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FYP students working on the teaching guide for the Housing Sewanee demonstration building.

## Housing Sewanee and FYP Students Work on Next Steps

by Bailey Basham, Messenger Staff Writer

Housing Sewanee, Inc. (HSI) finished the Sherwood Springs energy efficient home in December, and soon after, the first owner moved in. The first home planned for the Sherwood Springs area, this smart, 750-square foot home had been in the works for the past two years. Now that it is finished, the team is onto the next project.

Among the plans for the home was space specifically set aside for a small garage building on site. Dixon Myers, co-founder of Housing Sewanee, said they call it their demonstration building and plan to use it to demonstrate the systems at work inside the energy efficient home.

"We were planning on putting posters of all the energy efficient systems in the house to demonstrate how they work. This element is for the community to have tours. The idea came from Mike Coffey, who teaches physics at the University," said Myers. "Then, when COVID hit, we started talking about whether we needed a 3D model. I built a one-inch to one-foot scale model. There's actual water flowing through it that feeds this house and will feed all the houses in this subdivision. When school started, we realized we needed some kind of teaching guide. That's when we reached out to Eric Keen, who had been planning his programming for first-year students."

Keen, who is a visiting assistant professor of environmental studies, said the relationship with Housing Sewanee actually began in the fall of 2019 when Keen was working on developing a course on human relationship with place, natural resources and justice issues through the lens of the modern home. This academic year, students in the Finding Your Place Program (FYP) course began working with HSI during the second week of August.

"One of my priorities was for students to learn about housing issues in the Sewanee area and grapple with the global forces that have brought about local housing disparities. It became clear that HSI's work was a case-in-point of what this class is all about," he said.

Keen said the project between the FYP students and the HSI team has three main phases — the first is to develop the teaching guide that provides background information and detailed explanations on the sustainable systems powering the home and what the impact of those innovations might be on housing justice. The second is to develop instructional packets for how to give on-site tours for different audiences, and the third is to design displays that can be used in those tours to give an overview of the HSI mission and its use of sustainable technology in affordable housing.

Kendall Moore, a freshman student and part of the FYP team, said the team has finished the reference manual for eight different energy systems.

Cuca Ramirez, an international student from Puerto Rico, said the next step is to create the teaching manual, which will teach to the tour guides how to explain the systems in the home and what effects they have on the environment.

"This project has given me an insight into what being a part of a community means. It amazes me how every student is genuinely interested in helping this project launch because we understand the impact it has on people of the community. Apart from learning about the economy, spring catchment, solar energy, reusable building materials, and other components involved in the project, I have understood the influence of working in teams. It is hard agreeing on something when every individual has a different opinion. Planning this project with 15 different perspectives has been a challenge, but that is what makes it so valuable. Hopefully, I will witness the fruitfulness of this project," Ramirez said.

Since HSI's creation in 1993, the organization has built 17 houses, all with no-interest loans, and financial counseling for locals who are in the market for an affordable path to home ownership.

Myers said there are plans for a second house, which will be for a graduate of Blue Monarch's residential recovery program, and HSI has enough money raised to install a roof, but funds are beginning to run low.

"We don't really know any more than anybody else does. Things are really slow, but they are happening," he said.

For more information about Housing Sewanee go to <[www.housingsewaneecinc.com](http://www.housingsewaneecinc.com)>.

## Meet the Candidates: Monteagle City Council

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

*Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of interviews with some of the local candidates running for office. In alphabetical order, here are the first five candidates for the alderperson seats in Monteagle. The next five candidates will be in the Oct. 2, 2020 issue.*

Ten candidates are vying for the four open alderperson seats on the Monteagle City Council. The candidates addressed the following questions: How long have you lived in Monteagle? What special qualifications or past experience will you bring to the council? Why do you want to serve on the Monteagle City Council? Read on to learn about the candidates



Jessica Blalock

Jessica Blalock is a 17-year citizen of Monteagle. Blalock is running for a second-term as alderwoman. Her motto in serving on the council is "Our children, our future." She is the mother of two young boys who attend Monteagle Elementary School. Her focus in her first term was to bring back and strengthen youth events and structures. "Harton Park was let go and condemned by the state," she said. "Monteagle baseball field was forgotten." Harton Park and the ball field were her priorities as alderwoman, and she ushered in renovation of both. Heading up Parks and Recreation, she also oversaw the Easter Egg Hunt, Movies in the Park, Community Yard Sale, holiday parades, and ball season. "With your vote I hope to have two more years to work on grants and donations to renovate Hannah Pickett Park and much more. Our children are our future."



Jessica Favaloro

Jessica Favaloro and her husband often vacationed on the mountain and moved to Monteagle from New Orleans in 2012. During her career as an internal medicine physician, Favaloro held professional leadership roles in the medical and health insurance fields, as well as in

church organizations. "The people of Monteagle deserve better than they are getting," Favaloro said. She expressed dismay about the police and fire chief being dismissed and policemen and firemen resigning, and the recent issue of unexplained zoning changes. "I want to work to make things better," Favaloro said. She is an ardent supporter of the Mountain Goat Trail and sees it as a vehicle for boosting tourism and revenue. She would also like to work to develop better recycling options in Monteagle. Summing up, Favaloro said, "Everybody wants the same thing—the town's finances being in order, accountability, and things being taken care of."



Ken Gipson

Ken Gipson moved to Monteagle from the Keith's Cove community in Cowan 11 years ago. Gipson's wife is from Monteagle. "I love this community," he said. Gipson is no stranger to leadership roles. He served as the assistant Business Agent for the Teamsters Union at Arnold Engineering Development Center for 25 years. Gipson is still employed at AEDC where he has worked for 38 years. He is also a retired National Guardsman, with 25 years of service to his country. Gipson is running for a second term as alderman. "I enjoy doing it. I have only missed one meeting in four years. We have a lot of roads we need to get paved and fixed, ditches that need fixed, and infrastructure

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## SUD: COVID-19 Budget Planning

by Leslie Lytle  
Messenger Staff Writer

Introducing the budget discussion at the Sept. 22 meeting of the Sewanee Utility District Board of Commissioners, President Charlie Smith said, "It's going to be hard to make a budget based on predicted revenues." Along with uncertainties about whether or not University students will be on campus, SUD is grappling with infrastructure expense from the Hwy. 41A road project. In addition to reviewing budgeting strategy and options, the board approved a new Fire Line Policy requiring meters and announced the January commissioner election.

SUD manager Ben Beavers said he planned to use this year's revenue as a basis for next year. SUD expects to finish the year with an estimated \$20,000 loss due to a revenue decrease from the absence of students spring semester and curtailed summer programs. "It's not as bad as I thought it would be," Beavers said.

Beavers stressed he budgeted conservatively, figuring on revenue being 8-10 percent below the prior year. "The 2021 budget

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## The 37375 Campaign

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 local Sewanee businesses and organizations to help protect the entire community. The goal of this campaign is to raise \$37,375. This unique special fundraiser will end on Sept. 30, 2020.

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 this program the flexibility needed to meet the needs of a variety of organizations.

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# Letters

## DACA PROGRAM

**To the Editor:**

We can all agree 2020 has been a year of fear and uncertainty. With the passing of Justice Ginsburg, these feelings are amplified. Nearing a pivotal election, a lot is at stake for many Americans.

This recent event has quite a few implications that will, arguably, affect almost everyone residing in the United States, and even others abroad. I am concerned: for myself, for my family, and for my country. But I am more concerned about undocumented immigrants living in the US, especially DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) recipients. Only a few months ago, President Trump attempted to rescind Obama's executive order to deploy the DACA program. This effort was stopped by a ground-breaking 5-4 Supreme Court ruling, yet, Trump continues to create obstacles for immigrant youth.

A recent Pew study reveals 74 percent of Americans favor permanent legal status for immigrant children brought to the U.S. illegally. Now, more than ever, is the time to pass legislation that allows a pathway to citizenship

for undocumented immigrant youth (and is more stable than the Obama-era executive order). The Dream and Promise Act (H.R. 6) does just that, and it has already passed the House. I am calling on all members of Congress to urge Senator McConnell to swiftly bring this bipartisan bill to the floor and to pass it. I also ask Senators Alexander and Blackburn of Tennessee, as well as Representative DesJarlais, to represent their constituents by wholeheartedly supporting H.R. 6.

*Judith Marklin  
Sewanee*

## UNITED WE STAND

**To the Editor:**

Throughout history many different races have been exploited, dehumanized and abused.

Dredging up the past and politicizing and weaponizing past injustices only serves to drive us apart and does nothing to foster healing and reconciliation.

If we don't put the past behind us and strive for unity, our divided country will soon fall.

*Don Shannonhouse  
Monteagle*

# Hospitality Shop Closed

The Hospitality Shop, in order to cooperate with the University's policies and to facilitate the safety and security of the campus community, will be closed until further notice. The manager and the volunteers regret the inconvenience to the many loyal customers from the larger Mountain community, and they look forward to the time when the shop can reopen and safely resume the services it has provided for more than 50 years.

The shop cannot process donations of any kind during this time, and respectfully request that no items be left at the shop.

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# Run for the Sewanee Community Council

Sewanee residents are encouraged to consider running for election to the Sewanee Community Council. The seats now held by June Weber (District 1), Louise Irwin (District 2), Pixie Dozier (District 3), Phil White (District 4), Cindy Potter (at-large representative), and Theresa Shackelford (at-large representative) will be open for election. Dozier, Potter and Shackelford are not seeking re-election.

Candidates running for a district seat must have 10 signatures from residents of their district. For at-large candidates, the 10 signatures can come from any registered voter residing in Sewanee. Blank petitions can be picked up at the Lease Office, or are available from Tabatha Whitsett in the Provost's Office.

A district map can be viewed at the Lease Office website <<https://new.sewanee.edu/offices/university-offices/leases-and-community-relations/community-council/>>.

Candidates must be Sewanee residents for at least two years and registered to vote in Franklin County, Tenn. All candidates must return a nominating petition signed by 10 registered-voter residents at the close of business, Wednesday, Oct. 14.

Early voting will be held from Oct. 16–Oct. 30 at the Lease Office. Regular voting will take place at Sewanee Elementary School coincident with the General Election on Nov. 3.

If anyone is interested in running and has questions, contact election officer Theresa Shackelford at <[shackelfordt@bellsouth.net](mailto:shackelfordt@bellsouth.net)>.

# University Job Opportunities

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Thursday—Production Day  
9 a.m.–noon

Friday—Circulation Day  
Closed

## Upcoming Meetings

### Town of Monteagle

The Town of Monteagle will have their regular monthly meeting Monday, Sept. 28, 2020, at 6 p.m., in the Conference Room at City Hall.

### Rotary Club Meeting

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary will meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 1, at the Monteagle Inn. The meeting will also be available to members and interested guests via Zoom transmission. Guest speaker will be Doug Ellis from Angel Flight. For the Zoom link, email Woody Deutsch <woodybike@me.com>.

### Monteagle Regional Planning Commission

The Monteagle Regional Planning Commission will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020, at 5 p.m., in the Conference Room at City Hall.

### EQB Club Virtual Meeting

Members of the EQB Club will have the pleasure of a Zoom lead by Emily Holland, Executive Director of Franklin County's Animal Harbor on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at noon. The talk is titled "The Importance of Having a Successful Shelter in Your Community." Holland will discuss why Animal Harbor is so important for our county and why we should and how we can all come together to support Animal Harbor's mission. Interested non-EQB members should contact May Kamalick by email at <maykam@gmail.com> for the Zoom link.

## 'What is New About this New Direction?' at ALLL

On Sept. 8, 2020, the University of the South's Board of Regents issued a statement that categorically rejected the University's past veneration of the Confederacy, and the University has committed itself "to an urgent process of institutional reckoning in order to make Sewanee a model of diversity, of inclusion, of intellectual rigor, and of loving spirit in an America that rejects prejudice and embraces possibility." Much of the knowledge about Sewanee's history, including its past veneration of the Confederacy, has been gained from the work of the Roberson Project on Slavery, Race, and Reconciliation.

At noon, Monday, Oct. 5, Sewanee's Academy for Lifelong Learning will host, via a webinar, Professor Woody Register, Director of the Roberson Project. Register will discuss "What is new about this new direction? The Roberson Project's view of the Board of Regents' Statement of Equality and Diversity." Those wishing to attend should email <academyforlllearning@sewanee.edu>.

Register has served as director of the Roberson Project on Slavery, Race, and Reconciliation since its launch in July 2017. A graduate of Sewanee (1980), he received his doctorate in history from Brown University and joined the university's faculty in 1992. Today he is the Francis S. Houghteling Professor of American History and teaches courses on 19th and 20th-century American society and culture, popular culture, gender, and slavery's role in the development of American institutions and society. The inspirations for his work with the Roberson Project have come in part from the international movement among colleges and universities to study the history and impact of their institution's indebtedness to slavery — and slavery's indebtedness to their institutions. Register was further moved to pursue the work of the Roberson Project from his own research into Sewanee's history, which revealed to him the significance of race in the formation of the university in its first century.

## Monteagle Candidate Forum Sponsored by Rotary Clubs

The Rotary Club of Grundy County and the Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club are pleased to sponsor a Monteagle Candidate Forum for the 10 candidates for alderman and two candidates for mayor. The forum will be held at the Town of Monteagle pavilion on Monday, Oct. 5, from 6-7:30 p.m. The Rotary Clubs are offering this opportunity so the citizens of Monteagle may become informed of the views and goals of all the candidates running for mayor and aldermen in 2020. The public is invited to attend. Chairs must be furnished by attendees. The forum will also be presented on GCTV and BLTV.

## Sewanee Woman's Club to Meet Oct. 12

Celebrating its 90th year, the Sewanee Woman's Club will have their second meeting of the year on Monday, Oct. 12, at Dubose Conference Center in Monteagle. Lunch is served at noon. Dues are \$10 per year and lunch is \$15. Please have your check written or the exact amount if paying in cash. This is to avoid a line at the entrance. Every effort is made to eat and have the program in the hour time frame. This is so members who work will be able to participate during their lunch hour.

Masks and social distancing guidelines will be followed.

The speaker for this meeting will be Susan Johnson. Susan began the Isaiah 117 initiative for Coffee, Franklin, and Grundy counties. Isaiah 117 is a program that provides physical and emotional support for children who have been removed from their homes and are awaiting foster placement. The House will be a place to spend the emotionally crucial hours between removal and placement. There is a great need in our area for this program. Please bring an item that a teenager would use... clothing, toiletries, school materials, etc. Items will be available to help with sponsorship.

The menu for the October meeting is tomato bisque, followed by quiche lorraine and Waldorf salad, and ending with a brownie for dessert.

Reservations are required. Please make them no later than Oct. 2. To make reservation contact Janet Miller-Schmidt by email <jrms2777@gmail.com> or cell phone (504) 858-5221 or Susan Peek by email <susan.peek@gmail.com> or by phone (615) 504-5404.



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Dedication of the second marker will take place at 11 a.m. just one-half mile up the road at the historical Creighton's Store (now Sam's Corner on Hwy 56). Complimentary refreshments will be served immediately following the unveiling. These are the "first-ever" state historical markers to be placed in the town of Coalmont and each commemorates special sites that have had enormous impact and significance in the community and beyond.

Both dedication ceremonies are planned to be held out of doors and seating is limited. Masks and social distancing are requested.

## Sixth Annual Hunger Walk Goes Virtual

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is hosting the sixth annual Hunger Walk as a week-long virtual event due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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.

Anyone may participate. Pick a route, then walk, run, or cycle. Dollars raised go toward the Community Action Committee and Grundy County Food Bank to help the more than 12,000 people in the 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, participants are challenged to log as many miles as they can in a one week period.

Participants can create a fund-raising page to track how much money is raised, and use Endomondo to track the distance, which will be visualized on the website. Go to <www.thehungerwalk.com> for more information. Donations are also accepted.

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# Church News

## All Saints' Chapel

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 75 in-person worshippers each Sunday for the 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite I and the 11 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II services.

Beginning this Sunday, Sept. 27, worship is limited to the immediate campus community—defined as current students; faculty and staff, and their families; and residents of the domain. 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.

## Christ Church

Christ Church Monteagle will begin its celebration of the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels two days early this year. This day used to be so famous that many colleges

and universities called, what is now the Fall Term, Michelmas Term. The actual day is Sept. 29, and the verses in the Bible which mention the Archangel Michael are read in Fire Stations, as well as other civic places, in parts of Great Britain today. There are many hymns, like "Ye watchers and ye holy ones," which have come down to us as a special heritage. On Sept. 27, you can learn a lot more about the "war in heaven" by coming to Christ Church Monteagle at 10:45 a.m.

In any event, do remember all First Responders and all who seek to be protectors. Remember them not only at this special time of year, but at all times.

## Morton Memorial UMC

Forgiveness and relationships are of ultimate importance in the community - the family of God. Worship with us this Sunday on the lawn (weather permitting), as we talk about forgiveness based on the scripture in Matthew 18:21-34.

During the pandemic, Morton Memorial has suspended worship in the Sanctuary but is working actively to have safe means of

worshiping in person. For the last two Sundays, the church has held an outdoor worship service. Those joining us in worship bring lawn chairs and their fancy or simple masks. Meanwhile, the weekly service is available through Morton's website and Facebook.

You can view the Sept. 27 service any time after noon on Sunday via a link at <[Mortonmemorial-umc.com](http://Mortonmemorial-umc.com)>. Past messages are also available. Questions and prayer requests can be sent to <[morton-memorialumc@gmail.com](mailto:morton-memorialumc@gmail.com)>.

## Otey Memorial Parish

Weather permitting, Otey will have an outdoor service at 11 a.m. in the shaded area in front of Brooks Hall marked off into separate distanced areas for each individual or family. Please bring anything you may need, like chairs or blankets. If it is prudent for you to attend, we hope to see you there.

Godly Play is offered via Zoom at 9:15 a.m.

Fire on the Mountain Youth Sunday School takes place at 4 p.m. on the porch of Brooks Hall.

CAC continues its work of

servicing the needy with food and in other ways. Director David Goodpaster is staffing CAC, taking sensible precautions while serving people in need 9-11 a.m., Monday through Friday.

Parish staff are working in-person and remotely as best fits their duties. Our phone (598-5926) and email <[admin@oteyparish.org](mailto:admin@oteyparish.org)> are monitored and responded to during business hours. Masked and distanced meetings with staff members may be arranged by calling in advance.

## St. Mary's Sewanee

St. Mary's Sewanee is 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](mailto:reservations@stmaryssewanee.org)>. There are links to Peerman's weekly meditation group and other contemplative offerings on the website.

## Convent's Virtual Program Series on Gardening

The Sisters of St. Mary have gotten creative to bring inspiring programs to their audience virtually via Zoom. On Saturday, Sept. 26, from 9-11:30 a.m., the Sisters will host June Mays, Master Gardener for two virtual talks: The Potager & Gardens as Sanctuary.

After a 31-year career as a financial adviser, June moved to London for a year to study garden design. She designed or consulted on over 100 gardens, wrote for the garden magazines, and lectured until retiring at age 70. For our September program, June will present The Potager - a collection of images of beautifully designed vegetable and fruit gardens along with tips for success, along with Gardens As Sanctuary - advice on creating a garden that can deepen your spiritual life as well as enhance your landscape. There will also be time for questions. The cost of the session is \$20, and participants can register at <[www.communityofstmarysouth.org](http://www.communityofstmarysouth.org)>.

# Obituaries

## Beverly Ann Cambron

Beverly Ann Cambron, age 54 of Cowan, died on Sept. 5, 2020, at the home of her daughter. She was born on June 13, 1966, in Winchester, to Kathy Lee Myers Cambron and James Cambron. She was a member of the Cowan Nazarene Church. She was a cosmetologist for approximately 25 years, and was employed at the University of the South for seven years. She was preceded in death by her father.

She is survived by her mother, Kathy Lee Cambron of Cowan; daughters, Felicia (Dustin) Shelly of Estill Springs, Kary (Cody) Kennedy of Decherd and Camberly Ann Sons; sister, Angela (Billy) Wilkinson of Cowan, two granddaughters, and one niece.

Funeral Services were on Sept. 10, 2020, from the Chapel of Grant Funeral Services with Bro. Bill Welch, officiating. Interment followed in Cowan Montgomery Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <[www.grantfuneralservices.net](http://www.grantfuneralservices.net)>.

## Cerena Dale Campbell

Cerena Dale Campbell, age 76 of North Little Rock, Ark., died on Sept. 16, 2020. She was born on May 9, 1944, to Henry and Georgia Thompson. She loved quilting and making Raggedy Ann Dolls. She was preceded in death by her parents; and husband, Steven Campbell.

She is survived by sons, Ted Nunley, Steve Nunley and Daniel Nunley; daughters, Penny Cosgrave, Carmella Hammock and Candy Santos; sister, Henrietta Nunley, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and her dogs, Rocky and Dude, that she loved so much.

Funeral Services were on Sept. 19, 2020 from the Chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home with Elder Franklin Hill officiating. Interment followed in Clouse Hill Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <[www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net](http://www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net)>.

## Billie Marie Weaver

Billie Marie Weaver, age 85 of Tracy City, died on Sept. 16, 2020, at Southern Tennessee Regional Hospital, Winchester. She was born on Feb. 1, 1935, to Raymond and Evelyn Brinkley. She was a member of Morton Memorial United Methodist Church, Monteagle, and loved doing the flower arrangements for the church decorations. Founded by her father during the 1960s, she continued and grew The Gospel Partners Mission Group, having success with building an orphanage and school in third world countries. In her free time she enjoyed bird photography. She was preceded in death by her parents; son Dennis Weaver; and sister, Bettie Faye Lynds.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Jimmie Don Weaver; children James (Ashley) Roberts, Lauren Weaver, Lela Ruth Weaver, Harvey Bruce Weaver and David Kevin Weaver; brother, John Arthur Brickley, 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

No services are scheduled at this time, however, plans for a memorial service will be announced at a later date. For complete obituary go to <[www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net](http://www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net)>.



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# Church Calendar

## Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

## All Saints' Chapel

**Please join us for the 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist livestreamed 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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10 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

## Otey Memorial Parish Church

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

9:15 a.m. Godly Play via Zoom, Sunday. Contact <[formation@oteyparish.org](mailto:formation@oteyparish.org)> for how to participate.

9:15 a.m. Coffee Half-hour, Sunday

9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum via Zoom. Contact <[rector@oteyparish.org](mailto:rector@oteyparish.org)> for how to participate.

11 a.m. Outdoor service on the front lawn, weather permitting, also livestreamed on the Otey Memorial Parish FB page

4-6 p.m. Fire on the Mountain Youth Sunday School, Brooks Hall porch, masks 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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**SUD** (from page 1)

won't include any revenue financed capital improvements," Beavers said. "It will be a year of doing only what we have to do." SUD will not defer maintenance, Beavers said, as that would cost money in the long run. There will likely be no employee raises. The utility is operating with a skeleton crew and has no plans to replace an employee who recently left.

Smith asked about budgeting for screens to block toilettes and masks clogging spray field pumps at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Beavers presented two options, a screen at the Bob Stewman Road headwaters, estimated cost \$100,000, or a screen at the WWTP lagoon headwaters, estimated cost \$3,000-\$4,000. Commissioner Randall Henley suggested, at the minimum, implementing the less expensive option to avoid replacing pumps ruined by the debris, which could cost over \$10,000 per pump. Beavers will get firm figures on the screen costs.

Citing another budget expense, Beavers said he expected supply costs to increase 5-9 percent.

Discussing a possible rate increase, Smith pointed out SUD anticipated an estimated \$280,000 in expenses from infrastructure relocation costs incurred due to narrowing Hwy. 41A. The University previously indicated a willingness to help mitigate the expense. "I haven't heard much from the University, although the last meeting was favorable," Smith said. Beavers said he had not yet presented the University with final figures, as the bidding on the road project had not yet occurred and the exact cost was not known.

The new Fire Line Policy requires meters on all fire lines. Fire line connections will be subject to a monthly demand fee plus any water used on a monthly basis. Beavers said the need for the policy came to his attention when reviewing SUD's water loss audit. SUD's unaccounted for water loss exceeds 30 percent. (Unaccounted for water is water produced at the plant, but not registered as sold on customer meters.) Beavers said the policy would help rule out water loss sources. He also noted fire line connections posed a potential demand on resources, which SUD needed to be prepared to meet. Existing fire-line connections are exempt from the meter requirement, but all new connections and replaced or altered connections will require a meter.

SUD is seeking candidates to run for an at-large seat on the board of commissioners coming open in January. Potential candidates should contact Beavers at the SUD office. Smith currently holds the seat and will seek re-election. Commissioners receive a \$50 stipend for each meeting they attend.

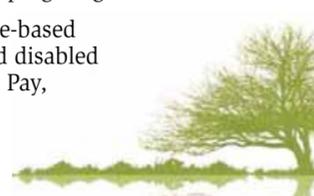
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**Candidates** (from page 1)

we need to keep up. I'd like to see us go forward and prosper. It's a beautiful place, and I'd like to keep it that way. I'd appreciate everyone's vote."



Kelly Layne

Kelly Layne has lived in Monteagle all his life. His first job was as radio dispatcher for the Monteagle Police Department. Layne worked in various capacities for Monteagle for over 20 years, primarily for the police and fire departments. He served several times as fire chief. "My main priority is supporting the fire and police departments," Layne said. "A lot of folks don't know what the fire department has to go through to get the equipment they need." Layne stressed the importance of local support. "I was young when I started. Chief David Green with the Sewanee Fire Department helped me keep my fire department going." Layne currently works as the Chief Security Officer for the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly. "Our city needs to be for the home people," Layne said. "It doesn't need to expand too much into tourism in my opinion. I'm a hometown boy."

Janet Miller-Schmidt has lived



Janet Miller-Schmidt

in Monteagle since 2015. She and her husband bought property here in 2006 and built a home in 2008. As a full-time resident, she immediately got involved and began attending council meetings. "That's just my MO," Miller-Schmidt said. "I'm not a politician, but I am a natural leader, I suppose." In Louisiana where Miller-Schmidt lived previously, she served as president of the state PEO chapter, the oldest women's organization in America providing college scholarships to women, and as commodore of the Gulf Yachting Association. She volunteers regularly at Morton Memorial Church and the Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary. "There are things in our town that need some TLC," Miller-Schmidt said. She'd like to see a long-term strategic plan for police and fire protection and water resources. "I understand the need to work as a team. I want to be part of leading Monteagle into the future."

The next five candidates, in alphabetical order, will be in the Oct. 2, 2020 issue of the Messenger. They are Jeffery Oneal, Dorraine Parmley, Ron Terrill, Jodean Wade and Nate Wilson.

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**"Fixing Our Plate" Dialogue**

The Office of Civic Engagement (OCE), Sewanee's Integrated Program in the Environment (SIPE), the Office of Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability (OESS), and the Southeast Tennessee Young Farmers (SeTNYF) are proud to announce an ongoing forum on local and global food system challenges and solutions: "Fixing Our Plate."

While farmers in the Sewanee region have been innovators, building access to local food with an online market and food hub, there is still much work to be done. Economic disparities driven by racial and social inequality have deprived people around the world of food justice, creating health crises related to over-nourishment and hunger alike, and amplified by unequal access to healthcare, the COVID-19 pandemic, and climate change. The current industrial food production paradigm threatens the health of our bodies, our communities, and our planet. Now more than ever, we need to transition to environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable forms of agriculture.

The first "Fixing Our Plate" event, a community-wide dialogue with organic farmer, public intellectual, and community organizer Anthony Flaccavento, will take place on Monday, Sept. 28, at 7:30 p.m. over Zoom. All members of the campus and the larger Sewanee and regional communities are invited to participate in this important dialogue. The Zoom link for this dialogue can be found here <<https://sewaneedu.zoom.us/j/93264616773>>.

This dialogue will be followed by two workshops designed for local and regional farmers and key food system stakeholders and organizations. These workshops, organized by SeTNYF and led by Flaccavento, are designed to clarify assets of the local food system upon which to build and the critical gaps that must be addressed in the near-term.

Session One, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 5, Quick and Dirty SWOT Analysis

Session Two, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 19, Action Planning

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## Franklin County Schools: Testing Moratorium; Mascot Survey

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the Sept. 14 Franklin County School Board meeting, the board opted to move forward on two circumstances with far reaching impact: support of a temporary moratorium on testing and surveying Franklin County High School students and faculty on whether or not to change the school's mascot. The board also elected officers, designate funds to address the leaking roof at the central office, and approved using surplus middle school funds for a track at Franklin County High School and air conditioning at the Huntland School auxiliary gym.

Explaining the Tennessee School Board Association recommendation to resolve to declare a moratorium on standardized testing for the 2020-21 school year, board member Sarah Marhevsky said, "We don't know what the year will hold. With teachers trying to juggle both virtual students and in-person students, if we could take away the stress of tests, teachers could focus on teaching and trying to make up the gaps from last year."

The survey to access student and faculty opinions on changing the FCHS mascot will ask two questions: one, grade level; two, 'Do you support changing the mascot?' The respondee may answer, yes, no, or don't care. FCHS guidance counselor Lee Brannon recommended conducting the survey electronically during school hours to verify all responses were from students and faculty.

The board will discuss the mascot question at the annual October workshop and vote on the issue at the Oct. 12 board meeting. The workshop will also address adopting a five-year strategic plan. Board member Chris Guess stressed the need to "focus on synching CTE and academics" to help students develop social skills like awareness of how important it is to arrive at work on time.

Cleijo Walker and Lance Williams were reelected to serve as chair and vice chair for the 2020-21 school year.

In the budget amendment discussion, Director of Schools Stanley Bean spoke to the need for allocating \$150,000 in Capital Outlay funds to address the leaking roof at the central office. Broadview and Sewanee Elementary schools also have roof issues, Bean said. Gary Clardy, construction manager for the middle-schools project, is preparing a prioritized five-year plan accessing the roof, lighting, and air conditioning needs of all district schools.

Bean's call for using surplus middle school construction funds for a track at FCHS and air conditioning for the Huntland auxiliary gym met with six to one approval when brought before the county finance committee.

"The track athletes have been running on asphalt for years. We've neglected that for our track athletes," Bean told the school board. The board gave unanimous

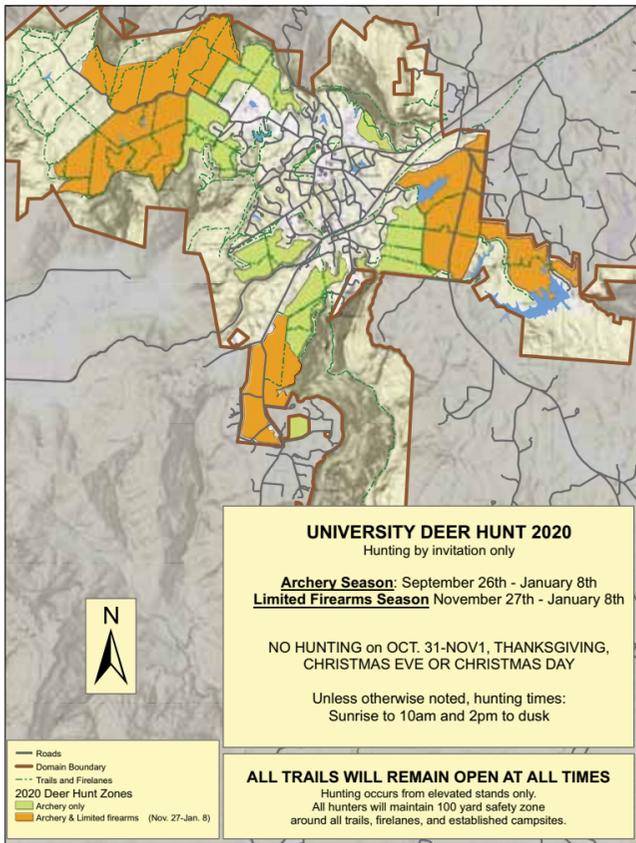
approval.

The two new middle schools are nearly completed with only some parking lot work remaining and a few other small details. An open house is scheduled for Oct. 25, 1 p.m. at South Middle School and 3 p.m. at North Middle School.

Touching on personnel issues, Assistant Superintendent Linda Foster said there had been a number of resignations and new hires. "Our first month was very busy," Foster said. She expressed concern about the limited list of job applicants and having very few substitute teachers this year.

Marhevsky presented a letter of appreciation and support for district employees "for all the extra work it's taking for them to do their job this year." "Educating students couldn't happen without them," Marhevsky insisted. "They've all had to do so much more."

The board will offer comments and edits via email before sending the letter to all employees as an expression of gratitude from the board.



Hunting zones map.

## Invitation-only Deer Hunt to Begin Sept. 26

The University of the South opens portions of the Domain to hunting every year. Beginning on Sept. 26, the regular University archery season will begin. This invitation-only hunt is generally open to all approved University faculty and staff, as well as their direct relatives (spouses, adult children, and parents). The hunt is also open to approved students. All participants must complete the Tennessee Bowhunter Safety Course (or other state equivalent), undergo a background check by the Sewanee Police Department, and participate in all mandatory meetings. All hunters are required to possess valid TN type 94 or sportsman's license and follow all TWRA rules and regulations at all times. For information on participating in the hunt, email Domain Management <domain@sewanee.edu>.

If you are a non-hunter who is interested in a map of hunter areas that is easier to read, check out the 2020 hunt map on the website. Hunting areas in 2020 will remain unchanged from 2019.

For more information go to <<https://new.sewanee.edu/offices/university-offices/environmental-stewardship-sustainability/the-domain/ecosystem-management/deer-huntin/>>.

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## SAS Loses to Notre Dame

St. Andrew's-Sewanee varsity volleyball team lost to Notre Dame on Sept. 14, 25-8, 25-22, 25-21. SAS was led by Madalyn Cleveland's 15 digs and one ace; Anja Dombrowski 15 assists; Madison King three kills, five digs, two aces; Meredith Foster six kills, one ace; Luciana Mollica five kills; Justine Rogers four kills; Lexi Taylor two kills, one block; Ava Carlos five digs. Head Coach Rob Zeitler said, "Despite our lack of game experience this year, the team played really well against a strong opponent in Notre Dame. I am really proud of the way we played tonight."

## 'Othello' Live-Streamed on Sept. 25

Sewanee's annual residency with the American Shakespeare Center continues with two performances and 10 private classroom workshops this fall, all live from Blackfriars Playhouse.

The American Shakespeare Company, a vibrant and diverse group of actors hailing from Staunton, Va., will be joining Sewanee virtually this semester. On Sept. 25, a gender-bending "Othello," featuring an acclaimed performance by Jessika Williams, will be live-streamed outdoors. On Oct. 16, there will be a live-stream of "Twelfth Night." Both performances will begin with live (streamed) music at 6:30 p.m., followed by the 7 p.m. performances at the Blackfriars Theatre in Staunton. Both live streams will be followed by talk-backs with the actors.

In the first, following "Othello," the company's actors will engage questions of race and performance; issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion within the ASC; and the performance of "Othello" as a call to racial justice. In the second, following "Twelfth Night," the actors will engage what it is to play Shakespeare in a time of pandemic. The Sewanee audience(s) can participate in the talk-backs by sending questions (in real-time, via the chat function on Zoom or through an appointed moderator) to the actors. The performances themselves won't be Zoomed; they will be filmed live and made immediately available through a special url.

Unfortunately, reservations have already been filled for the in-person viewing, but you may sign up to stream the performance from home. Go to <<https://new.sewanee.edu/events/>> for the online link.

## Wine, Whiskers and Fancy Treats

Animal Harbor is hosting a Wine, Whiskers, and Fancy Treats fundraiser to help support the work of the shelter. The event will be at 6 p.m., Oct. 17, at La Bella Pearl's, Sewanee.

The event will be taking special precautions to safeguard against COVID-19 including providing limited seating, a venue that allows for social distancing protocols, and requirements to wear masks in Sewanee.

Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased online at <[www.animalharbor.org](http://www.animalharbor.org)>, or at the shelter.

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## Order of the Gown at Sewanee

The following local students were inducted into the Order of the Gown at the University of the South during a ceremony held on Sept. 4, 2020.

Maria Claire Mattingly of Sewanee, daughter of Gina and Hayden T. Mattingly.

Rachel Marie Alvarez of Sewanee, daughter of April and Stephen L. Alvarez.

Katherine McLamb Butler of Sewanee, daughter of Sarah A. and Robert S. Butler.

Sam Kearley, son of Molly K. Chilson and John D. Kearley of Salida, Colo., and grandson of David Kearley of Sewanee.

The Order of the Gown is an academic honor society and a unique student government body among U.S. colleges and universities. Since 1875 the Order of the Gown has remained the body responsible for maintaining the spirit, traditions, and ideals of the University of the South. The wearing of the gown is both a sign of academic achievement and a promise to continue the ideals and traditions of the University.

## SES MENUS

**Monday-Friday,  
Sept. 28 - Oct. 2  
LUNCH**

**Monday, Sept. 28:** Salisbury steak, gravy, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, pinto beans, carrot dippers, dinner roll, fruit.

**Tuesday, Sept. 29:** Zesty orange chicken, yogurt bag meal, steamed broccoli, deli roaster potatoes, rice, fruit.

**Wednesday, Sept. 30:** Chicken fajita, taco, potato smiles, salsa, buttered corn, tortilla chips, fruit.

**Thursday, Oct. 1:** Mexican pasta bake, popcorn chicken, green beans, potato wedges, dinner roll, fruit.

**Friday, Oct. 2:** 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. 28:** Yogurt cup, granola, juice, fruit

**Tuesday, Sept. 29:** Pancake sausage stick, juice, fruit.

**Wednesday, Sept. 30:** Meat biscuit, juice, fruit.

**Thursday, Oct. 1:** Muffin, juice, fruit.

**Friday, Oct. 2:** 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.*

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## FROM THE HERITAGE CENTER

Grundy County Historical Society

### Convict Labor at the Mines

Beginning in 1870, Tennessee Coal and Railroad Company (TCR), later named Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company (TCI), leased convicts from the State of Tennessee at the rate of \$1 per day per convict plus upkeep. This was authorized under a law known as the "Zebra Law." The practice relieved the state from the expense of maintaining the prisoners and further generated revenue to the state from the leases. By 1886, the convict leases brought Tennessee over \$100,000 in revenue per year. From 1870 to 1890, Tennessee realized over \$1 million from convict leasing, four-fifths of which constituted net profit. In an 1891 address to the state legislature, Governor John P. Buchanan proclaimed "When great numbers of ignorant slaves were set free from all restraints, they quickly extended our criminal list beyond the capacity of the prison to accommodate them and the ability of the state to take care of them."

Arthur St. Clair Colyar, president of TCR, was a staunch advocate of the law and of the use of convicts at TCR. He maintained: "For some years after we began the convict labor system we found that we were right in calculating that the free laborers would be loath to enter upon strikes when they saw that the company was amply provided with convict labor."

Free miners recognized that they could be deprived of work by the use of convicts and during slow economic times be subject to layoffs. The convict-labor system enabled the company managers to control or "manage" the free miners. There were normally more convicts in the labor force than free miners. After the success in developing the process of converting Sewanee seam coal to coke, the convicts were used mainly to tend the coke ovens, an unskilled job most free miners did not want to perform.

On Aug. 13, 1892, after demanding more work from TCI Superintendent Einar O. Nathurst, the free miners invaded the stockade where the convicts were housed, corralled the prisoners into boxcars, sent them to the penitentiary in Nashville, and burned the stockade at Lone Rock Mines where they were housed.

This dramatic action did not, however, prevent the prisoners from being returned for work in the mines. In August 1894, the prisoners themselves revolted with a deputy warden and a convict being slain. In December 1895, the free miners struck because of the continuing convict lease system. Convicts were at least withdrawn from the mines in 1896 upon the expiration of leases on January 1. The "Zebra Law" was repealed in 1897.

Lyrics of an old work song of local origin (first verse and chorus) were:

<p>"Warden went down to Nashville, Stepped up to the pen, Said to the Nashville warden, 'I want fifty of your best men, Want to take them to Tracy To work in the Lone Rock Mines.'"</p>	<p>Chorus: "Buddy, won't you roll down the line Buddy, won't you roll down the line Yonder come my darlin' Comin' down the line."</p>
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The "darlin'" in the chorus were the young boys who led the mule carts into the mine shafts and hauled the mined coal to its destination outside the mine. The convicts were assigned quotas. If the daily quotas were not met, the convict would be punished. The quicker the young boys moved the coal out of the mine and returned, the more likely the convict would meet his quota. Thus, the boys were referred to as "darlins."

Most of the convict laborers were black. They frequently were arrested on minor infractions of the law and assigned lengthy sentences to accommodate the need for convicts to fulfill the lease demand. The convict-lease system has been considered by some critics as an extension of slavery and deliberate effort to circumvent the XIII Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

The forgoing is taken from a banner on display at the Heritage Center authored by Oliver W. Jervis of the Heritage Center working with the following sources: Nicholson, James L., *Grundy County, Memphis State University Press (1982)*; Shapiro, Karin A., *A New South Rebellion, the Battle Against Convict Labor in the Tennessee Coalfields, 1871-1896, The University of North Carolina Press, (1998)*.

Readers are invited to visit the Heritage Center Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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If you find a crowd (or crowded parking lot) at the trail you planned to hike, remember that South Cumberland State Park has 12 amazing trailheads, waiting for you to explore!

Check out the newly-released map of all South Cumberland trailheads, <<https://www.friendsofsouthcumberland.org/>>, which also lists the most outstanding features seen from each trailhead.

Be aware that Savage Gulf North (Stone Door); Fiery Gizzard North (Grundy Forest); and Fiery Gizzard South (Foster Falls) are the busiest trailheads in the Park; consider starting your adventure from one of our other nine trailheads, and discover something new about South Cumberland State Park!

Get driving directions to any of the Park's 12 trailheads, and more info, by visiting our Trailhead Information Page <<https://www.friendsofsouthcumberland.org/trailhead-and-trail-info.html>>.

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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.

The service opportunities at the parks are for all ages and skill levels. Tennessee Serves projects at parks also coincide with Public Lands Day at the parks on Sept. 26.

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>>.



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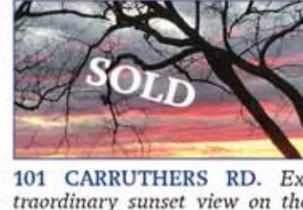
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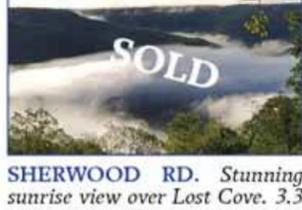
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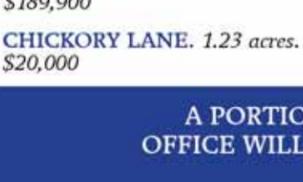
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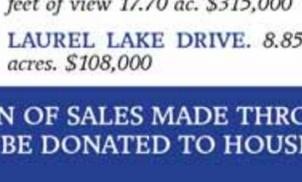
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## NATURENOTES

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Turtlehead at Lake Cheston

### Fall Wildflowers

Valerie Lorenz reports that she saw at least 30 varieties of wildflowers last Sunday on the Perimeter Trail and at Lake Cheston—a glorious sight.

We also saw quite a variety on the Meadow Trail behind the South Cumberland State Park Information and Welcome Center last weekend. With the autumnal equinox just past on Tuesday, this is the last hurrah for most wildflowers. Many members of the aster family were still in bloom, especially the asters themselves, the thoroughworts, and some goldenrods. There were at least five asters with little white flowering heads—Bushy, White Heath, Tall Flat-Topped White, Narrow-Leaf White-Topped, and Calico, to use the common names in the Horn and Cathcart guide to Wildflowers of Tennessee. Numerous thoroughworts had clusters of even smaller whitish flowers. The most notable was boneset, with opposite leaves connected around the stem. The whole group of thoroughworts was given this common name for the way this species seems to have the stem growing “through” the leaves. Half a dozen goldenrod species (Giant, Sweet, Gray, Erect, Sharpleaf, and Canada) still showed yellow bloom, as well as occasional yellow flowers of the Partridge Pea and both Golden Asters—Grassleaf and Maryland. Another outstanding yellow flower was the Narrowleaf Sunflower with big stands in several spots. Purple Ironweed, mauve Joe-Pye Weed, blue Mistflower and Downy Lobelia, orange Jewelweed, scarlet Cardianl Flower, and pink Candyroot added to the color and diversity. This area is particularly notable for the tall grasses which have been restored there—Big Bluestem, Little Bluestem, Indian Grass, and Switch Grass. Some areas usually dominated by those grasses had been mowed, probably to maintain the open, prairie-like habitat.

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## Pets of the Week Meet Skip & Butterbean

Hello, my name is Skip, the ultra cool guy around here. I am a very handsome three-year-old beagle dog. I was found running loose in a neighborhood where people often drop off dogs like me. With being in the hound group, please know that I may be quite vocal but I will let you know all you need to know as the neighborhood watch patrol. I weigh roughly around 20 lbs or more. I am not fond of other dogs at this time, but the staff tell me that may change once I am neutered. The girls at the shelter have named me after a local restaurant that has a cute little diner theme that they think I would be an excellent mascot for! The name of the restaurant is Skip's, and I am told they have the most delicious burgers. Of course, I would not know because I am a dog and have been told they are not good for me! Anyway, I would love a large fenced in the yard and a loving family because I love to enjoy the freedom of the outdoors and I am very loving and cuddly when my nose isn't glued to the ground! It would be great if I could be the only pet. I am not potty trained, so I will need to be taught all that jazz. In case you didn't notice, I am quite charming and adorable if I must say so myself. More importantly, I am up-to-date on vaccinations, heartworm-negative, neutered, microchipped, and ready to find my new place to call home.

Hello, my name is Butterbean. I would say that I am probably that cat that anyone and everyone will like. I do not meet a stranger, nor do I have any kind of preference for my kind of people. I am more of a go with the flow kind of cat. I definitely do not get caught up in the community cat room drama that happens when someone new is introduced. I just welcome them with open arms with my grace and charm! Being nice and mellow is all the rage

in my little world. I would love a home of my own where I can be myself and enjoy life. I would be good in most situations, because I am so laid back. Although I have never met a dog, I could probably get to know one if they want to be friends. I am not opposed to trying new things and think a new adventure sounds very appealing right now. I would love to meet you, and if you are looking for a sweet companion, well, I am your girl. I am still a young cat around one year old, and I am up-to-date on vaccinations, spayed, microchipped, and FIV/FeLV negative. The only thing missing is a complete family to call mine, and me yours.

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## WEATHER

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Sep 14	76	62
Tue	Sep 15	69	64
Wed	Sep 16	84	68
Thu	Sep 17	79	61
Fri	Sep 18	68	54
Sat	Sep 19	74	50
Sun	Sep 20	70	48

Week's Stats:  
Avg max temp = 74  
Avg min temp = 58  
Avg temp = 66  
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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.

### Saturday, Sept. 26

**Coal & Convicts: Historical Archaeology at Grundy Lakes (Free)** (Please pre-register; tours are limited to first 10 registrants)—Archaeologists from the University of the South invite you to visit the excavations at the Tennessee Coal, Iron, and Railroad Company convict stockade located within Grundy Lakes. Meet Park Ranger Dan Wescoat at either 10 a.m. or at noon (CDT) at the Grundy Lakes Trailhead, 587 Lakes Rd., Tracy City. Tour the site of the historical private prison (about 1 hour), learn about the lives of the prisoners who were kept there, and see some of what they have found. The use of a mask is strongly recommended while on this program, and social distancing guidelines will be in full effect.

**National Public Lands Day and Tennessee Serves (\$0–\$20 Donation)**—Join fellow Tennessee Volunteers at 9 a.m. (CDT) for a day of trail building at the Sherwood Forest area of South Cumberland State Park. Meet at Sherwood Forest Parking Lot (take Jump Off Road to Old CCC Cap Road, go to just past Coyote Cove Lane). Participants will learn trail-building skills from Master Trailbuilders and will get a chance to test new skills on the beautiful and ever-expanding trail system at Sherwood Forest. All tools are provided. Be prepared with appropriate footwear/clothing, water, and snacks. Please go to the website and print and fill out the volunteer waiver prior to arrival. CDC social distancing guidelines will be followed throughout this program.

### Sunday, Sept. 27

**Collins Loop Hike (\$10)**—Join Ranger/Interpreter Austin Holman at 8:30 a.m. (CDT) at Collins West Access, 2689 55th Ave. N., Gruetli-Lager, for an approximately 12-mile guided hike that is difficult, following Collins Gulf, passing Suter Falls and later on Horsepound Falls, continuing to Stagecoach Trail, then Collins Rim Trail. Bring at least 90 oz. of water, food for lunch/snack, sturdy footwear and an adventurous attitude. CDC guidelines will be followed throughout this program.

### Monday, Sept. 28

**Grundy Forest Day Loop Hike (\$10)**—Join Ranger Dan Wescoat at 8:30 a.m. CDT at Grundy Forest Trailhead, 131 Fiery Gizzard Rd., Tracy City, for a roughly 2-mile hike, past two waterfalls and along the Creek for long sections of the hike. The terrain is rocky and wooded in tree roots, so strong, sturdy hiking shoes are strongly recommended. Bring plenty of water and snacks.

### Tuesday, Sept. 29

**Morning Hike Around Grundy Lakes (\$5)**—Join Ranger Dan Wescoat at 8:30 a.m. (CDT) at Grundy Lakes main parking area (near the beach and playground), 587 Lakes Rd., Tracy City, for a peaceful, easy 2.4-mile hike around the Grundy Lakes. Come enjoy the crisp morning air, take in the beauty of the lakes, and learn or revisit some of Grundy County's past as you're checking out the historic Coke Ovens along the route. Be sure to wear sturdy, closed-toed shoes, and bring along plenty of water plus snacks you would like.

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by Phoebe Bates

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--Carolyn Kizer, from *Fearful Woman*

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# Community Calendar

## Friday, Sept. 25

- 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 Departments, until 10:30 a.m., Monday through Friday
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, for Athletes, 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@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 6:30 p.m. Livestream of "Othello." Go to <https://new.sewanee.edu/events/> for the online link

## Saturday, Sept. 26

- Invitation-only Archery Season Deer Hunt Begins on Domain*
- 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>
- 9 a.m. Gardening Talk, June Mays, via Zoom, (\$20), until 11:30 a.m., <www.communityofstmarysouth.org> to register

## Monday, Sept. 28

- Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Sixth Annual Hunger Walk Virtual Event Begins, through Oct. 4*
- 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.
- 6 p.m. Monteagle Town Council monthly meeting, Conference Room, City Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Food Forum, "Fixing Our Plate," Flaccavento, via Zoom

## Tuesday, Sept. 29

- 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.
- 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, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

## Wednesday, Sept. 30

- 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.

## Thursday, Oct. 1

- 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.
- 10:30 a.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, via Zoom; <pippabrowne64@gmail.com> for invitation
- noon Pilates, intermediate, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 5:30 p.m. Pilates, beginner, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

## Friday, Oct. 2

- Reservations due for the Sewanee Woman's Club Meeting*
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, for Athletes, 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@bodyworksyouniversity.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 porch, Monteagle

### Monday

- 5 p.m. Women's Recovery, Orey 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

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

## 2020 Dates & Deadlines

	<b>November 3</b> State/Federal General
<b>Voter Registration Deadline</b>	October 5
<b>Early Voting Period</b>	October 14-29
<b>Absentee Deadline</b>	October 27
<b>Election Day</b>	November 3

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