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Monteagle Council Fields Travel Center, Fines Issues

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the Nov. 30 Monteagle City Council meeting, the council took up two issues with longstanding ramifications: a travel center proposed for I-24, exit 135, and fines imposed for violation of the city's fencing ordinance requiring "junked vehicles and other such properties...be screened from view."

Representing the proposed travel center developers, RBT Enterprises, attorney Rusty Leonard said his clients invested \$990,000 on purchases of property and a franchise, and in September, the Monteagle Planning Commission denied the site plan for the project because the zoning maps, which showed the property as zoned commercial, were invalid.

"The planning commission is not so empowered," Leonard said, appealing to the council to allow the project to go forward. RBT Enterprises has filed a lawsuit against the city scheduled to be heard in Chancery Court on Jan. 15 of next year.

Mayor Marilyn Campbell Rodman said the attorney for the city's insurer advised her that the judge will determine the outcome of the travel center zoning issue at the Jan. 15 hearing.

"In tax revenue, it could be a great benefit to the city, but they [the RBT investors] don't live here, they don't play here, they don't breathe here," said Mary Beth Best, speaking on behalf of concerned citizens opposing the travel center. "When the neighboring homes were built, the site of the proposed travel center was residential."

Best also cited dust pollution

and unresolved fencing ordinance violations by one of the investors, Rodney Kilgore, at his current business, Rocky Top Truck Stop. Rocky Top adjoins the proposed travel center property.

Rodman cited an email from former city attorney Harvey Cameron saying the city recorder advised him that the fencing violation action against Kilgore would be dismissed. Rodman also cited an email from the city recorder saying the mayor or vice mayor directed her to notify Cameron about intention to dismiss the charges. Rodman said she was seeking verification on the status of the fencing violation and the fines owed, if any, from former city attorneys Bible and Bible.

Former vice mayor Tony Gilliam said he never approved forgiving the fines levied against Kilgore.

Regarding excavation work being done at the site of the proposed travel center, Codes Enforcement Officer Earl Geary said, "in my interpretation the work being performed is not a violation, but... it may be a gray area." Asked to explain, Geary said, "until they get an engineer with a transit and they are shooting grades, in my opinion it's not [in violation] of that ordinance [on cutting filling and grading]."

Attending to regular business, the council elected Dorraine Parmley as vice mayor and retained Sam Elliott from Chattanooga as the city attorney. In recommending Elliott's appointment, Rodman cited his 20 plus years' experience dealing with zoning issues.

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Monteagle Planning Revisits Plat, Site Plan Request

by Leslie Lytle
Messenger Staff Writer

At the Dec. 1 meeting, the Monteagle Planning Commission revisited a request for approval of a plat and site plan presented by Rodney Kilgore in July and again in August. The commission also took up a question regarding the zoning of property located at 220 Dixie Lee Highway.

At the start of the meeting, Iva Michelle Russell accepted appointment to the office of chair by Monteagle Mayor Marilyn Campbell Rodman. Janet Miller-Schmidt accepted appointment to the office of vice chair.

Advised by Garret Haynes, town planner with the Southeast Tennessee Development District, the Planning Commission denied Kilgore's prior request for approval of the plat and site plan. The commission required Kilgore's five plats to be combined into one and include screening fence and landscaping. Kilgore's revised plat and site plan presented at the December meeting addressed the requirements.

Hayes cited two barriers to

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SES 'Turkey Protection' Project

The Seewanee Elementary School first-grade students have once again created disguises for their turkey friends to help them survive the upcoming holidays and avoid being the main course for dinner.

Turkeys are "hiding" throughout this issue of the Messenger and may try to sneak in the next issue. See them all in color at <www.seewanee-messenger.com> or <sewaneemessenger.smugmug.com>.



I am a sells man. I sell stuff
like candy.



Seewanee Dining at the University of the South began using reusable to-go containers at the end of August when students couldn't all be seated in McClurg Dining Hall due to COVID-19 protocols. The boxes are "checked out" and returned using barcodes and duPont Library's tracking system. Since the system was completely adopted in October, the "Green Box Program" has kept almost 34,000 single-use containers out of the landfill.



Even though Seewanee Elementary faculty and students did not have a traditional Thanksgiving meal with families this year, they did have a couple of surprises on the last day of school before Thanksgiving break. Poet and SES parent, Jesse Borneman, pictured above, visited and read her "Thanksgiving Pie" poem during Friday morning assembly. Students read the book "Turkey Trouble," a story about a turkey that does not want to become Thanksgiving dinner. In the story, the turkey is disguised as a pizza delivery guy and delivers pizza to the farmer and his family. Principal Dietz and Stripes the Tiger also surprised students with a pizza delivery so students could have a "Friendsgiving" feast at school.

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This season, the Seewanee Children's Center is grateful to its children and their families, its teachers and custodian, its Board, and Otey Parish, providing such a wonderful space inside and out for imaginative learning and play to preschoolers throughout the past 70 years. The events of this year have been unprecedented, but with careful planning, creativity, cooperation, and trust, their children have not only stayed healthy but have thrived. In many ways this has been a very special season for the SCC. Like all of us they look forward to the day they can throw open their doors and their arms and "get back to normal." But, in the spirit of giving thanks, turning inward, thinking small, appreciating the little things and the little ones, has been its own reward.

Letter

AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION

To the Editor:

Community members should not have to live, work, go to school or play near sources of pollution that put their health at risk. The Town of Monteagle has an opportunity to ensure proposed developments that will bring high levels of emissions, such as the T/A-Petro Truck Plaza, are not located in close proximity to community establishments, such as homes, schools, libraries, senior centers, and parks.

Pollution from vehicles, especially heavy-duty vehicles, is harmful to public health and can result in a range of problems, such as asthma attacks, heart attacks, wheezing, coughing, and pulmonary inflammation.

Children, older adults, people with lung disease, cardiovascular disease and diabetes are particularly vulnerable to these emissions. In Grundy, Marion, and Franklin counties, there are more than 1,600 children and 6,500 adults with asthma and 9,000 residents living with cardiovascular disease. Clean air will help protect their health and their lives.

As a public health organization, we hear stories from people across Tennessee who suffer from lung disease. They share how pollution affects them daily while living with asthma, COPD, and other respiratory or cardiovascular diseases.

Due to the overwhelming health consequences, the American Lung Association in Tennessee respectfully encourages the Town of Monteagle to consider these health impacts prior to making a decision which would increase emissions in a location impacting Monteagle residents' health.

Christine Hart, Manager, Healthy Air Campaign, American Lung Association in Tennessee

Correction

The public hearing scheduled for Monteagle Planning and Zoning at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the Monteagle Town Hall, had been changed to a regular meeting at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 1. The Messenger received the notice on Friday, Nov. 20, 2020. On Nov. 23, 2020, the Messenger received notice that the public hearing that was set for Dec. 1 on the amendment to the Subdivision Regulations had been canceled.

November Lease Committee Meeting Summary

The following items were approved: October minutes; request to transfer Lease No. 739 (Mohi-uddin), located at 114 Maxon Ln., to David and Sarah Stark; request to transfer Lease No. 957 (Estate of Irene Hamer), located at 56 Poplar Ln., to James Pond; backup contract received to transfer Lease No. 957 (Estate of Irene Hamer), located at 56 Poplar Ln., to Linda Cameron; request to transfer Lease No. 832 (Blackstock), located at 77 Kentucky Ave., to Matthew and Viva Reynolds; request to approve preliminary schematic design of a new home construction design for Lease No. 1054, located on Bobtown Cir.; request to approve an outbuilding proposal for Lease No. 741, located at 280 Bob Stewman Rd; request to paint the exterior of the home at Lease No. 133, located at 72 Maxon Ln.; request to paint the exterior of the home at Lease No. 904, located at 251 Hat Rock Rd.; request to build porch on the back of Lease No. 651, located at 885 Lake O'Donnell Rd.; request to replace roof at Lease No. 475, located at 246 Curlicue Rd.

Leasehold information is available online at <leases.sewanee.edu> or by calling the lease office at 598-1998.

Please be sure and contact the Franklin County Planning and Zoning for any needed permits as well as the local utility companies to ensure there are no issues before beginning your project.

Planning and Zoning office, (931) 967-0981; Duck River Electric Membership Corporation, (931) 598-5228; Sewanee Utility District, water and sewer, (931) 598-5611; Elk River Public Utility District, natural gas, (931) 967-2110.

Agenda items are due by the fifth of each month for Lease Committee meetings. If the fifth falls on a weekend, then items are due the following Monday. Lease Committee meetings are normally the third Tuesday of the month.



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For more information call (931) 598-1381. Apply at <jobs.sewanee.edu>.

Messenger Break Ahead

There will be two more issues in December: Fridays, Dec. 11, and Dec. 18. The staff will take a break and return to the office on Monday, Jan. 11, with the first issue of 2021 on Friday, Jan. 15.

If your organization or church has a different schedule during these upcoming holidays, please send the updates to <news@sewaneemessenger.com> or call the office at 598-9949.

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If you know of others in our Mountain family who are serving our country, please give their names to American Legion and Auxiliary member Louise Irwin, 598-5864.

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9 a.m.–noon

Friday—Circulation Day
Closed

Academy for Lifelong Learning

Is polio just a memory?

The short answer is, "No." In 2016, the world was close to making polio the second human disease (after smallpox) to be eradicated, but it continues to exist, and increase, in the Pakistan-Afghan region. Combatting polio is not only crucial in this region but also in other areas of the world in order to keep countries polio free.

Since 1979, Rotary International and its members have contributed countless volunteer hours and more than \$2.1 billion to protect nearly three billion children in 122 countries from the paralysis caused by polio. At noon on Monday, Dec. 7, John F. Germ, will discuss "Rotary's Quest to Eradicate Polio." Those wishing to attend this webinar hosted by Sewanee's Academy for Lifelong Learning, should email <academyforlifelonglearning@sewanee.edu>.

John Germ, retired board chair and CEO of Campbell & Associates, Chattanooga-based consulting engineers, served as Rotary International's President (2016-17) and he is currently Vice Chair of the Rotary Foundation. In 2013, Germ was recognized by the White House as a Champion of Change for "doing extraordinary things to make a difference in his community." He serves on several boards, he is the Founder and Treasurer of both the Chattanooga State College Foundation and the Tennessee Jaycee Foundation, and he founded Camp Discovery, a camp for intellectually and developmentally disabled children, to name of few of his extraordinary contributions to his community and to global well-being.

Upcoming Meetings

Coffee with the Coach

Coffee with the Coach, an opportunity to learn more about Sewanee's sports teams, will live stream the meeting at 9 a.m., Monday, Dec. 7, with Nate Parrish, men and women's golf. The live stream will be available at facebook.com/SewaneeTigers. Opportunities will be available on Sunday to submit questions in advance or during the live show on the social media platforms, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @SewaneeTigers. For those unable to view the meeting live, the content will be accessible on-demand on the Facebook page. It will also be available on the website <sewaneeetigers.com> and on the University of the South's YouTube Channel by midday on Mondays.

Franklin County Commissioners

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 7, at the Annex Building in Winchester.

Sewanee La Leche League

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

Sewanee Village Update

This month's Village Update session will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 10 a.m. (CST). Priority project updates as well as other project activity will be presented. The link for the meeting is <https://sewanee-edu.zoom.us/j/84251832706> or email Frank Gladu to request the link at fxgladu@sewanee.edu

Rotary Club Meeting

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary will meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 10, via Zoom. Jim Peterman will present the program. For the Zoom link, email Woody Deutsch <woodybike@mac.com>.

Franklin County School Board

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

Sewanee Utility District

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 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.

Monteagle Regional Planning Commission

There will be a special called meeting of the Monteagle Regional Planning Commission on Dec. 16, 2020, at 6 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the Final Plat and the Site Plan for Rocky Top Service Center. This is the only business that will be discussed.



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SWC to Meet Dec. 14

The Sewanee Woman's Club will meet on Monday, Dec. 14, at 11:45 a.m., at Dubose Conference Center. Lunch at will be served at noon. Masks are required and social distancing will be observed. This is the last meeting of the year.

Ken Taylor, owner of Taylor's Mercantile in Sewanee, will present the program, "Surviving the Season during the Pandemic." Ken will have some suggestions for brightening up your home and decorating for the season even if family and friends can only enjoy it on Zoom. Bring a ribbon if you would like Ken to make one of his fabulous bows.

Tea on the Mountain will again provide a scrumptious meal. Lunch will be Caesar salad, beef stroganoff, rolls, and Christmas cookies for dessert.

Reservations are required. Please make reservations no later than Wednesday, Dec. 9. To make a 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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Obituaries

Ava Augusta Hingson

Ava Augusta Hingson, age 19, of Cornwall, Conn., died on Nov. 17, 2020. She was born on May 20, 2001, in Sharon, Conn., to Andrew Hingson and Elise Meneshian-Hingson. She was a second-year English Literature student at The University of the South. During her time in college, she rapidly developed into an Equestrian, artist, lover of nature and poet. She fully engaged in every moment of life. Her spirit captured all who knew her and pointed them towards an enriched way of living. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Robert A. Hingson and Gussie Dickson-Hingson.

She is survived by her parents; maternal grandparents, Hagop and Sylviagene Meneshian; uncle, Dicron Meneshian, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A Celebration of Life Service was on Nov. 19, 2020, at All Saints’ Chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Teach America P.O. Box 398305, San Francisco, CA 94139. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberland-funeralhome.net>.

Harold Wayne Hopkins

Harold Wayne Hopkins, age 71 of Estill Springs, died on Monday, Nov. 9, 2020, at Southern Tennessee Regional Health Systems. He was born on Nov. 3, 1949, in Sewanee, to Edna Hopkins Bailey and Carlton James Hopkins. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Vietnam Era. Before his retirement, he was a truck driver for more than 25 years. He was preceded in death by his mother; step-father, Howard Bailey; and sister Susie Brannon.

He is survived by his wife of more than 12 years, Annette Hopkins; father, Carlton James Hopkins; daughter, Nessa Dawn Trump; stepdaughter, Amiee Ingle; stepson, Andrew (Danna) Hill; sister Carla Hopkins Prince; brother, Donald Ray Hopkins; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were on Nov. 13, 2020, from the Chapel of Moore-Cortner Funeral Home. Interment with military honors followed in Mt. Garner Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

Kenneth Barry Jacobs

Kenneth Barry Jacobs, 68 of Jasper, Tenn., died on Nov. 26, 2020. He was a proud Veteran of Foreign Wars serving in the U.S. Air Force, including Operation Desert Storm. He retired at the rank of Technical Sergeant, earning numerous medals. He was preceded in death by his father, Clyde Eldridge Jacobs of Sewanee.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Rebecca Louise Jacobs; mother, Evelyn Ann Jacobs; children, Kenneth Allen (Chrissy Dee) Jacobs, Billie Evelyn Jacobs, Jerry Kevin Jacobs, Thomas Richard (Erin Linette) Jacobs, and Kimberly Diane (Austin Daniel) Holen; brothers, Jerry Randall (Carlette) Jacobs, Dennis Ray (Janet) Jacobs, Thomas David (Gloria Jean Landen) Jacobs; nieces and nephews, Jim (Becky) Jacobs, Tim Jacobs and Sally Green, Samuel (Renee) Jacobs, Raelessa (Joey) Porter; uncle, James (Judith) Barry; aunt, Patricia (Martin) Shetters; cousins, Danny (Arlene) Barry, and Brenda Patton Chavis; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family will have a private

Memorial Service.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donation be sent to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital or the Shriners Hospital for Children. For complete obituary go to <www.rogersfuneralhome.com/obits>.

Judy McDowell Logan

Judy McDowell Logan, age 85, died on Nov. 20, 2020, at her home. She was born on Aug. 25, 1935, in Sewanee, to Leon “Peanut” McDowell and Ruth Steed McDowell. She graduated from Franklin Country High School in 1953 and attended Tennessee Tech in Cookeville. She worked for Elk River Public Utility District for more than 23 years, until her retirement. She was a lifelong member of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Winchester. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Thomas M. Logan; stepson, Stephen Logan; grandson, Ryan Thomas Logan; sisters Jane McDowell McSurdy and Gladys “Tissie” McDowell Watley.

She is survived by her children, Allison Tate Arnold, Nelson Steed Tate, Ceree Tate Eberly, and Lessie Tate (James) Miller; sister Mary “Messie” McDowell Russell; and five grandchildren.

Interment was on Nov. 23, 2020, in Watson-North Memorial Park. For complete obituary go to <www.watsonnorth.com>.

Pamela Myers

Pamela Myers, age 58 of Tracy City, died on Nov. 22, 2020, at Vanderbilt Medical Center, Nashville. She was born on Nov. 7, 1962, to Bertha Lowe and Donald Conry in Greenville, S.C. She was owner of Tennessee Mountain Properties for more than 21 years and loved helping others find their mountain escape.

She was preceded in death by her father; sister Darlene Palmer; niece, Jennifer McDaniel, and nephew, Jonathan “Jon Boy” Cochran.

She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Mitchel Myers; mother; children, Jeremiah (Candy) Myers, Shannon (Adam) Ball and Angel (Jonathan) Griser; brothers, Roger Conry and Thomas (Leny) Conry; sisters Janet Walker, Kaye (Mark) Johnson, and Faye Cochran; seven grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were on Nov. 25, 2020, from the Foster-Lay Chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home, Tracy City. Interment followed in Plainview Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Daryl G. Nunley

Daryl G. Nunley, age 70 of Coalmont, died on Nov. 24, 2020, at Southern Tennessee Medical Center, Winchester. He was born on Sept. 16, 1950, to James and Frances Campbell Nunley. He was a member of Coalmont Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 34 years, Elaine Nunley; and sister, Connie Sue Nunley.

He is survived by his son, Darren (Nina) Nunley; daughter, Christy (Paul) Smith; brother; Danny Nunley; three grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral Services were on Nov. 28, 2020, from the Foster and Lay Chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home, Tracy City. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberland-funeralhome.net>.

Church News

All Saints’ Chapel

There will only be an 8 a.m. Eucharist held on the Sundays during the break.

Christ Church

Christ Church invites you to keep Advent with us. Each Sunday in Advent has its own history, and each year more interpretations are offered. The word means “com-

ing,” and this is about the ways in which Jesus comes to the world. On the Second Sunday in Advent the service at Christ Church will be Holy Communion. On the Third Sunday, Dec. 13, we will have our Lessons and Carols. On the Fourth Sunday, Dec. 20, the service will be Morning Prayer with sermon. Our Christmas Eve service will be a 5 p.m.

We practice safe distancing

and still manage to enjoy a time of fellowship following each service.

Otey Memorial Parish

Sunday worship will continue to be offered online at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on the Facebook page, and afterward also on the YouTube channel.

The 11 a.m. Sunday service is at All Saints’ Chapel. If it is prudent for you to attend, we hope to see you there.

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Church Calendar

Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

All Saints’ Chapel

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday (100 persons)

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, Alto (STEM)

10:30 a.m. Bible Study and Morning Prayer with Sermon, Sunday

12:15 p.m. Noonday Prayer, Tuesday

12:30 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study, until 2 p.m., Tuesday

4:30 p.m. Book Study, until 5:30 p.m., Wednesday
If you would like to attend, contact STEM Admin at <tec213@bellsouth.net>

Christ Church, Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

noon Service, Wednesday

Christ Church, Tracy City (STEM)

10:30 a.m. Bible Study and Morning Prayer with Sermon, Sunday

12:15 p.m. Noonday Prayer, Tuesday

12:30 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study, until 2 p.m., Tuesday

4:30 p.m. Book Study, until 5:30 p.m., Wednesday
If you would like to attend, contact STEM Admin at <tec213@bellsouth.net>

Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd

9 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6:30 p.m. Healing/prayer service

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

Epiphany Mission, Sherwood (STEM)

10:30 a.m. Bible Study and Morning Prayer with Sermon, Sunday

12:15 p.m. Noonday Prayer, Tuesday

12:30 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study, Tuesday, until 2 p.m.

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First Baptist Church, Cowan

9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:25 a.m. Worship, Sunday

First Church of the Nazarene, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday

2 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday

5 p.m. Mass, Saturday

Goshen Cumberland Presbyterian Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Grace Fellowship Church

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

Harrison Chapel Methodist Church, Midway (FB Live service below)

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

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

Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Wednesday

Midway Baptist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Midway Church of Christ

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 after noon Sunday, link is at <Mortonmemorialumc.com>)

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday (outdoors)

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

(online worship services via Zoom. Info: call (931) 924-5339 or go online, <www.WildfireOnTheMountain.com>)

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

New Beginnings Church, Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Worship Service, Sunday

New Beginnings Church, Pelham

9:45 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

New Creations Ministries, Rayburn Chapel

4 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Sunday

New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan

11 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

Otey Memorial Parish Church

8:30 a.m. Sunday service, available on Otey’s Facebook page and afterward on the YouTube channel

9:30 a.m. Godly Play, via Zoom

9:30 a.m. Sunday Forum, via Zoom

11 a.m. Sunday service, at All Saints’ Chapel; also available on Otey’s Facebook page and afterward on the YouTube channel;

4 p.m. Fire on the Mountain, via Zoom

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. HE Rite II, also via Zoom, Sunday

6:30 p.m. Book Study, Wednesday 12/2, 9, 16, 23

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

(meeting at Good Shepherd, Decherd)

St. Mary’s Sewanee

noon Virtual Spiritual Lunch Break, Thursday, not Thanksgiving Day

3:30 p.m. Centering Prayer, via Zoom, Tuesday

4 p.m. Centering Prayer, via Zoom, Wednesday

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

Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester (STEM)

10:30 a.m. Bible Study and Morning Prayer with Sermon, Sunday

12:15 p.m. Noonday Prayer, Tuesday

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United Pentecostal, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Worship, Wednesday

Unitarian Universalist, Tullahoma

6 p.m. Tullahoma Sangha, Wednesday

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BLUFF - MLS 2169233 - 1833 Laurel Lake Dr., Monteagle. \$429,000



MLS 2207353 - 4196 Browns Hollow Rd., Tracy City. \$259,000



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MLS 2173080 - 1045 Winterberry Dr., Monteagle. \$365,000



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16 Laurel Lake Dr.	1989467	\$82,000
14 Jackson Pt. PENDING	1803643	\$129,500
0 Eagle Rock Rd., lot 34	2163623	\$25,000

LOTS & LAND

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Deepwoods Rd. Lot 125, 8.46 ac	2152060	\$49,000
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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. PENDING	2115740	\$36,000
1159 Sassafra PENDING	2072615	\$59,000

Council (from page 1)

The council also approved appointing Travis Wilson, civil engineer from McMinnville, as the city engineer. Alderman Nate Wilson asked what the terms of engagement would be. Travis Wilson said typically fees were decided in advance on a project-by-project basis. Rodman said an engineer was needed for an ARC grant application due Dec. 4, and for this project, Travis Wilson was unable to provide the fee in time to make the deadline.

The meeting was televised by GCTV6, as will be future meetings, according to Rodman. To facilitate the process, Rodman proposed purchasing a sound system, cost \$2,745.42. Nate Wilson asked what budget would fund the purchase. Rodman said it would come from the mayor's budget. The council approved the purchase.

Commenting on communications, Rodman said the Sewanee Mountain Messenger was never officially the newspaper of record for the city, and going forward the designee would be the Grundy County Herald. "Weekly and paid for is the definition of a newspaper when you run a public notice," Rodman explained. "The official reporter will be [GCTV6]. GCTV6 is going into a contract with us...to provide us with coverage."

Addressing city maintenance, the council approved \$79,000 for the purchase of a backhoe for the Utility Department. According to Utility Department Manager

John Condra, the new backhoe will replace a 30-year-old out of service machine.

Rodman brought two convenience center issues to the council's attention: liability concerns from the cardboard compactor and whether the center should allow dumping by Franklin County residents.

The council voted to padlock the compactor pending consultation with the city's insurer and to notify the contractor providing the service to work out a solution.

Regarding Franklin County residents using the Convenience Center, Rodman said, "It's not fair," since Grundy County residents were not allowed to dump at Franklin County sites.

Condra noted a vendor picking up trash from Franklin County residents dumped at the Monteagle Center. Alderwoman Jessica Favalaro cited concerns about contractors dumping at the Monteagle site. Nate Wilson pointed out Monteagle paid the center employees, but did not pay for the trash pickup. Rodman said Monteagle also paid for the utilities. On Nate Wilson's recommendation, the council tabled the issue pending further consideration.

Rodman announced the Christmas parade would be Saturday, Dec. 5, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the old VFW. As a COVID prevention, temperatures will be taken prior to visiting with Santa at Harton Park.

Church (from page 4)

Sunday Forum, 9:30-10:30 a.m. The Sunday Forum is currently meeting via Zoom. In Otey's continuing Sunday Forum on the church's past, present, and future, Robin Bates will lead a discussion on the role the church played in the desegregation of Sewanee Public School in 1963. When opponents pointed to space issues and lack of preparation, the church stepped forward with solutions. Participating in the discussion will be Liz Camp and Phoebe Bates. All are welcome.

Godly Play is offered via Zoom 9:30-10:30 a.m. For Zoom information please contact Jeannie Babb at <formation@oteyparish.org> for link and password.

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

CAC continues its work of serving the needy with food and in other ways. Director David Goodpaster is staffing CAC, taking sensible precautions while serving people in need 9 to 11 a.m., Monday through Friday. Please call (931) 598-5927.

Parish staff members are combining remote and in-person work (with masks and distancing) as best fits their duties. To meet with a staff member in person, please contact the staff member directly or call the office phone number (931) 598-5926 or send an email <admin@oteyparish.org>.

St. Mary's Sewanee

On Thursdays at noon, join via Zoom for a "spiritual lunch break." Bring your lunch, log in via Zoom, and enjoy a brief talk about spirituality and everyday life.

St. Mary's Sewanee hosts two Zoom-based Centering Prayer support groups. The Tuesday group gathers at 3:30 p.m. The Wednesday group meets at 4 p.m. For login information and other details, please email <admin@stmarys-sewanee.org>.

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.

For more information go to <<https://www.stmaryssewanee.org/>>.

Donate to the Community Chest

The Sewanee Community Chest has announced its goal for 2020-21. Sponsored by the Sewanee Civic Association, the Community Chest raises money yearly for local charitable organizations serving the area. This year's goal of \$98,390 will help 19 organizations that have requested basic needs funding for quality of life, community aid, children's programs, and those who are beyond Sewanee but still serve our entire community. A number of organizations did not submit their annual request this year due to their inability to operate at this time. A total of \$104,085 in funds were requested this year.

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

Thank you for reading the Messenger!

Sisters Virtual Program Continues with Advent Quiet Day

The Sisters of St. Mary will continue their inspiring virtual program series in December. Sister Madeleine Mary, Prioress will lead an Advent Quiet Day titled "A Vision of Angels" via Zoom.

The existence of angels has long been debated, and yet, many human beings still believe in their existence. Why? Come and explore the presence, meaning, and message of angels as expressed both in scripture and in fiction, and decide for yourself. We will travel with angels from Eden, to heaven, to Mary, to Jesus' birth in Bethlehem and consider what message they had for us then and still have for us now as we prepare for Christ's coming this Advent and Christmas.

Sr. Madeleine Mary holds an M.Div. from The School of Theology as well as a certificate in Spiritual Direction from The General Seminary. She has been a Religious for 50 years, has served as a spiritual director for 31 years in New York, Virginia, New Haven, and Sewanee. She has also done retreat work and programs widely throughout the United States as well as in Europe. While living in New York, she ministered in numerous capacities, including serving as the Rev. Mother of the Community of the Holy Spirit, Program Director for the CHS Earth Ministry, Ecumenical Officer for the Episcopal Religious Orders. Since she transferred to the Community of St. Mary, she has served as Prioress and has used her preaching, reflections, photography and video skills to help people explore the connections between faith, care for creation, and Benedictine spirituality.

The virtual event will be held Saturday, Dec. 5, from 9:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. The schedule will include addresses by Sister Madeleine Mary, time for reflection and will end with noonday prayer.

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

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Planning (from page 1)

approval: the first that he had only recently received the documents and had not an opportunity to review them, and second, that none of the certifications had been signed.

"On a preliminary review everything appears to have been covered," Hayes said.

Kilgore added that he was unaware they needed signing.

"There's no electricity or water involved. I'm just adding two bays and consolidating lots."

Planning Commission member MaryJane Flowers asked who owned the property. The documents were submitted under the name RBT Enterprises.

"Is your addition to Rocky Top Service Center, but owned by RBT Enterprises?" Flowers asked.

"Not yet," Kilgore replied. "It's owned by Rodney Kilgore."

Kilgore is one of three RBT Enterprises investors. RBT Enterprises hopes to construct a Petro Travel Center at I-24, exit 135. According to statements Kilgore made in at a July 7 Planning Commission meeting, initial plans called for incorporating the Rocky Top business as part of the Petro Center. (See the Messenger issue, July 10, 2020, for the related story.)

Flowers recommended approving the plat and site plan at a special-called meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 16, giving Hayes time to review the documents and Kilgore time to get the required signatures.

Hayes asked whether he should review the documents based on the old 2015 zoning ordinance or the new 2018 zoning ordinance. He explained that he had been instructed by the prior Planning Commission administration not to review new development until the outstanding zoning questions were resolved. The 2018 ordinance may not be valid because adequate meeting notice was not given, Hayes said. The validity of a zoning map approved by the same motion is also in question.

Rodman said the zoning map question would be decided on Jan. 15, 2021 by the Chancery Court judge.

After a long discussion, the Planning Commission voted to be ready to approve the Rocky Top site plan at a Dec. 16 special-called meeting pending approval of the final plat with the required signatures, formal review by Hayes and legal guidance to the Montecagle Council on the most up-to-date version of the zoning ordinance.

In a matter related to current exit 135 zoning questions, resident William Best brought to the commission's attention that property purchased in March located at 220 Dixie Lee Highway was listed by the tax assessor as residential, but the map shows the property as commercial. The commission directed Best to send documentation to Hayes.

The next regular meeting for the commission is scheduled at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021.

Virtual Festival of Lessons and Carols

While community members and friends won't be able to gather in All Saints' Chapel in person this year, members of the Sewanee community will have access to a digital version of the annual Festival of Lessons and Carols, adapted for the unprecedented circumstances of 2020. Telling the Christmas story of comfort, hope, and God dwelling with us, the video will also provide a look at a semester like no other at Sewanee.

The service will be available at <<https://new.sewanee.edu/campus-life/believing/all-saints-chapel/lessons-and-carols/>> on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m.

We're glad you're reading the Messenger!

Sewanee Operation Noel Providing Abundant Holidays for All

In just a few weeks, it will be Christmas. While many are already planning ahead about gifts to buy and food to eat, there are those not so fortunate. In our area, there are children who may not get presents and families that may not have an abundant holiday meal.

Sewanee Operation Noel is a group that was formed many years ago by the Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) to provide help for families in need. They provide food and/or toys during the Christmas season. The SVFD, in conjunction with FROST (Fund Raising Operational Support Team) and the Community Action Committee (CAC), organize the purchasing and distribution of goods.

To be eligible, families must fill out an application. Every family needs to fill out a new application whether you have received from Operation Noel before or not. An application will ensure that the organizers have all the pertinent information in order to provide for everyone in need. The deadline for returning applications is Monday, Dec. 14. Families eligible for Operation Noel must live on top of Sewanee Mountain in the following communities: Sewanee, Midway, Jump Off and on Sherwood Road. Please see page 11 in this issue for the application.

To make a donation of money, non-perishable food items or new toys, please take items to the Fire Hall or Police Department located behind duPont Library, Print Services located in the old Beta House, or the CAC located at Otey Memorial Parish.

Food and toys will be available for pickup in the large parking lot beside Cravens Hall, 435 Kentucky Ave., on Dec. 23 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please stay in your vehicle. SVFD and FROST members will be there to assist in loading of the items.

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Grant Will Fund Development of Public Interest Technology at Sewanee

The University of the South is developing two grant-funded projects that will contribute to the establishment of the new academic field of public interest technology. The grants are in connection with the Public Interest Technology University Network, a project of New America that Sewanee became a member of earlier this year.

These grants will make it possible for the university to develop two projects: A Sewanee Public Interest Data Analysis Institute, led by Matthew Rudd; and building the data analytics and technological capacity to address public health challenges in underserved Tennessee communities, led by Clint Smith and Amy Patterson.

In addition to building capacity to use data for the public good, Sewanee's Public Interest Technology (PIT) program will help students develop careers in the field. The Career Center will build collaborations between faculty, staff, alumni, and community organizations to foster the post-graduate success of students involved in the new PIT initiatives.

In 2019, the Carnegie Foundation recognized Sewanee's commitment to community engagement with its 2020 Community Engagement Classification, a designation that indicates institutional commitment to community engagement. At the time, the university expressed a commitment to deepening that engagement, understood as "the collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity."

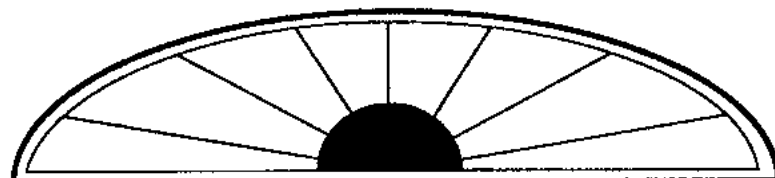
"These two public interest technology programs, and our partnership with New America, represent Sewanee's next step in developing rigorous, academic civic engagement, where the larger Sewanee community of students, faculty, alumni, and community members work together for the public good," said James Peterman, director of the Office of Civic Engagement. Peterman is also the Public Interest Technology University Network designee.

Vice-Chancellor Reuben Brigety said, "At Sewanee, we encourage our students to pursue a liberal arts education of humane and scientific study that prepares them for lives of character and consequence. The University of the South is delighted to work with New America and the Public Interest Technology University Network to develop an innovative program that fulfills our mission and offers a model for other liberal arts colleges."

Public Interest Technology University Network is a project of New America, a new kind of think tank committed to understanding technological-driven social change while seizing the opportunities those changes create.

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ABRIEFHISTORY

by Sally Hubbard

EQB – 1870 to the Present, Part I

Ecce Quam Bonum, Behold how good it is to dwell together in unity. (Psalm 133)

Accounts of the EQB Club's history usually begin by observing that it is Sewanee's oldest organization in continuous existence with the exception of the University itself. Which is true, though the nature of the organization has evolved over its 150 years. In 1870 the tiny campus was far distant from urban advantages, with only two years worth of minimal student body, very skimpy architecture, no theater, no symphony, hardly any books, and definitely no money to waste. Yet it was rich in ambition and determined to maintain high standards of Academia and Society. To help take itself seriously it needed a formal, serious, intelligent and exclusive club.

Thus, Sewanee's EQB Club began in 1870 with twice monthly social and lecture events, initially held in Rebel's Rest, the home of Major Fairbanks. Membership was by invitation, offered only to gentlemen of high moral character. A half-century later, the authors of Purple Sewanee identified those early years of the Club as embodying the "complacent quintessence of Sewanee wit and culture" where a "calm spirit of genial wisdom" prevailed. The single rule was that the affairs of the University were not to be discussed. In its second year of existence the club was visited by the saintly Dr. DuBose (in his first week in Sewanee). He wrote to his wife, "Night before last I attended the regular meeting of the E.Q.B. Club, composed of professors and others, about a dozen in all, and I was very forcibly struck anew with the composition of the University. It was no ordinary set of men. After the literary entertainment, which lasted until about ten o'clock, came the 'Fecitiae'—an elegant supper which called out all the wit and humor of the company. This is once every two weeks, and is kept up with interest and spirit."

For the first 19 years, meetings of the Club were elegant evening affairs where professors met in each other's homes, wearing tails and white ties, with the wives serving alcohol, hors-d'oeuvres, and dinner. A poem written by one of these wives in 1885 laments that the ladies were in dim pantries at late hours, "surrounded by pots, and pans, and cups, while the men were feasting in state." It was more than a mere gentlemen's sophisticated drinking club. More than one short paper "of high intellectuality" might be heard and soberly discussed. Some fraternity-type rituals were practiced, and long tales told. Considering themselves exclusive, members were basically the entire Sewanee faculty, administrators, and gentlemen in good standing residing in Sewanee ("all the quality of the land"); but "genteel strangers" visiting the mountain were also invited. The papers were supposed to be on subjects other than those taught by the speaker. Professor John McCrady's diaries exemplify the distinction by recording that General Kirby Smith (professionally a professor of mathematics) was free to give "condensed accounts of the great campaigns" in which he had participated.

Outgrowing the capacity of private houses, the Club constructed its first building in 1889, located across South Carolina Avenue from Fulford hall, behind the Thompson building. It was described as "a spacious edifice whose surroundings combine beauty, utility, and convenience." In fact, it was a model of the typical fraternity houses of the period, with gingerbread porches outside, high ceilings inside, and dark Convocation-Hall-like woodwork throughout the interior. (In 1939, to make way for the Sewanee Union Theater, this first EQB house was moved three lots farther down the same side of the same street, where it still exists as a residence just at the top of the steep hill). Apparently the club tired of the expense and bother of maintaining a house, so when the stone Supply Store (long referred to as the Soup Store, now transformed as the new Wellness Center) was completed in 1900, a meeting room was included for the EQB Club on the second floor. But EQB had to move again after another fire caused the building to be restructured in 1905. Once more, they decided to have their own building. Near the Supply Store they built the house which is now called the Fiji House (Phi Gamma Delta).

Meanwhile a parallel organization came into being for faculty wives: the Fortnightly Club, founded in 1903. Members were by invitation and limited to 30. This club had its own differences from the EQB, for instance establishing an annual theme for each year of presentations. A sort of high-tea formality reigned. Ladies, mostly married or widowed, wore hats and gloves and spoke of themselves and other members only by their husbands' names (such as "Mrs. McCrady," never "Edith"). They did not ask their husbands to provide the sandwiches. They met in the homes of members.

Part II will be in a future issue. Information is from Laurence Alvarez, selections from cited books, meeting minutes from 2009-2016, and Waring McCrady.

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Tuesday, Dec. 8: Breakfast for Lunch; egg omelet, sausage or chicken, tator tots, salsa, biscuit, gravy, fruit.

Wednesday, Dec. 9: Chicken nachos, taco, potato smiles, salsa, buttered corn, tortilla chips, fruit.

Thursday, Dec. 10: Sliced turkey, gravy, oven-roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, dressing, dinner roll, fruit.

Friday, Dec. 11: Pizza, yogurt/cheese stick bag, French fries steamed broccoli, cookie, fruit.

BREAKFAST

Each day, students select one or two items.

Monday, Dec. 7: Cheese stick, cereal, juice, fruit

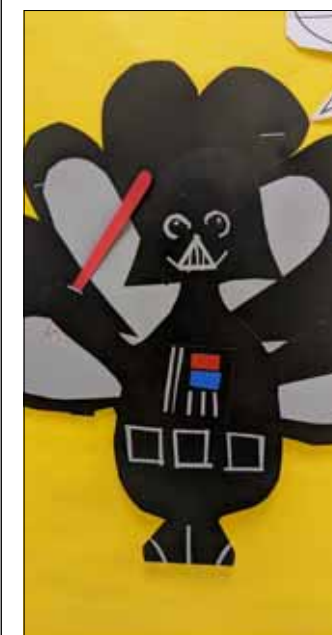
Tuesday, Dec. 8: Pancake/sausage stick, juice, fruit.

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

Thursday, Dec. 10: Muffin, cheese stick, juice, fruit.

Friday, Dec. 11: Meat biscuit, juice, fruit.

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VILLAGE REPORT

by Frank X. Gladu

After providing more than 40 previous monthly reports to you via the Sewanee Mountain Messenger this will be my last Village Report. I will be retiring early next year after 7 plus years of working on the Village project. I appreciate the Messenger's diligence in printing my column and reporting on the monthly update meetings held to inform the community about progress and to address concerns as the project moves forward. I began my role of Special Assistant to Vice-Chancellor John McCardell in January of 2017. I have enjoyed working with hundreds of concerned alumni, local residents, consultants and developers. It has been challenging to say the least. But it has also been exciting to pursue the possibilities and envision the outcomes. Rarely did I achieve unanimous agreement on how the project should move forward. However, there has always been tremendous interest and general consensus to both inform and guide the steps forward.

Now the Village Project will be part of a much greater initiative of Economic Development on the Domain. Vice-Chancellor Reuben Brigety has established a new position of VP for Economic Development and Community Relations. David Shipp will take on that role starting in January 2021. This is a game changer! The Village project has never had a clear funding or capital investment strategy to move forward with many of the necessary elements to vitalize the Village. Now, with this initiative, I am encouraged that there is a possible revenue stream to attend to the many aspects of creating a vibrant downtown.

I have begun to pass the torch to David. I will to the best of my ability, provide him with documentation and background so that he is as well-equipped as possible to carry this Village project forward. No doubt, David's style will be different from mine and he will have a much broader set of projects that includes the Village. But the Village project remains a strategically important one for the challenges that lie ahead for this institution. The overall goal is to deliberately create a vibrant commercial district with a variety of places to live. The objective is to attract and retain students, faculty, staff and visitors to the Domain. There may be a pause in some activity but that may be important to line up the funding needs for the project. The Village implementation plan was developed in 2016 and it serves as a long range plan to guide future decisions.

This month's Village Update session will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 10 a.m. (CST). Priority project updates as well as other project activity will be presented. I hope to focus on the future of the Village project and any advice you may have for my successor. So plan to attend to let me know what you think. The link for the meeting is <<https://sewanee-edu.zoom.us/j/84251832706>> or email me to request the link at <fxgladu@sewanee.edu>.

I have enjoyed my time in this role and hopefully I have kept you informed and involved in the process. I also hope that I have left it better than I found it.

Remember keep your distance.
Signing off,
Frank

Frank X. Gladu is a Special Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor and project Manager for the Sewanee Village Development. He can be reached at <fxgladu@sewanee.edu> or (931) 598-3397. More information about the Sewanee Village Project can be obtained at the website <www.sewanee.edu/village> and the Facebook page: "Sewanee Village Project" and on Instagram at the "Sewanee Village Project."

Starkey Appointed General Counsel at the University

Vice-Chancellor Reuben Brigety has announced the appointment of Marquette Starkey as general counsel to the University of the South, effective January 1. Her current position is deputy general counsel at the University of Denver.

As legal counsel, Starkey will be responsible for advising University administrators on a wide variety of legal matters, including compliance with university policies and applicable laws, and identifying and minimizing the University's legal risks.

At the University of Denver, Starkey has provided legal services on a wide variety of higher education legal issues, including student affairs, privacy and data protection, employee benefits, contracts, and statutory and regulatory issues. She has been at DU since 2007, and has been serving on their COVID-19 Emergency Support Function Committee. Her previous experience includes service as corporate legal counsel and in law firms, as well as owning and operating her own business.

Marquette Starkey has a bachelor's degree from Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Pennsylvania, and a JD from the University of Virginia School of Law.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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

Monday, Dec. 7: Reuben sandwich, chips.

Tuesday, Dec. 8: Chicken strips, baked potato, salad, roll.

Wednesday, Dec. 9: Stuffed tenderloin, green bean casserole, mashed potatoes, roll.

Thursday, Dec. 10: BLT soup, apple salad.

Friday, Dec. 11: Steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, roll. Menus may vary. For information call the center at 598-0771.

Chair Exercise will be 10:30–11:15 a.m., Monday and Wednesday. Please wear a mask. Social distancing will be practiced.

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

Cowan Christmas Parade

The 56th annual Cowan Christmas Parade will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5. The Christmas of 2020 parade will honor all of the essential workers and first responders who have been on the frontlines during this pandemic and unprecedented time. Grand Marshal is a lifetime Cowan resident, Cowan Fire Department Volunteer, and City employee, Steve Wilkinson. A reception will be held in his honor at Cowan City Hall after the parade. Share in the fun of an exciting small town event with floats, bands, antique cars and thousands of smiles. The parade goes down Cumberland Street.

For more information go to <www.cowanparade.org>.

Christmas Boutique and Bake Sale

Southern Tennessee Ladies' Society Scholarship Foundation will hold a Christmas Boutique & Bake Sale in the Gamble Room at the Franklin County Country on Friday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. COVID safety precautions will be practiced during the sale so please wear a mask. All proceeds will go to the Scholarship Foundation.

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Monteagle will hold its Christmas parade Saturday, Dec. 5, at 4:30 p.m. Floats, emergency vehicles and classic cars lineup at the old VFW site, at 3:45 p.m. Walkers and bicycles start behind The Depot. Trophies will be awarded for the best all-around float and the best representation of the "Country Christmas Parade" theme. Bobby and Doris Wiggins are the Grand Marshals.

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NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried



Hepatica. Photo by Valrie Lorenz

Hepatica in Early Bloom

Valerie Lorenz found hepatica blooming last Saturday at the blow hole on the Mill Creek Loop trail from the Walls of Jericho trail. A day or two later, **William Shealy** and **Deb Dreves** also spotted some hepatica in bloom. Hepatica is often the first wildflower to bloom in spring, but this is more than unusually early. However, we not infrequently get some hepatica blooms in winter in auspicious locations, especially with the warm weather we had been having. The blow hole mentioned above sounds like it might be one of those auspicious locations. Hepatica is poised to bloom early by having evergreen leaves that can photosynthesize all winter, storing up energy for flowering. The name comes from the resemblance of these leaves to the lobed human liver (think hepatitis), especially when they turn a maroon color as they age and die, to be replaced by new leaves in the spring. Thus, other common names are liverwort, liverleaf, and liver-moss. The leaves are hairy, perhaps providing some degree of insulation, which helps them survive winter's cold.

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.

Sunday, Dec. 6

Evening Hike to Rattlesnake Point (\$10) (Please pre-register. Registration closes at midnight Dec. 5)—Meet Park Ranger Mark Greenwood at 3 p.m. (CST) at Savage Gulf Ranger Station, 3157 SR 399, Palmer, for a 4-mile (round trip, approximate) hike from Savage Gulf Ranger Station to Rattlesnake Point Overlook. With any luck, you will see the sunset over Savage Gulf. There are no guarantees of this, due to the many variables of a guided hike. Be sure to bring along flashlights, water, and quick bite to eat in case you get hungry on the trail. Be sure to wear sturdy shoes in which to hike. Weather permitting. 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. Flashlights are a must, as it will likely be well after dark before our return. Cancellations must be made no later than 48 hours prior to the program's scheduled conclusion in order to receive a refund.

Sunday, Dec. 13

New Moon Hike at Stone Door (\$10) (Please pre-register! This hike is limited to the first 10 people who register). Meet Ranger Spencer Baxter at 4:45 p.m. (CST) at Stone Door Ranger Station, 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs, for a 2-mile round trip New Moon evening hike to Stone Door

Overlook. You'll visit several other overlooks to experience the night sky in beautiful Savage Gulf. Bring your own headlamp, sturdy hiking boots, appropriate clothing for the weather, and the spirit of adventure. CDC social distancing guidelines will be followed throughout this program.

Wednesday, Dec. 16

Rock Hop From Greeter to Boardtree Falls (\$6) (Please pre-register! This hike is limited to the first 10 people who register). Meet Ranger Spencer Baxter at 2:45 p.m. (CST) at Greeter Falls Parking Lot, (recently renamed Savage Gulf West), 550 Greeter Falls Rd., Altamont, for a rock-hop hike in the bottom of the gulf going from Greeter Falls to Boardtree Falls. You will delight in the rushing cascades and stunning cliffs. The hike will be in the creek system so expect to get wet. Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing. Also bring water and snacks. Please be aware that snakes are known to live in this area and can be present, although with the cooler weather they will not be active. Children must be 15 or older to attend this hike.

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



Dottie



Sybill

Pets of the Week Meet Dottie & Sybill

Dottie is a five-month-old small-medium mixed breed puppy that is incredibly loving and wants to be right with her human at all times! We believe Dottie may be a terrier mix, but it is really hard to pinpoint exactly what breed mixture she is. Dottie was found by a loving supporter of ours abandoned in a cemetery wrapped in a bundle of artificial grave flowers. She was only weeks old, and we believe she would have died alone in the same cemetery in which she was found if it wasn't for Dot, her namesake, finding her and immediately bringing her to the harbor where she knew the puppy would have refuge and receive the medical attention she needed. Dottie checks all the boxes for an amazing puppy for a loving family: social with dogs, cats, and children, playful, affectionate, healthy, smart, and we will let you fill in the blanks for the rest. Dottie is up-to-date vaccinations, spayed, microchipped, and heartworm-negative. If you are interested in adopting Dottie, please fill out our online adoption application at <<https://www.animalharbor.org/adoption-application>>, and we will be in touch.

Sybill is a five-month-old black and white domestic shorthair kitten. Sybill came to us with her two siblings, Hermione and Harry Potter. These sweet kittens have really opened up since they have been in our care. Sybill spends her time playing with other kittens her age in one of our kitten community rooms but would love to have a loving home of her own. Sybill is up-to-date on vaccinations, spayed, microchipped, and FIV/FelV negative. If you are interested in adopting Sybill her sibling Hermione, please fill out our online adoption application at <<https://www.animalharbor.org/adoption-application>>, and we will be in touch.

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Wed	Nov 18	60	42
Thu	Nov 19	60	40
Fri	Nov 20	68	45
Sat	Nov 21	69	52
Sun	Nov 22	61	33

Week's Stats:

Avg max temp =	61
Avg min temp =	41
Avg temp =	51
Precipitation =	0.2"

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Nov 23	50	39
Tue	Nov 24	58	50
Wed	Nov 25	58	48
Thu	Nov 26	62	41
Fri	Nov 27	66	40
Sat	Nov 28	54	43
Sun	Nov 29	52	32

Week's Stats:

Avg max temp =	57
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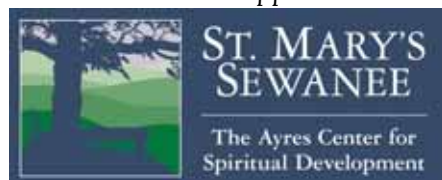
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Community Calendar

Friday, Dec. 4

Lease Agenda deadline

- 8 a.m. COVID testing, Marion County Health Department, until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, call ahead, (423) 942-2238, 24 E. 7th St., Jasper
- 8:30 a.m. Drive-thru COVID testing, Grundy County (931) 692-3641, Health Departments, until 10:30 a.m., and 1-3 p.m., Monday through Friday, 1372 Main St., Altamont
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Drive-thru COVID testing, Franklin County (931) 967-3826, until noon, Monday through Friday, 266 Joyce Lane, Winchester
- 9 a.m. Pilates, for Athletes, Zoom, email <elizabethsweeting@gmail.com> for link
- noon Stretch/Strengthen, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

Saturday, Dec. 5

- 1 p.m. Cowan Christmas Parade, Cumberland Street, Cowan; reception for Steve Wilkinson at City Hall follows
- 3:45 p.m. Monteagle Christmas Parade line up, parade starts at 4:30 p.m.; meet Santa and Mrs. Claus at Harton Park after parade

Sunday, Dec. 6 • CAC Pantry Sunday

- 7 p.m. Virtual Festival of Lessons and Carols, <<https://new.sewanee.edu/campus-life/believing/all-saints-chapel/lessons-and-carols/>>

Monday, Dec. 7

Final Exams, Virtual, SAS

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Coffee with Coach, live-stream <facebook.com/SewaneeTigers> or <www.sewaneetigers.com> and on U of S YouTube channel by midday
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Center, until 11:15 a.m.
- noon Academy for Lifelong Learning, via Zoom
- 7 p.m. Franklin County Commissioners, Annex Building, Winchester

Tuesday, Dec. 8

- 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. La Leche League, Zoom, for link email <LaLecheLeaguesewanee@gmail.com>
- 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, beginners, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

Wednesday, Dec. 9

Sewanee Woman's Club reservations due

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

<kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

- 10 a.m. Sewanee Village Update, via Zoom, <<https://sewanee-edu.zoom.us/j/84251832706>> or email <fxgladu@sewanee.edu> to request link
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Center, until 11:15 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 10

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, via Zoom; for link email <woodybike@mac.com>
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, via Zoom; for invitation, <pippabrowne64@gmail.com>
- noon Pilates, intermediate, via Zoom, email <elizabethsweeting@gmail.com> for link
- 5:30 p.m. Pilates, beginners, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

Friday, Dec. 11

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, for Athletes, Zoom, email <elizabethsweeting@gmail.com> for link
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Center, until 11:15 a.m.
- noon Stretch/Strengthen, 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, 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

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

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