removal, which species are invasive, and then spend some time making Grundy Lakes look nicer and be more beneficial to our native wildlife. Bring some water and a snack. Wear close-toed shoes or boots; long pants are recommended.

Sunday, Sept. 6

Hike Grundy Forest (free)—Meet Ranger and Interpretive Specialist Austin Holman at 9 a.m. (CDT) at Grundy Forest trailhead, 131 Fiery Gizzard Rd., Tracy City, for a 1.9-mile hike through the Grundy Forest. You'll be discussing the native plants and animals that reside in this forest along with some brief history of the park. Bring binoculars if you'd like; there are a few species of birds residing here through the summer. Bring proper footwear and a bottle of water. Be sure to prepare for the weather on the day of the hike and bring items accordingly. CDC social distancing guidelines will be followed throughout this program.

Tuesday, Sept. 8

Savage Day Loop Hike (\$10) (Please pre-register. Registration closes at midnight the day before the event)—Meet Ranger Mark Greenwood at 8:15 a.m. (CDT) at Savage Gulf Ranger Station, 3157 SR 399, Palmer, for an approximately 4.3-mile round trip guided hike of the Savage Gulf Day Loop. This is a basic, introductory hike to the east side of Savage Gulf. Bring water and snacks. Please wear sturdy shoes. The areas around overlooks can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall exists, and extreme care is needed.

Wednesday, Sept. 9

Greeter Falls Trash Cleanup (\$0-\$20 donation)—Join Ranger Spencer Baxter at Greeter Falls parking lot, 550 Greeter Falls Rd., Altamont, to give a hand in keeping the Greeter Falls area free of garbage and trash. Trash bags and gloves will be provided. Please wear sturdy shoes or boots and weather-appropriate clothing.



Ruckus



Tortuga

Pets of the Week

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Ruckus is a three-year-old shar-pei mix with an extremely sweet personality and true southern charm. Ruckus will require a patient and nurturing adopter. Ruckus is considered a special needs dog for a couple of reasons. First, Ruckus suffers from separation anxiety, and needs to be with a family understanding of the condition that spends time training him and making him feel comfortable in his new space. Ruckus also suffers from a medical condition that requires him to be on an enzymatic medication so he can absorb all the nutrients he needs to thrive. Ruckus is great with other animals, and we think being in a home with another pet could really improve his anxiety. Ruckus is in a dire need to be out of the shelter, for the shelter environment is very hard on a dog with his condition. Ruckus has been at the shelter for 11 months and really needs a new, fresh start so he can thrive. The shelter is no place for a special dog like him. Ruckus is up-to-date on vaccinations, heartworm-negative, neutered, and microchipped. If you have a place in your heart and home for a very special furbaby, please come meet Ruckus today and show him someone really cares. If you think your family would be a good fit for Ruckus, please submit an adoption application at <<https://www.animalharbor.org/adoption>>-application.

Tortuga is a beautiful eight-year-old tortoiseshell cat who found herself at the shelter when her original adopter returned her by no fault of her own. Although she may take some time to warm up to you, she is very affectionate once she gets to know you. Tortuga has suffered from displacement and anxiety since she first came to the shelter, but she has found the shelter to be a safe place for her temporary home and continues to improve the longer she is here. Even though she is doing well here and finally in a secure, safe environment, she still desires and would thrive best in a home of her own with a patient, loving family. The shelter is no place for a mature, loving cat like Tortuga. Tortuga is up-to-date on vaccinations, FIV/FeLV negative, spayed, and microchipped. To inquire about Tortuga, please submit our online adoption application at <<https://www.animalharbor.org/adoption>>-application.

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.

Support Food Banks and Farms

Local food banks are experiencing peak demand, and due to restaurants operating at greatly reduced levels, local farmers have seen a sharp drop in orders. South Cumberland Farmers' Market (SCFM) has implemented an online gift-certificate donation option to help area food banks and farmers.

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to and determine the amount. To donate, customers simply need to log in to their account at <www.sewaneelocallygrown.net>, open the Market, and choose “Food Bank Donations.” There, customers can choose which food bank to donate to and the amount.

Customers who want to pay by Venmo should email market manager Emily Heid at <cumberlandfm@gmail.com>. Donations can also be mailed to 696 Garnertown Rd., Sewanee, TN 37375. Make the check payable to the South Cumberland Farmers Market and designate the food bank earmarked for the donation.

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Labor Day

Yonder see the morning blink:
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And look at things and talk and think
And work, and God knows why.

Oh often have I washed and dressed
And what's to show for all my pain?
Let me lie abed and rest:
Ten thousand times I've done my best
And all's to do again.

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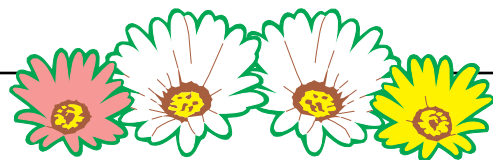
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Friday, Sept. 4

Sewanee Woman's Club luncheon reservation deadline,
Janet Miller Schmidt <jrms2777@gmail.com>, (504)
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(615)504-5404

8 a.m. COVID testing, Marion County Health
Department, until 4:30 p.m., Monday
through Friday, call ahead, (423) 942-
2238

8:30 a.m. Drive-thru COVID testing, Franklin
County (931) 967-3826, and Grundy
County (931) 692-3641, Health De-
partments, until 10:30 a.m., Monday
through Friday

9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.

9 a.m. Pilates, golf/tennis, Legion Hall/Zoom,
<kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

noon Stretch/Straighten, Legion Hall/Zoom,
<kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

6:30 p.m. Stress Relief Class, Kim, (free), Legion
Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniver-
sity.com>

Saturday, Sept. 5

8 a.m. Sewanee Gardener's Market, Hawkins
Lane, until 10 a.m.

8:30 a.m. Outdoor Gentle Yoga, Robie (\$10), Lake
Cheston, near pavilion under pine trees;
<robieyogamtn@gmail.com>

Monday, Sept. 7 • Labor Day

FC, GC Schools, No Classes

9 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Legion Hall/Zoom,
<kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Center,
until 11:15 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 8

MC Schools, First Day of Classes

7 a.m. FC Farmers Market, Dinah Shore Blvd.,
Winchester, until 1 p.m.

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. Pilates, beginners, Legion Hall/Zoom,
<kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

10:30 a.m. LaLeche League, via Zoom <LaLech-
eLeaguesewanee@gmail.com> for link

10:30 a.m. Yoga for Every Body, Anneli, DuBose

Pavilion, until noon

noon Pilates, intermediate, Legion Hall/Zoom,
<kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

4:30 p.m. South Cumberland Farmers' Market,
curbside pickup, Community Center,
until 6:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Pilates, beginner, Legion Hall/Zoom,
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Wednesday, Sept. 9

9 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Legion Hall/Zoom,
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9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Center,
until 11:15 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 10

7 a.m. FC Farmers Market, Dinah Shore Blvd.,
Winchester, until 1 p.m.

8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, Monteagle
Inn, and via Zoom

9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.

9 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Legion Hall/Zoom,
<kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

10:30 a.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, via Zoom;
<pippabrowne64@gmail.com> for
invitation

noon Pilates, intermediate, Legion Hall/Zoom,
<kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

3:30 p.m. Sewanee Emeritus Association, via
Zoom, <rzachau@sewanee.edu> for link

5:30 p.m. Pilates, beginner, Legion Hall/Zoom,
<kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

7:30 p.m. Virtual lecture, "Rethinking Modern-
ism Through A Pandemic Lens", Outka,
<[https://new.sewanee.edu/programs-of-
study/english/news-events/rethinking-
modernism-through-a-pandemic-lens/](https://new.sewanee.edu/programs-of-study/english/news-events/rethinking-modernism-through-a-pandemic-lens/)>

Friday, Sept. 11 • Patriot Day

9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.

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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
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7 p.m. Al-Anon, First UMC, Winchester



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