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The Caverns Generates \$87.8 Million in Spending While Creating and Supporting 146 Jobs Across Grundy and Neighboring Counties

Since opening in 2018, The Caverns has emerged as a powerful economic engine for Grundy County and the surrounding region, generating nearly \$88 million in visitor spending and creating and supporting 146 jobs, according to a newly released economic impact report.

Located in the heart of Tennessee's South Cumberland region, The Caverns is not only a celebrated destination for live music in a subterranean setting — it's also a national tourism draw. An estimated 73 percent of ticket buyers come from out of state, traveling to Grundy County to experience concerts and underground adventures.

The Caverns' concert calendar features a carefully curated lineup that embraces a wide spectrum of musical expression and live entertainment — from country, Americana, rock, R&B, jam band, contemporary Christian, and electronic music to comedy shows and beyond. Showcasing Grammy winners as well as buzzworthy artists, The Caverns consistently delivers high-quality programming that draws fans eager to experience performances in a truly unique subterranean setting.

Key Economic Highlights from 2018–2025:

493,167 total visitors, with over 359,000 traveling from outside Tennessee

\$87.8 million in total economic impact

\$5.9 million in state sales and liquor taxes paid

\$1.5 million in local sales and occupancy taxes paid to Grundy County

\$1+ million in direct local wages from job creation across five counties

1.5 million invested in national and regional marketing since 2018

"The Caverns' success proves that music and tourism can transform rural communities," said Todd Mayo, founder and co-owner of The Caverns. "We're proud not just to bring unforgettable experiences underground — but to contribute meaningfully above ground as well. That includes reinvesting in this iconic destination — from expanding our cave tours and building an outdoor amphitheater to opening a yurt village. Everything we do is focused on building something special in Grundy County for the long term."

Beyond its economic contributions, The Caverns actively supports community initiatives including scholarships for Camp Caverns, the South Cumberland Community Fund (which backs the Music in Schools program in Grundy County), historic preservation efforts, and donations to organizations such as Recovery Soldiers Ministry, Blue Monarch, and Mosaic Recovery Center. Since 2018, The Caverns has contributed \$150,000 in charitable giving and an additional \$60,000 in concert experiences through gift certificate donations.

National exposure for The Caverns continues to grow through its acclaimed PBS television series, *The Caverns Sessions*, which airs on stations nationwide and is available via the PBS website and streaming app. The venue has also been featured in major national media outlets including *Rolling Stone*, *The New York Times*, and *People*, helping to put Grundy County on the map as a premier destination for music lovers and adventure seekers alike.

As The Caverns looks ahead to finishing 2025 strong, the venue remains committed to growing responsibly, investing locally, and helping Grundy County shine on the national stage.

To explore the full scope of The Caverns' impact, go to <https://www.thecaverns.com/economic-impact>.

The Challenges of 31 Points of Light

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"I love this place. Tourism allows us to keep nature and allow people to visit it instead of tearing it down," said Taylor Honeycutt, Grundy County native and a cave-tour guide at the Caverns. Honeycutt left the Plateau for a life elsewhere but soon returned. His comment, captured in a video created by the South Cumberland Tourism Partnership, underscores the backstory about the new name of the SCTP and the organization's new vision, "Thirty-one Points of Light." July 26, at Beersheba Springs Grace Chapel, SCTP President Joe Gray and coordinator Iva Michelle Russell talked about that vision and its challenges and invited a glimpse of a future where history, tourism, and economic improvement intersect. "The points of light" range from the practical to the fantastic — a business incubation center, connecting local makers to markets, world-class mountain biking, a science adventure center, kayaking and paddling on the upper Elk River, reintroducing resident elk, and an elk herd viewing site. Yet, a visitor cautioned, "You're proposing another Gatlinburg." Is that the case?

For years an extraction economy, removal of natural resources such as coal and timber, fueled economic growth in Tennessee. "After the extraction economy went away, [the state] had to reconfigure their economic drivers," Russell said. At present, tourism is the biggest economic driver in the state, with agriculture as a close second, primarily because Jack Daniels Distillery falls in the "agriculture" category, Russell observed. She praised forward-thinking Grundy County Mayor Michael Brady who recognized the potential of tourism. Brady initiated a hotel-motel tax in 2015 and seized on opportunities for state financial aid for distressed counties. Russell pointed to the Mountain Goat Trail, Coalmont Off-Highway Vehicle Park, and the Caverns as among the initial tourism-powered economic drivers. "Then 2020 happened [the pandemic], and everyone found our mountain. They were escaping the cities, they were escaping where they were locked up. We had almost one million people coming to our three state parks. Once you taste freedom in our parks, you want to come here again and again." The South Cumberland Tourism Partnership formed to guide the growth, funded by the hotel-motel tax, with the blessing of the county commission and the nine area communities, Altamont, Beersheba Springs, Coalmont, Gruetli-Laager, Monteagle, Palmer, Pelham, Seawanee, and Tracy City.

For the past two years, Grundy County has been the number one tourism region in the state. "We're the poster child," Gray said. The growth brought hundreds of new

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Thank you to everyone who donated to the Seawanee Elementary School supply drive!

Monteagle: Food Trucks, Bears, K-9 Dog Replacement

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the July 28 meeting of the Monteagle Council and beer board meeting immediately prior, the council voted on two food truck issues: sale tax revenue and beer sales. In other business at the council meeting, Mayor Greg Maloof offered advice on black bears sightings in the Assembly, and the council discussed replacing the police K-9 dog.

The food truck ordinance amendment approved by the council distinguished between temporary food trucks and permanent

food trucks. "We have some food trucks that are permanently set up, and we wanted to make sure we could get that sales tax coming here," said Vice Mayor Nate Wilson. By state law, for temporary food trucks sales tax revenue goes to the town where the truck owner lives.

At the beer board hearing, the alderman voted to allow beer sales by Paco's Tacos conditional upon the food truck being contingent

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Community Chest Applications Available

Sponsored by the Seawanee Civic Association (SCA), the Seawanee Community Chest (SCC) is pleased to announce the beginning of the 2025–26 grant cycle. The purpose of the Seawanee Community Chest campaign is to raise funds for local organizations that serve the common good. An important function of the campaign is to minimize the need for excessive area fundraising by many groups; therefore, organizations receiving funds are expected to acknowledge support from the Seawanee Community Chest in other area fundraising efforts.

The Seawanee Community Chest does not allocate funds to those organizations that discriminate on the basis of race, creed, sex, or national origin.

The 2025–26 funding application is available on the website <www.sewanee.org> in a Word document. The application deadline is Friday, Sept. 12, 2025. This year, organizations can apply online with this form <<https://forms.gle/yGvkotRneYaAgAw76>>. It does require you to have a Gmail email account.

The SCC is a nonprofit organization and relies on funding from the community in order to support programs throughout the greater Seawanee area. As the 2025–26 grant cycle begins, the SCC is also kicking off its yearly fundraising campaign.

The SCA urges everyone who benefits from life in this community, whether you live, work, or visit, to give generously. Donations are tax deductible. Contributions, payroll deductions and pledges are accepted at any time at P.O. Box 99, Seawanee, TN 37375. You can also make a donation through PayPal Giving <<https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/119597>>.

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Summary of the July 2025 Lease Committee Meeting

The following items were approved: June minutes; request to transfer Lease No. 1094, located at 118 Ely's Lane, to Reed Carlson; request to transfer Lease No. 648, located at 236 Mississippi Avenue, to Arthur and Susan Chandler; request to transfer Lease No. 1066, located at 653 Georgia Avenue, to Priscilla Murolo; request to install rear deck stairs for Lease No. 910, located at 154 Morgan's Steep Road; request to install fence for Lease No. 755-A, located at 460 Green's View Road.

Leasehold information is available online at <leases.sewanee.edu> or by calling the lease office at (931) 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.

University Summer Hours

McClurg Dining Hall is closed Aug. 1-11.
Stirling's Coffee House hours through Friday, Aug. 22: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, closed. Resumes academic year hours on Wednesday, Aug. 27.
Cup and Gown, Biehl Commons Cafe and the Tiger Bay Pub are closed for summer. Resumes academic hours on Wednesday, Aug. 27.
Through Aug. 12, duPont hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed on Saturday and Sunday. Go to <https://library.sewanee.edu/library_hours> for more information.

University Job Opportunities

Exempt Positions: Advancement Officer, University Relations; AmeriCorps Program Manager, Civic Engagement; Assistant Football Coach, Athletics; Assistant Men's and Women's Tennis Coach, Athletics; Assistant Men's Basketball Coach, Athletics; Assistant Softball Coach, Athletics; Athletic Trainer, Athletics; Energy Specialist, Facilities Management; Manager of FitWell Operations, Athletics and Fitness, Student Services; Office and Communications Manager, Student Life, Dean of Students; Visiting Assistant Professor, Chemistry, College of Arts and Sciences.

Non-Exempt Positions: Accounting Administrator, Facilities Management Administration; AmeriCorps Program Coordinator, Civic Engagement; Area Coordinator, Student Life, Residential Life; Campus Security Officer, On-Call, Public Safety, Sewanee Police Department; Child Care Provider-Business Services-University Child Care; Childcare Provider (On-Call, Substitute), University Child Care Center; Digital Scholarship and Instruction Library, Information Literacy & Instructional Technology; Faculty Technology Coordinator, Library and Information Technology Services; FitWell Desk Attendant, FitWell; FitWell Group Exercise Instructor, Flourishing Wellness Center; Forestry Aide,



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Mountain TOP Jubilee

Join us Saturday, Aug. 2, 2025 as we celebrate the first 50 years in our ministry and proclaim Jubilee! From 2-4:30 p.m., there will be a bounce house and dunk tank as well as other field games. There will also be a snack area with merchandise from Mountain T.O.P.
At 4:30 p.m., the Dessert Contest will be judged. Our barbecue dinner begins at 5 p.m. Local musicians will provide music from 4:30-5:30 p.m. One of our former directors, Ed Simmons, will give a message at 6 p.m.
Tickets are \$10/person or \$30/family. Contact us at (931) 692-3999 to register for the event and/or enter your dessert! Mountain TOP is located at 480 Old Hwy 50, Coalmont.
You can also register at our website: <www.mountain-top.org/camp-registration/p/jubilee-picnic-registration>.

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## Local Food Available

**The South Cumberland Farmers' Market** has breads, fruits, vegetables, eggs, coffee, meats and more available. Ordering takes place online from Friday at 9 p.m. to Monday at noon. Walk-in pickup is on Tuesdays, 4–6 p.m., at the Sewanee Community Center. To order go to <<https://openfood-network.net/south-cumberland-farmer-s-market/shop>>.

**The Franklin County Farmers' Market** is open 7 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 803 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester. Locally grown vegetables, fruit, meat, eggs, plants and more are available. Follow them on Facebook <<https://www.facebook.com/FranklinCountyFarmersMarket>>.

**Three Seasons Market** is open 3–6 p.m., every Friday, through Oct. 24. The Market is located at 14399 US Hwy. 41, Tracy City. The Market offers homemade and home grown products. For updates, follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

**The Sewanee Gardeners' Market** is open 8–10 a.m., every Saturday until September at Hawkins Lane. Locally produced fruits and vegetables, baked goods, plants and flowers will be available.

**The Fresh Mess Farmers' Market** takes place every Thursday, from 3–6 p.m., at Harton Park, 123 College St., Monteagle. Stop in to buy, sell, or barter fresh produce, crafts, clothing, jams, candles, boutique goods, flowers, and other creative products from local artisans.

**The Big Mine Farmers' Market** will be open the first and third Saturdays of the month, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. At the Big Mine Farmers' Market, you will find fresh, local, naturally grown foods, locally sourced produced food, garden and native plants, cut flowers, herbs, herbal teas, tinctures, infused oils, baked goods, meat, eggs and more. The Palmer Town Council has generously offered the baseball field to use. For sign up contact Ridgcrest Gardens, Palmer, on Facebook or Instagram. Email: <[ridgcrestgardensrossmtn@outlook.com](mailto:ridgcrestgardensrossmtn@outlook.com)>.

## MMUMC Food Distribution

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church regular monthly food distribution takes place the second Saturday of the month. Distribution will be from 8–10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 9. In order to maintain social distancing, drivers should enter the food distribution line from behind the church where they will be directed to the loading area. If you are unable to load your own vehicle, volunteers will be there to assist. Morton Memorial is located at 322 W. Main St., Monteagle.



**It's the law: no texting or handheld phone use in an active school zone.**

## Upcoming Meetings

### Town of Monteagle

The Monteagle Planning Commission is scheduled to meet at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 5, in the conference room at City Hall.

### CCJP

The Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace is committed to advancing justice and peace in our place and time. We have been observing Hiroshima Day for over 30 years.

We will gather at the Texas Ave entrance to Abbo's Alley on the morning of Wednesday, Aug. 6, a little before 8 a.m. We will observe a period of silence from 8–8:15 a.m., in recognition of the moment between when the air raid alert was lifted and when the bomb exploded with a blinding flash. If anyone would like to read something, they will be invited to do so at that time.

### Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is scheduled to meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 7, at St. Mary's Sewanee, for a club assembly.

### American Legion

The American Legion Post 51 is scheduled to meet at 9 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 9, in the Legion Hall in Sewanee.

### Franklin County School Board

The Franklin County School Board is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Aug. 11, at 215 S. College St., Winchester.

### Franklin County Board of Commissioners

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Aug. 18, at the Franklin County Courthouse.

### SCRLT Annual Membership Meeting

The South Cumberland Regional Land Trust (SCRLT) will host their annual membership meeting and potluck starting at 5:30 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 6, at the end of Tate Trail Road (1420 Tate Trail for GPS addresses, look for the orange tent). All community members are welcome to attend, children are encouraged, and anyone is invited to bring a side dish or dessert if they would like, although contributions are not required. Local smoked pork, cutlery, plates, and beverages will be provided. Bring your instruments too for music late into the evening.

Founded in 1993, SCRLT is a 501(c)(3) organization with a mission of conservation, environmental education, and stewardship of land in the South Cumberland Bioregion. You can learn more about SCRLT at our Facebook page or Instagram @southcumberlandlandtrust, <[www.scrlt.org](http://www.scrlt.org)>, or contact us at <[hello@scrlt.org](mailto:hello@scrlt.org)>.

## 12th Annual Fall Heritage Festival

The Fall Heritage Festival is a celebration of life in the foothills of the Cumberland Plateau, engaging regional communities through the educational and inspirational experience of history, music, arts, and civic involvement. The Festival is free to the public, and made possible by the generous donations from regional businesses and individuals. The festival includes arts & crafts vendors, food, and music. The schedule is Friday, Sept. 19, 2025, 5–9 p.m.; fireworks at 9 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; fireworks at 9 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Festival will be on Tennessee Avenue and Front Street, on either side of the Railroad Tracks in Cowan. For more information, (931) 563-3868, email <[info@fallheritagefestival.org](mailto:info@fallheritagefestival.org)> or go to <<https://fallheritagefestival.org>>.

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## Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall

There will be an Opening Ceremony for the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall at 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 14, at the Winchester City Park, 1561 Phillip Fulmer Parkway, Winchester. Please RSVP to <[yvonne-stewart@winchester-tn.com](mailto:yvonne-stewart@winchester-tn.com)>.

The Wall will be leaving the Sam H. Werner Military Museum in Monteagle, at 9 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 13, and traveling through Sewanee and Cowan en route to Winchester City Park.

Estimated arrival times are 9:15 a.m., at St. Andrew's-Sewanee; 9:35 a.m., at Cowan Elementary; 9:45 a.m., South Middle School; 9:55 a.m., Winchester Christian Academy; 10:15 a.m., Clark Memorial; 10:30 a.m., Winchester City Park.

The event is hosted by the Mayor of Winchester, Winchester City Council, DAV Chapter 71, VFW Post 1893, American Legion Post 44, CVMA 18-11, Congressman Scott DesJarlais, TN Senator Janice Bowling and TN Representative Iris Rudder.

## Hospitality Shop News

Regular hours for the Shop are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday. The Shop is located at 1096 University Ave., Sewanee.

As you consider donations for the Shop please evaluate your gifts using the following criteria. Donations can be left in the bins by the back door if the Shop is closed. Good donations are: fully assembled, working, and clean with all parts and pieces; free of mold, mildew, and smells; free of chips, breakage, food residue, grease, rust; free of rips, tears, stains, missing buttons, broken zippers or excessive wear.

The children's clothing section is closed. Children's clothing can be taken to Good Samaritan in Winchester or to Goodwill in Kimball. We do accept children's books and puzzles.

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# Church News

## All Saints’ Chapel

Summer Sunday Worship: Every Sunday through Aug. 17, 2025, at 8 a.m., Rite 1 Holy Eucharist.

## Draw Near

Draw Near is a new church at 301 Montgomery St., Cowan, that is all about becoming disciples of Jesus one person at a time through real relationships. This means you matter! Come as you are and experience authentic worship at 10 a.m., Sunday. Classes for 2 years through 5th grade.

## Morton Memorial United Methodist

This Sunday, we will hear a message from Mike and Celia Keen and Mary Beth Tate who will share insights from their recent trip to Colombia, South America. There, they visited one of several schools started by Celia, her siblings and her missionary parents.

Children are welcome at Morton! They are invited to interact with Debbie Byrd during Children’s Worship. Following that time, children will have time together in activities with Ms. Margaret in Children’s Church.

This Sunday our worship service will also include the gift of Holy Communion. It’s a time of sharing in the mystery of the life, death and resurrection of our Savior and is offered to all persons regardless of age or church affiliation. All are invited, even if it’s the first time a person has visited Morton. It’s an open table, meaning a person of any age doesn’t have to be a baptized believer or a member of any church.

To learn more about life in our community of faith, accept this invitation to worship. Morton is located at 322 West Main Street in Monteagle. Our service begins at 11 a.m., following coffee and refreshments in our Fellowship Center. If you are unable to attend but want to sample worship at Morton, the service is live streamed at Morton’s Facebook and YouTube pages and is available there in the week following the service.

## St. James Episcopal

St. James celebrates Holy Eucharist every Sunday at 9 a.m. We gather after the service for conversation and coffee. St. James is located at 898 Midway Rd., Sewanee. All are welcome.

# Obituaries

## Barbara Jean Osburn Dale

Barbara Jean Osburn Dale, age 96, died on June 29, 2025. She was born on Oct. 8, 1929, to the late Audrie Belle Morris Osburn and Lewis Lenn Osburn in Dalhart, Texas. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her daughter Holly Dale and her sister, Jacqueline Sabrina Osburn Travis.

Barbara loved life and meeting new people. She was an enthusiastic participant and instigator in small and large adventures as well as conversation. Over her years, she loved to travel, water ski, square dance, hike, read, observe art, sew, crochet, and knit. She was up for just about anything either one of her daughters or any of her good friends suggested, and curious about everything. Her commitment to nurturing friendships was evident to all who love her. She was profoundly engaged with life.

Barbara is survived by her daughter Lucia K. Dale (Sid Brown) and six nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions in her name are gratefully accepted by Easy’s Dog Shelter <<https://www.easys-dog-shelter.com/donate>> and Folks at Home <<https://www.folksathome.org/support>>.

For complete obituary go to <<https://www.moorecortner.com>>.

## Fred Orville “Dutch” Hughes Jr.

Fred Orville “Dutch” Hughes Jr., age 87 of Cowan, died on July 26, 2025, at his home. He was born on July 29, 1937, in Sewanee, to Fred Orville and Maude Esther (Garner) Hughes Sr. He retired from the University of the South in 1993 after many years of service. He was a member of Midway Baptist Church, Sewanee. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Ruby Hughes; son, Teddy Lynn Hughes; granddaughter, Valley Paige Hughes; stepdaughter, Jean Campbell; siblings Kenneth Hughes, Roy Hughes, Charles Hughes, Teresa Holt, Nancy Gilliam, and Evelyn King.

He is survived by his daughter, Donna (Michael Hughes) Goodman; brother Thomas Henry (Jimbo) Hughes; stepdaughter, Iva Evenson, three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, five step-granddaughters, and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 10–11 a.m. on Thursday, July 31, 2025, at Moore-Cortner Funeral Home with Funeral Services following at 11 a.m. from the Chapel. Interment will follow in Eastern Star Cemetery with family and friends serving as pallbearers. For complete obituary go to <[www.moorecortner.com](http://www.moorecortner.com)>.

## Willie Sue Green Nunley

Willie Sue Green Nunley, age 82, died on July 25, 2025. She was born on Feb. 27, 1943, in Tracy City, to James Madison Fults and Opal Browning Fults. She was preceded in death by her first husband, James Preston Green; second husband, Henry Newton Nunley; brothers, Charles Luther Fults and James Kenneth Fults; sister Shirley Cleo Lankford; and stepson, Jeffrey Nunley. She was a member of Grace Village Church.

She is survived by her children, Mike (Vicky) Green, Theresa “Happy” (Jimmy) Copeland and Donna (Ricky) Caldwell; two stepdaughters and one stepson; four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren (and one on the way), and several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were on July 27, 2025, from the Foster & Lay Chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home, Tracy City. Interment followed in Plainview Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <[www.cumberland-funeralhome.net](http://www.cumberland-funeralhome.net)>.

## St. Mark and St. Paul

Services are at 8:30 a.m., and 11 a.m. The 11 a.m. service will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and remains available there.

Nursery services: Infants and toddlers through three year olds are invited to gather on the playground on Sunday mornings from 8:20 a.m. to noon.

Lectionary Bible Study is on hiatus and will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Centering Prayer Group: Mondays at 7 p.m., and Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m., both in the sanctuary

Godly Play meets Sundays 9:45-10:45 a.m., August-May. Godly Play 1 is for children 3-6 years old. Godly Play 2 is for children in 1st-3rd grades. We also have a hybrid 4th/5th class that incorporates some Godly Play while also helping children grow beyond it; the class focuses on biblical, prayer book and

church literacy.

Adult Choir will begin rehearsing Aug. 3 in between services since there is no forum. Then once the forums begin, choir practice will be Sundays 12:30-1:30 p.m. The first anthem will be Sunday, Aug. 31.

Youth Sunday School (grades 5-12) meets in Brooks Hall beginning Aug. 24, at 9:45 a.m., upstairs in youth room or on the upstairs screen porch. We have snacks, games, and Bible study.

Sunday Forum will resume on the last Sunday of August, with a new theme for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Back to School Blessings: Sunday, Aug 3, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., backpack blessing in service

9:45 a.m., Sunday School begins for ages 3 through 5th grade

9:45 a.m., Coffee & Conversation for Parents: “Like a Little Child” (Hethcock Room)

Ice cream social on the play-

ground at noon for kids and parents

At 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 6, The Churches on the Mountain will be offering A Time of Remembrance and Prayer for those impacted by the flooding in the Hill Country of Texas. Churches on the Mountain are All Saints’ Chapel, St. Mark and Paul’s, School of Theology, St. Andrew’s-Sewanee, Community of St. Mary’s, and St. James Sewanee. This service will be in the chancel of All Saints’ Chapel. Representatives from Counseling and Psychological Services will be with us as well, providing resources and counseling, as desired.

Wednesday, Aug. 13, Children’s Choir Practice begins

Sunday, Aug. 17 – Connections for Parents begins (Hethcock during Sunday School)

Sunday, Aug. 24 – Fall Kick-off: Youth Sunday School begins

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# Church Calendar

## 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 Church

10 a.m. Bible Study, Saturday

11 a.m. Worship, Saturday

7 p.m. Prayer and Study, Tuesday

## Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, until 10:45 a.m.

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

## Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

Online worship services. Call (931) 924-5339 or go to <<https://www.tdworldministries.org>>

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

## 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

## 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-Midway Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

## St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

## St. Mark & St. Paul

8:20 a.m. Nursery, basement of Kennerly Hall

(Sewanee Children’s Center), Sunday

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

9:45 a.m. Godly Play

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday, livestream Facebook

## St. Mary’s Sewanee Retreat Center

4 p.m. Centering Prayer Group, Thursday

## Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

## Sewanee Zen, Stone Nest Dojo

7 a.m. Zazen, Tuesday-Thursday

10 a.m. Zazen and Ceremony, Sunday

## Sisters of St. Mary Convent Chapel

7 a.m. Morning Prayer, Tuesday–Friday

5 p.m. Evening Prayer, Tuesday–Friday

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Saturday

5 p.m. Evensong, Saturday

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

5 p.m. Evensong, Sunday

## Tracy City First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

## Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

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

## Unitarian Universalist Church, Tullahoma

10 a.m. Service, Sunday

## Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

## Winchester First United Methodist

9 a.m. Worship, then at 11 a.m., except for first Sunday of the month, which is 10 a.m.



**Church** (from page 4)

(Brooks Hall)

Sunday Forum begins – Reed Carlson on prophets &amp; justice

Welcome Picnic after Second Service

Tuesday, Sept. 2 — Lectionary Bible Study resumes (Brooks Hall 3:30 p.m.)

Sunday, Sept. 14 – Rite 13 &amp; J2A begin

**Winchester First United Methodist Church**

Winchester First United Methodist Church is located at 100 S. Jefferson St., Winchester. Worship is on Sundays at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., except for the first Sunday of each month, when the service is at 10 a.m., and is followed by lunch. For more information contact the senior pastor, Eric Bronkala, at (865) 591-8823, or check us out on Facebook.

**St. Mary's Sewanee 'Come & See' Event**

St. Mary's Sewanee: The Ayres Center for Spiritual Development invites the community to explore diverse spiritual practices at their upcoming "Come & See" event from 1-4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 2. Located at 770 St. Mary's Lane in Sewanee, this free community event offers visitors an opportunity to experience various spiritual practice demonstrations, meet presenters and community partners, and discover new paths for personal growth and reflection.

The afternoon will feature live performances by local musicians, food and beverages from area vendors, and guided campus tours led by St. Mary's staff who will share the center's rich history and mission. Information tables will provide details about ongoing programs and spiritual development opportunities.

The event welcomes people of all backgrounds and spiritual traditions. While registration is not required, organizers encourage attendees to register online at <www.stmaryssewanee.org> to help with planning and headcount estimates.

For more information contact St. Mary's Sewanee at (931) 598-5342 or email <Reservations@stmaryssewanee.org>.

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jobs, both in construction and "career" jobs in new businesses. But the numbers also showed something else, as well. "In Tennessee the average visitor spends \$212 per day," Gray said. "In Grundy County, they spend \$83. We need more stores and retail and groceries and restaurants. There are not enough places to spend money." Also concerning, "People on the Plateau spend 60 percent of their spending money—groceries, restaurant, retail, healthcare—somewhere else. It's our responsibility to create more opportunities for our kids and our economy."

The name change from the South Cumberland Tourism Partnership to the South Cumberland Partnership recognizes that responsibility, what Russell described as "to be us on purpose and protect our way of life."

Gray acknowledged the challenge of not becoming another Gatlinburg, especially since Grundy County has no zoning or codes. As Russell stressed, "We're freedom lovers. Don't tell us what to do." Taking a different tact, SCP will draft a "design guide" for builders and developers offering advice and strategies for maintaining the unique ambiance of the South Cumberland. Gray emphasized plateau communities did not meet the requirements of most franchises, "We won't get a Walmart or Kroger. The businesses will be our own people opening stores and shops." He cited the example of the reimagined Beersheba Spring Market which estimates 60 percent of its clientele are visitors to the area. Russell championed the idea of "creating a culture of the food closest to you" both for dining out and at home. She also insisted, due to geographic limitations to providing water and sewer service, "We can never have big development." Russell initially opposed the state park system, of the opinion, "It took money from the property tax rolls, and they were locking us away from our land." Her mindset has changed, "Thank goodness they did. We are blessed by our natural protections."

**Monteagle** (continued from page 1)

with the building at 202 E. Main, the former coffee shop. "The portable kitchen, as you attach yourself to the building, would fall under a different category [from food trucks] so that [beer sales] would be allowed," said Alderman Grant Fletcher explaining the rationale behind the decision. "Part of the discussion still going on in redoing the food truck ordinance is whether we would allow standalone food trucks to serve alcohol." All beer sold at 202 East Main will be served inside the building. Owner Deborah Reed anticipates necessary renovations being completed by the end of August. The business will operate under the name Paco's Cantina and Sports Bar.

Taking up the issue of black bears in the Assembly, Maloof said, "They are a protected species. Tennessee Wildlife recommended securing the garbage. The Assembly will be taking on a project to eliminate garbage cans unless they are in some kind of shelter. The bear population is coming out of hibernation, and if they are hungry, they will be looking for food. Bears won't harm you if you don't harm them. Don't challenge them, don't feed them, don't talk to them. Just let them be bears."

Police Chief William Raline announced the retirement of the department's K-9 dog, Milo. Asked if the department would get another dog, Raline said, "Do I see the need for one? Absolutely. Do we have the budget for it? I have no clue. It is costly." He estimated the cost of purchase, training, and building a kennel at \$30,000-\$40,000. Milo lived with an officer who is leaving the force, reducing the cost. "Milo was a tracking dog, an article search dog, and a narcotics dog," Raline emphasized. Raline cited article search and finding lost children and elders as primary in importance, but he also stressed reduction in drug traffic as a benefit of having Milo. "Drugs were flowing through Monteagle pretty heavily for a bit. They're not now. A K-9 makes a

difference. [Drug traffickers] go around Monteagle." Raline hopes to have more detailed information in September on the costs associated with acquiring a new K-9.

In addition, Raline alerted residents of increased law enforcement presence at the elementary school with the start of school Aug. 7. "We're going to be focusing on child restraints." If children are not properly restrained, the police will pull vehicles over and advise parents on child restraining measures.

The council approved initiating a contract with grant writer Gina Massey Daniels. Currently employed by Winchester, Daniels has time to assist Monteagle as well, said Fletcher who initiated the grant writer search. Payment for services will be the administrative fee designated by the grant, meaning no additional cost to the town. If there is no administrative fee designated by the grant, the payment will be based on the amount of the grant. Wilson observed Southeastern Tennessee Development (SETD) currently performed this service for Monteagle. Fletcher speculated Daniels could find additional grants. Maloof praised SETD's grant work for Monteagle in the past, but anticipated a greater need, especially with the Imagine Monteagle planning process underway.

The council also approved purchase of a truck for the street department from budgeted funds; an emergency repair at the water plant to avoid curtailment of water service and water quality problems; and a task order for the sewer plant. Maloof explained, the task order provided for sewer line analysis to determine what sewer lines could be added onto without exceeding the capacity of the existing line and pump.

Taking up communications, Maloof urged residents to contact city hall and sign up for "master blast" email notifications. "There's no way to reach people if they don't reach us," Maloof said.

**CAC Pantry Sunday**

Pantry Sunday for the Community Action Committee (CAC) is scheduled for the first Sunday of the month. All are welcome to contribute. Please bring your food offerings to St. James Episcopal in Midway, the Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul for collection, or deliver directly to the CAC located at 216 University Ave., Sewanee.

The typical bag of groceries includes beans, pasta, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, vegetables, fruit, and canned soup.

This month CAC is asking for bread, dry beans, pasta, baby diapers (sizes 3-5), feminine pads, and toilet paper.

The CAC is an outreach ministry of the Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul, with generous support from the Sewanee Community Chest, other organizations and individuals across the Mountain. For more than 50 years, the CAC has provided food, financial assistance, and educational support for persons in the greater Sewanee community. For more information contact the CAC at (931) 598-5927.

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## University Choir Schedule

The Univeristy Choir invites you to two choral evensongs, a concert by the vocal ensemble APOLLO5, and the Festival of Lessons and Carols.  
Choral Evensong, 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 21  
7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 23, APOLLO5 in concert, tickets on event-brite.com  
Choral Evensong, 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 9  
Dec. 6–7, Festival Service of Lessons and Carols

## ‘Nature in Glass’: The Art of Inna Beker

Light dances in Inna Beker’s August show, “Nature in Glass,” as she expresses her delight in the world around her. Using the medium of kiln-fired fusible glass, she creates art that is luminous and joyful. “I am fascinated by how glass changes its shape and color when I fire it. Opening my kiln, I’m excited to see how the process has altered and enhanced my intentions.”

Beker’s inspiration for this show ranges far and wide as she interprets a natural world she knows and celebrates. Speaking about the centerpiece of her show, Beker says, “I grew up with lots of sunflowers, so I decided to create a piece in the style of Vincent van Gogh’s famous Sunflowers, but one that expresses my personal delight in these exuberant flowers.”

A reception will be from 5–8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 1, at In-Town Gallery. Inna Beker was born in Ukraine and spent many hours hiking there as well as in Belarus and Russia. She reveled in the peace and beauty of the forest, and a love of nature became part of her life. Inna was introduced to working with fused glass seven years ago. It soon became her passion, providing the perfect medium to express her artistic vision. She has exhibited her artwork at shows in Georgia, Florida, Virginia, and New Mexico.

Showcasing the work of local artists, In-Town Gallery is located ‘Between the Bridges’ on Chattanooga’s North Shore at 26A Frazier Ave. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday–Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m., Sunday. ITG offers a diverse range of original art and fine craft. Visit us at <www.intowngallery.com>, Facebook and Instagram!



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### BUYING THAMAR

*James Hervey Otey was the first Episcopal bishop of Tennessee and one of the founders of the University of the South. He was elected bishop in 1833 and consecrated in 1834. He lived in Columbia, Tennessee, from 1835 to 1852. He enslaved three persons in 1830, four in 1840, seven in 1850, and six in 1860. One of his enslaved persons was Thamar.*

*The letter below concerns Thamar’s purchase. The letter is followed by two entries from Bishop Otey’s diary.*

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Dr. A. H. Buchannan,

My Dear Sir,

I send you above a check for three hundred dollars (\$300) to purchase Thamar—or so much as necessary for that purpose, if Mr Champ will take less which I hope he will. Please have the bill of sale executed in due form & according to law & registered at Nashville if the law so requires: and send Thamar by stage. I will pay for her passage here or at Nashville next week when I come. Pardon me for troubling you so much and believe me to be very truly your friend.

Ja. H. Otey

June 13: Write Dr. B and send him a check upon the Planter’s Bank for \$300 to purchase negro woman Thamar.

June 17: Letter from Dr. Buchannan who has bought Thamar for the sum of \$300. She came today by the stage from Nashville.

*Bishop Otey had a paternalistic attitude toward slavery. The basic of which was his belief in the inferiority of the black race. “We,” he wrote a northern clergyman in 1861, “feel ourselves under the most solemn obligations to take care of, and provide for, these people who cannot provide for themselves.” Bishop Otey opposed secession. He believed that the free states and the slave states could co-exist in the union. As the southern states seceded he hoped that the north would allow them to leave the union peacefully. As war became a certainty, he became firmly committed to the south’s war effort. Bishop Otey believed that the defense of slavery was a righteous cause.*

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## SENIOR CENTER NEWS

The Sewanee Senior Center serves lunch at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. The suggested donation is \$5, regardless of your age. Please call (931) 598-0771 by 9 a.m. to order lunch. Menus follow:

**Monday, Aug. 4:** Sweet and sour chicken, rice, egg rolls.

**Tuesday, Aug. 5:** Philly steak sandwich, chips.

**Wednesday, Aug. 6:** Grilled chicken salad.

**Thursday, Aug. 7:** BLT soup, pimento cheese sandwich.

**Friday, Aug. 8:** Pork chops, mashed potatoes, broccoli, rolls.

Chair Exercise Class is 10:30–11:30 a.m., every Monday and Wednesday at the Community Center. Contact Susan Roberson at (516) 987-8440.

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.

## Vaccination Clinic

Walgreens Pharmacy will again offer a vaccination clinic in Sewanee from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday Sept. 5, at the Legion Hall. All ages are welcome. Most insurance is accepted.

Vaccinations offered will include:

1) Covid (latest Moderna version and compatible with prior Pfizer)

2) Flu (low and high dose)

3) RSV

4) Prevnar/Pneumonia.

Registration is now open through Folks at Home: email <folksathomesewanee@gmail.com> or phone: (931) 598-0303.


Please specify the vaccines you’d like to receive.

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions can be found on our website calendar: <folksathome.org>.

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## Sewanee Recognized in Princeton Review Rankings

Sewanee has again been recognized as one of the nation's best colleges for students seeking a great education with excellent career preparation and at a relatively affordable price, according to The Princeton Review.

The education services company named Sewanee as one of its Best Value Colleges this June. Colleges and universities were selected for this recognition based on a combination of institutional and student survey data, including academic rigor, affordability, and career outcomes for graduates.

"During our students' four years on the Mountain, they learn to think critically, ask deep questions, and develop the skills needed to thrive not only in their careers, but also as engaged citizens and leaders," says Vice-Chancellor Rob Pearigen. "This has always been true of a Sewanee education, and I look forward to building on that legacy as we advance the University's strategic plan in the years to come."

One major element of that plan will come to fruition this fall with the new First Year Experience program, which will help all new students find community, make connections, and begin charting their course for the future. Other initiatives—including faculty fellowships to promote integration of purpose and career exploration into the classroom and advising conversations, career readiness and student success coaching, and robust internship and research funding—demonstrate just how deeply embedded career readiness is across the entire Sewanee experience.

The success of those efforts is reflected in Sewanee's career outcomes. Over 95 percent of College graduates are employed, continuing education, or participating in a fellowship or service commitment within six months of graduation. Sewanee alumni also enjoy high acceptance rates to graduate programs in business (90-95 percent), law (90-95 percent), and medicine (80-85 percent—well above the national average of 42 percent).

## Fall Classes at Cumberland Folk School

Announcing new classes at the Cumberland Folk School for this Fall (and summer). The Cumberland Folk School, located at Sequatchie Cove Farm, is a place to celebrate and commune around traditional crafts and skills, offering weekend workshops taught by skilled craftspeople. Our classes are built upon the inherent connection between traditional skills, sustainable land management, and farming to teach self-reliance and the use of natural materials to create beautiful utilitarian objects.

Check us out at <[www.cumberlandfolkschool.com](http://www.cumberlandfolkschool.com)> for more information, detailed class listings, and to sign up for upcoming classes.

Fresh Indigo Dyeing, Aug. 9. Join Ashley and Carroll, folk school founders, for a morning at the farm, learning an easy technique to dye with fresh indigo on protein fibers to achieve light-medium blues.

Earth Pigment Crayons, Sept. 20. Learn to make your own earth pigment crayons with artist Amanda Brazier in this 2-hour workshop designed for children (and their caregivers!).

Backyard Mushroom Cultivation, Oct. 4. Learn the theory and process of shiitake mushroom inoculation via log sawdust spawn & plugs with Adam Hobbs and Pledger Schaefer of Midway Mushrooms.

Rush Chair Seat Weaving, Oct. 5. Learn the techniques with Heather Ashworth to weave a chair seat from start to finish in this class designed to teach you to restore your own antique chairs at home.

Natural Dyeing 101, Oct. 11. Learn the basic building blocks of natural dyeing by learning about fabrics, preparation, scouring, mordants, tannins and dyes on cellulose fibers with artist Jan Quarles.

Dumplings, Oct. 25. Learn to make delicious dumplings with chef and author Sonoko Sakai. You'll learn how to make the wrapper, different fillings (vegetarian and meat options), and a variety of methods for wrapping and cooking your dumplings.

Tiny Quilts, Nov. 8. Create a sweet tiny quilt with quilt artist Zak Foster. In this intimate workshop, you'll master essential hand-stitching techniques that form the foundation of all quilting projects.

Market Basket Weaving, Nov. 9. Learn how to make a traditional market basket with a wooden handle and a variety of reed sizes and colors with Linda Moore and Cheryl Johnson.

Felted Wool Slippers, Nov. 15-16. Learn to make wet felted wool slippers with artist and craftswoman Laurel York. Each person will go home with a pair of warm comfortable wool slippers that fit them perfectly.

## Make a Difference Day at SES

On Saturday, Aug. 2, all are welcome to join the Sewanee Parents Organization for Make a Difference Day at Sewanee Elementary School (SES). From 8 a.m. until noon, volunteers are needed to weed beds, sweep gravel off of sidewalks, spread mulch, and spruce up the SES grounds in preparation for the new school year. Bring gloves and any outdoor tools, such as shovels, spades, rakes, and wheelbarrows.

## Sewanee Pediatrics Is Batty About Books

Sewanee Pediatrics is taking donations of new or gently used children's books for an upcoming event in October, where we hope to give out books to the children in our community. The goal is to have 1,000 children's books donated.

Donations may be dropped off now through Oct. 15, at Sewanee Pediatrics. Any donation will be greatly appreciated. Sewanee Pediatrics is located at 1318 University Ave., Sewanee.

## Sewanee Welcomes New Dean of the College

Jennifer Cooley joined Sewanee on July 1 as vice provost and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Provost Scott Wilson announced Cooley's appointment in a letter to the Sewanee community on March 3. Cooley succeeds Betsy Sandlin, who served as interim dean for the past two years.

"I'm delighted Dr. Cooley has accepted this new role as dean of the College," Vice-Chancellor Rob Pearigen says. "She is an accomplished teacher and scholar, and her administrative experience will enable her to make timely and significant contributions to the implementation of the University's strategic plan."

Cooley has previously served in many administrative roles including as interim dean and associate dean of the College of Humanities, Arts and Sciences at the University of Northern Iowa. As a professor of Spanish, she has published on 16th- and 17th-century literature and culture of Spain, as well as 21st-century immigration issues in the Americas.

Throughout her career, Cooley has found the forging of connections between campus and community through engaged scholarship and teaching to be integral to her work. A product of the liberal arts tradition, Cooley notes that she is thrilled to join Sewanee in its pursuit to provide transformational learning experiences to its students, and to enjoy the University's beautiful surroundings.

"I was drawn to the size and the core mission of Sewanee as a student-centered, liberal arts institution," says Cooley. "I look forward to making connections that will advance Sewanee's goal to develop the whole person."

## SES MENUS

**Monday–Friday  
Aug. 4–8  
BREAKFAST**

All reimbursable breakfast meals must include a minimum of 3 items with at least one being fruit or fruit juice. A variety of fruit, fruit juice & milk offered daily. All entrees = 2 items. Every effort will be made to follow the published menu; however, last minute changes may be necessary.

Monday, Aug. 4: No school.

Tuesday, Aug. 5: Banana bread, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Aug. 6: Pancake on stick, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Aug. 7: No school.

Friday, Aug. 8: Muffin/cheese stick, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

### LUNCH

All reimbursable meals must include a fruit or vegetable on the tray. Students may decline 2 of the 5 meal components – meat/meat alternative; grain; fruit; vegetable; milk. Daily offerings may include Yogurt Fun Packs and/or PB&J Power Packs.

Monday, Aug. 4: No school.

Tuesday, Aug. 5: Chicken tenders, steamed carrots, potato emoticons, roll, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Aug. 6: Grilled cheese sandwich, corn, green beans, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Aug. 7: No school.

Friday, Aug. 8: Pizza or calzone, seasoned potato wedges, veggie cup with ranch, cookie fruit, milk.

For meal pricing, go to <<https://franklincountyttn.schoolinsites.com/menus-mealpricing>>.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Aug. 1–2, In-Service, Marion County

Aug. 1, Orientation Day, Grundy County

Aug. 1, Abbreviated Day, Franklin County

Aug. 4, Staff Development Day, Franklin County

Aug. 4, First Full Day of School, Grundy County

Aug. 5, Registration, Marion County

Aug. 5, First Full Day of School, Franklin County

Aug. 6, Staff Development, Marion County

Aug. 7, First Full Day of School, Marion County

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Aug. 17, SAS Opening and Orientation

Aug. 18, First Day of Class- SAS

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# ‘Painting Together: An Art Exhibit Celebrating Martha Keeble’s Legacy’

Frame Gallery is pleased to announce a special exhibition, “Painting Together: A Celebration of Martha Keeble’s Legacy,” honoring the retirement of Sewanee Art Works instructor Martha Keeble. The art exhibition will feature work by both current and former students, showcasing the creative legacy of Keeble’s more than four decades of art instruction on the Mountain and beyond.

The artists featured in this exhibit, which continues through Saturday, Aug. 9, include: Tippy Anderson, Betty Barton Blythe, Nancy Burnett, Amy Burns, Lacy Camp, Virginia Curry, Barbara Dwyer, Sally Harding, Randa Hart, Alex Hoole, Pat Kirby, Susan Lane, Linda Lankewicz, Leslie Lightfoot, Geraldine Piccard, Annette Smith, Peggy Ward, and Carol Wray.



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# ‘Play the Park’: Angel Park Opens Its Stage to Local Bands in August

Angel Park is thrilled to announce “Play the Park,” an exciting new initiative offering local and regional bands the opportunity to perform live in the heart of Sewanee. Throughout August, the Angel Park calendar will be open every weekend, providing a fantastic, free venue for musicians to showcase their talents to the community.

This program is specifically designed to accommodate the many bands who have expressed interest in playing at Angel Park. It’s a chance for everyone to experience the magic of live music under the stars.

Here’s what interested bands need to know:

Play for free: All performances at Angel Park are completely compensation free for bands.

Free Community Concerts: These concerts are open to the entire community at no charge, fostering a vibrant local music scene.

Bring Your Own Sound: Each band is responsible for supplying their own sound equipment.

Set Times: Shows should start no later than 7 p.m. and conclude by 9:30 p.m.

No Street Closures: Please note that streets will remain open during performances.

Self-Promotion: Bands are responsible for their own marketing and promotion efforts for their shows.

Every band is responsible for cleaning up the park after their concert. To book your date for “Play the Park,” please contact Jimmy Wilson at <jimmy@thebluechair.com>. We encourage all interested bands to reach out soon to secure their spot!

# Art Show to Benefit MARC

Artists of all ages and experience levels are invited to contribute one cat- and dog-themed piece of art to support the “Hot Dogs and Cool Cats” art show, benefiting Marion Animal Resource Connection (MARC), on Saturday, Aug. 16, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Frame Gallery Gifts & Art in downtown Sewanee.

Artists should submit a digital photograph of their selected art in any medium on Frame Gallery’s website <https://framegals.com> by Aug. 9 to participate in the art exhibit, which opens on Aug. 16 and continues through Sept. 6. In lieu of a commission fee, artists may choose a percentage of the sales proceeds they wish to donate to MARC.

On Aug. 16 at Frame Gallery, visitors can enjoy the “Hot Dogs and Cool Cats” art show inspired by our beloved four-legged friends, and participate in family-friendly, hands-on art projects, lighthearted games, and other surprises in celebration of pets, creativity, and community.

Frame Gallery is also collecting in-kind donations during the event to support the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to improving the lives of animals and people in Marion County, Tenn. The suggested list of donations includes:

- Purina puppy and kitten chow
- Soft kitten food
- Cat and dog toys
- Paper towels
- Large black trash bags
- Lemon cleaner
- Bleach
- Bath or beach towels
- Martingale dog collars, all sizes
- Slip leads

MARC requests that donations do not include retractable leashes.

“Hot Dogs and Cool Cats” is Frame Gallery’s second fundraiser for MARC. The first fundraiser, Pictures with Santa Paws, on Dec. 21, 2024, raised \$750 and collected in-kind donations to support the animals of MARC in time for the winter holidays.

Owner Harriet Runkle hopes to double the amount of cash donations from the proceeds of dog- and cat-themed art and increase the number of in-kind contributions with “Hot Dogs and Cool Cats” this year.

Runkle says, “Hot Dogs and Cool Cats” is all about having fun for a good cause, and inviting artists to use their creativity in a meaningful way makes it even better! I am excited to see how the art show comes together on Aug. 16! It’s a chance to show some love for the homeless cats and dogs in our South Cumberland Plateau community.”



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# Community Art Shows at the Artisan Depot

Each year from August through July, the Franklin County Arts Guild hosts six community art shows. Shows are open to anyone in the county no matter your age, art medium (i.e., from sculpture to crayon), or training level. There is no fee to enter the show. You may sell your work at the show. The gallery will charge a 25 percent commission on sold work. We ask that the contributing artist address the theme in their own way and present a piece of work that is able to be displayed by the intake deadline. These deadlines are given below. Each show has a meet the artists reception on a specified Friday from 5-7 p.m., during the show months. Artists are encouraged to invite friends and families, teachers, and colleagues to their reception. The shows are presented at the Artisan Depot Gallery at 204 Cumberland E in Cowan, (additional parking behind the gallery). More information can be found at the Artisan Depot Gallery during business hours noon to 5 p.m., Thursday through Sunday, or at our website <www.franklincoarts.org>.

Upcycle Art and Wearables, through Sept. 28. Artist reception, 2-5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20. This opening show is special because we will present for the first time gift certificates for the top three entrees (\$100, \$50, and \$25) decided by those attending the reception!

Consumption without Consequence, Oct. 2-Nov. 30. Intake: Sept. 25-28. Reception: Friday, Oct. 17.

Artist Trading Cards, Dec. 4-Feb. 1. Intake: Nov. 27-30. Reception: Friday, Dec. 19.

Is Love Free? Feb. 5-March 29. Intake: Jan. 29-Feb. 1. Reception: Friday, Feb. 20.

Nurture Nature, April 2-May 31. Intake: March 26-29. Reception: Friday, April 17.


40 Degrees Celsius, June 4-Aug. 2. Intake: May 28-31. Reception: June 19.

# Supper in the Park and Jammin’ Until Dark

Altamont is hosting its third annual “Supper in the Park and Jammin’ Until Dark” series, Fridays, on Cumberland Street at the old courthouse square gazebo. Starting at 5 p.m., people can come to the host food truck for a delicious supper, then at 6 p.m., local (and some maybe not so local) acoustic musicians begin a free concert until dark. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, or whatever you need to be comfortable. If you are a musician or singer you need no special invitation to sit in and play. Just show up and jam. The series runs from Fridays in June through the last Friday in August.

**WEAR WHITE AT NIGHT.**

Walkers and bikers should wear light, reflective clothing after dusk. Don’t assume drivers can see you — be on the lookout for your own safety.





## Women's Lacrosse Named IWLCA Academic Honor Squad as 11 Tigers Earn Academic Honors

Sewanee's women's lacrosse team has been named to the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) 2025 Academic Honor Squad, and 11 members of the team have been named to the Academic Honor Roll.

The IWLCA has named 383 schools across Division I, II, and III, and NAIA as IWLCA Academic Honor Squads for the 2024-25 academic year. To qualify for this prestigious honor, the women's lacrosse team must have posted a 3.2 or higher team GPA for the academic year. The Tigers completed the 2024-25 academic year with a 3.60 GPA.

The IWLCA has also honored 1,286 student-athletes from 201 different institutions on the 2024-25 IWLCA Division III Academic Honor Roll. To be eligible for this honor, student-athletes must be a junior, senior, or graduate student and have earned a cumulative academic GPA of 3.50 or greater.

Alexa Berg, Claire Dillard, Clara Earley, Sally Herrington, Malory Magee, Madison Mezzatesta, Elizabeth Muller, Winnie Pajcic, Jessie Salisbury, Claire Saverino, and Brooke Sigmon have garnered the IWLCA Academic Honor Roll honors.



## HOME GAMES

4 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 7, SAS Golf vs. Silverdale Baptist Academy, Marion County High School

4 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 14, SAS Golf vs. Webb

5 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 14, SAS MS and Varsity Cross Country, Mountain Lion Jam-boree

4 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 21, SAS Golf vs. South Pittsburg High School

4:15 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 21, SAS Varsity Girls' Soccer vs. Grace Baptist Academy

7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 21, Women's Soccer vs. Alabama-Huntsville

4 p.m., Friday, Aug. 22, Women's Volleyball vs. Trevecca Nazarene

4:30/5:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 25, SAS JV/Varsity Volleyball vs. South Pittsburg High School

7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 25, Women's Soccer vs. Dalton State College

## Men's Tennis Earns ITA All-Academic Team Award as Eight Tigers Earn Scholar-Athlete Honors

Sewanee's men's tennis team has been named to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) All-Academic Team, and eight members of the team were named ITA Scholar-Athletes.

In 2025, 1,115 Division III men's student-athletes were named an ITA Scholar-Athlete, and 135 men's tennis programs were awarded the All-Academic Team distinction.

To be named an ITA Scholar-athlete, students must have a GPA of at least 3.5 for the current academic year and be listed on the institutional eligibility form. To be named an ITA All-Academic Team, programs must have a team GPA of 3.2 or above.

Joshua Lively, Jordan Theron, Andre-Remi Jakobi, Gil Weston, Drew Rukavina, Liam Selvido, Charlie Pizzuti, and George Thomas Alexander have garnered ITA Scholar-Athlete honors.

Sewanee's men's team achieved a 3.42 cumulative GPA for the 2024-25 academic year.

## Women's Tennis Earns ITA All-Academic Team Status, 10 Named Scholar-Athletes

Sewanee's women's tennis team has been named to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) All-Academic Team, and ten members of the team were named ITA Scholar-Athletes.

In 2025, 1,269 Division III women's student-athletes were named an ITA Scholar-Athlete, and 165 women's tennis programs were awarded the All-Academic Team distinction.

To be named an ITA Scholar-athlete, students must have a GPA of at least 3.5 for the current academic year and be listed on the institutional eligibility form. To be named an ITA All-Academic Team, programs must have a team GPA of 3.2 or above.

Ivy Wilson, Brooke Despriet, CiCi Hardin, Mariella Congeni, Emma Caldwell, Allison Bizub, Ansley Carpenter, Bradley Tyer Jones, Lexi Barbee, and Sarah Livingston have garnered ITA Scholar-Athlete honors.

Sewanee's women's team achieved a 3.67 cumulative GPA for the 2024-25 academic year.

## Track and Field Teams Garner USTFCCA All-Academic Team Honors

Sewanee's track and field teams were named to the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCA) All-Academic Teams as announced by the association.

Sewanee's men's and women's teams were each honored with All-Academic Team recognition for earning a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.1 as a team. The women's team posted a team GPA of 3.42, and the men's team posted a GPA of 3.23.

## SAS Mountain Lion Club Hosts Annual Workday and Lunch

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School invites all members of the community to participate in its annual Mountain Lion Club Workday on Saturday, Aug. 9, from 9–11:30 a.m. Volunteers will help prepare athletic facilities—including the concession stand, weight room, new outdoors facility, and more—for the upcoming school year.

Participants are encouraged to bring gloves and outdoor tools. Following the work session, a complimentary lunch will be provided for all volunteers. Come support SAS athletics and help get the season off to a great start.

## Sewanee Youth Soccer Registration Open

Sewanee Youth Soccer registration is open for ages 3+, groups Lil Kickers through U12. Register online: <<https://www.fcsooccer.org/>>.

Sewanee Youth Soccer will be using the academy soccer model which allows players to participate without following the rules of team formation. Players will gather for practice and game day scrimmages by age group, rather than team, for skill development and small sided games. By having a variety of different groupings during practices and intramural games the kids get more touches on the ball while playing soccer with all of their friends.

Little Kickers, U6, U8, U10, and U12 age groups are available in Sewanee. Depending on enrollment some age groups may combine.

Please consider volunteering when you register your player!

Soccer will be at Sewanee Community Ballfields on Ball Park Rd., on Saturdays beginning Sept. 7, 2025

Cost: Lil Kickers = \$65 per player, U6+ = \$80 per player (uniform included in registration cost).

Questions? Contact Georgia Hewitt <[georgiahewitt@gmail.com](mailto:georgiahewitt@gmail.com)> or by phone (931) 205-4335.

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NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried



Rosebay rhododendron. Photo by Yolande Gottfried

Cumberland Plateau Geology Extension

We have been traveling in western and northern Pennsylvania on the Allegheny Plateau, an extension of the geology of our own Cumberland Plateau. One of the highlights for me was visiting Cook Forest State Park, which I had visited several times as a child. I knew it had preserved some old growth forest and was eager to see that again. It is called The Forest Cathedral Natural Area and has trees dating back to the time of William Penn, referred to as “William Penn Trees” — eastern hemlock and white pine. This area was largely logged for these trees in the 1800’s, when two thirds of the forests in Pennsylvania disappeared. Lumber baron Anthony W. Cook saved this part of his holdings from cutting and others raised the funds to make it accessible to the public. The trees we saw were not as large as I remembered — of course, I was smaller. (The hemlocks in Fiery Gizzard are bigger). Also, in 1956, a storm of cyclonic intensity took down trees as large as 48 inches in diameter. Nevertheless, trees with long trunks and no low branches and deeply furrowed bark along with large standing dead and fallen trees indicate old growth. There was a magical moment as we stood among the trees with a hermit thrush singing. The ground was largely covered with intermediate fern. Rose bay rhododendron was in bloom. The black-throated green warbler was also singing and in many ways it felt like we were back in the Smokies.

Nature Journaling Continues

The Nature Journaling group, sponsored by the Sewanee Herbarium, meets Thursdays, 9-11 a.m. Grab a pencil and paper and plan to join us. Email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com> for more information and meeting location.



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**Buggytop Cave Crawl — Saturdays at 11 a.m. Free.** Please join us at the Buggytop trailhead (follow signs for Lost Cove West) for a hike to our Buggytop Cave, where we will explore the cave system underneath the park. We will hike a strenuous two miles in and out. The caving experience is moderate to strenuous, so please be prepared to crawl, wade, and hoist yourself up at times. Please bring a change of clothes, closed-toe shoes, water for the hike in/out, and snacks for a break. The experience should last 3-4 hours. We will provide headlamps and helmets, but you’re welcome to bring your own. Sign up is required and limited to 10 participants. Please email Ranger Matthew at <[matthew.j.thomas@tn.gov](mailto:matthew.j.thomas@tn.gov)> to register.

**Back to School Hike—South Cumberland State Park, Friday, Aug. 1, 1–2:30 p.m. Donations accepted. Register for event.** Join us on a trek through the woods and gaze at wondrous waterfalls! Meet Ranger Ben under the Pavilion at The Grundy Forest Natural Area located at 131 Fiery Gizzard Rd., Tracy City. We will hike on a natural surface for 2 miles. Please dress for the weather and wear appropriate attire. The Grundy Forest parking area is under construction for ADA upgrades, but is open for parking. Please exercise caution when driving through due to uneven surfaces. Registration is required to attend this program and closes 24 hours prior to the event. If you are not registered, we will not be able to accommodate you.

**Sunset Stroll—South Cumberland State Park, Saturday, Aug. 2, 6:45 a.m. Free. Register for event.** Meet at Denny Cove Trailhead. As the day winds down and golden light spills across the landscape, the park transforms—and during this Sunset Stroll, you’ll get to see it from a whole new perspective. We will be watching the sunset from a secret overlook. Led by a Seasonal Interpretive Ranger, this guided hike offers exclusive access to a section of the park that is normally closed to the public. This is a rare opportunity to experience the quieter, hidden side of the park while learning more about its ecology, wildlife, and seasonal rhythms. Moderate difficulty, uneven terrain possible. Not stroller-accessible. Bring sturdy shoes, water, flashlight or headlamp, and layers for cooler evening temps. Space is limited to protect sensitive areas—please register early! Step beyond the usual trails and take in the magic of the park as it transitions from day to night.

**Early Bird Birding—South Cumberland State Park, Sunday, Aug. 3, 8:15 a.m. Free.** Meet at South Cumberland State Park Visitor Center. Join Interpreter Ranger Ashlyn to listen and view some of the native bird species to South Cumberland. Feel free to bring any binoculars or scopes you have. We will be walking a bit around trails so please wear appropriate hiking footwear.

**Nature’s Footprints—South Cumberland State Park, Sunday, Aug. 3, 1:30 p.m. Free.** Meet at Foster Falls Trail Head. Even when wildlife remains out of sight, they leave behind subtle clues—like footprints, trails, and track patterns. In Nature’s Footprints, we’ll investigate these clues up close using a collection of detailed animal track molds from local species. This is a hands-on, touch-and-learn experience perfect for budding naturalists, families, or anyone who’s ever wondered, “Whose track is that?”

**Busy Beavers at Grundy—South Cumberland State Park, Friday, Aug. 8, 1:30 p.m. Free.** Meet at Muddy Lake at Grundy Lakes (small pond on the right). Join interpretive ranger Ashlyn for a wild and wonderful look into the lives of Grundy Lakes’ most industrious residents—the beavers! These clever creatures are nature’s engineers, building dams and lodges that transform the landscape and provide shelter for countless other animals. Learn how beavers shape their environment, what their incredible teeth can do, and what an active site looks like. This hands-on, family-friendly program includes a short nature walk, beaver lodge viewing, real pelts and skulls to examine, and fun facts!

**Grundy Forest Day Loop Hike—South Cumberland State Park Friday, Aug. 8, 9–11 a.m. Free.** Meet at: Northern Entrance of the Fiery Gizzard Trail Head, 131 Fiery Gizzard Rd., Tracy City. Come out and enjoy this guided 2 mile hike with Interpreter Ranger Ashlyn of the scenic and beautiful Grundy Forest Day Loop. Along this hike, we will see two waterfalls, several cascades, and sections of old growth forest. Large portions of this hike include being along the creek. Please wear closed-toe shoes for this hike due to areas of rocky and rooty terrain. Also bring along any snacks and plenty of water to get you through this hike.

**Hike to Big Creek Overlook—Savage Gulf State Park, Monday, Aug. 11, 8:30–11:30 a.m. \$5. Register for event.** Meet at Savage Gulf West Trailhead (Greeter Falls Trailhead) 550 Greeter Falls Rd., Altamont. Join Ranger Jamie on a day hike to the Big Creek Overlook. We will begin the hike by taking the Greeter Trail to the Big Creek Overlook and on the way back we will be completing the Greeter Falls Loop Trail. This hike will be approximately 3 miles in total and is considered strenuous in certain areas. Please be prepared for a challenging hike. Please make sure you have sturdy hiking shoes, plenty of water and snacks, and are capable of completing the entire hike. We will take short breaks as needed but will also be walking for extended periods of time during the hike. We will observe a beautiful overlook, waterfall, and we will also chat about the park and/or what we see along the way. Accessory items to help you enjoy the hike such as cameras and binoculars are encouraged but not required.



Alice Cooper



Archie

MARC’s Mountain Adoptables Meet Alice Cooper & Archie

Dear sweet Alice. If you want a kitten who will crawl into your lap while you watch some evening TV, Alice is your guy! Full of energy, he sleeps with as much gusto as he plays. The first to gather at your feet as soon as you begin to prepare kitten dinner, Alice is enthusiastic about everything! Don’t miss out on this great little fellow.

Archie is a lover and enjoys playing with other dogs and with people. He is around seven months old and weighs about 45 pounds. He is a brown and tan color with white highlights. Archie likes to give kisses and will give you a bunch if you will make him part of your family. He is getting used to a leash and is doing well with tender loving encouragement. Archie would really like to find his very own inside loving home hopefully including some young people. He is going to make a great companion.

If you would like to learn more about Alice Cooper and Archie, please fill out an Adoption Application found on our MARC website <[www.marc4change.org](http://www.marc4change.org)> and/or contact Sue Scruggs, cell phone (423) 619-3845. All MARC animals ready for adoption are spayed or neutered and up-to-date on their vaccines and preventatives.

MARC - Marion Animal Resource Connection is a 501(c)3 non-profit animal welfare organization. It is not a shelter and relies on foster homes to save animals. MARC also provides low cost spay/neuter procedures for animals and is available for teaching humane care of animals in schools and to community organizations.

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| Wed | July 23 | 90 | 69 | Avg temp =      | 79    |
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Don't clog up your pipes and sewer lines; take your used cooking oil to 419 Joyce Lane, Winchester.  
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FROM BARD TO VERSE

by Robin Bates

A New School Year Begins

In Mrs Tilscher’s class  
You could travel up the Blue Nile  
with your finger, tracing the route  
while Mrs Tilscher chanted the scenery.  
“Tana. Ethiopia. Khartoum. Aswan.”  
That for an hour,  
then a skittle of milk  
and the chalky Pyramids rubbed into dust.  
A window opened with a long pole.  
The laugh of a bell swung by a running child.

This was better than home. Enthralling books.  
The classroom glowed like a sweetshop.  
Sugar paper. Coloured shapes. Brady and Hindley  
faded, like the faint, uneasy smudge of a mistake.  
Mrs Tilscher loved you. Some mornings, you found  
she’d left a gold star by your name.  
The scent of a pencil slowly, carefully, shaved.  
A xylophone’s nonsense heard from another form.

Over the Easter term the inky tadpoles changed  
from commas into exclamation marks. Three frogs  
hopped in the playground, freed by a dunce  
followed by a line of kids, jumping and croaking  
away from the lunch queue. A rough boy  
told you how you were born. You kicked him, but stared  
at your parents, appalled, when you got back  
home

That feverish July, the air tasted of electricity.  
A tangible alarm made you always untidy, hot,  
fractious under the heavy, sexy sky. You asked her  
how you were born and Mrs Tilscher smiled  
then turned away. Reports were handed out.  
You ran through the gates, impatient to be grown  
the sky split open into a thunderstorm.  
--Carol Ann Duff, In Mrs. Tilscher’s Class

Community Calendar

- Friday, Aug. 1**  
*FC Schools First Day (Abbreviated - 8-10 a.m.)*  
*GC Schools Orientation Day (8-11:30 a.m.)*  
*MC Schools In-Service, also Aug. 2*
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
  - 9 a.m. Yin Yoga, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m.
  - 10 a.m. Summer Meals, Sherwood/Crow Creek Community Center, 10225 Sherwood Rd., Sherwood, until 1 p.m.
  - 10 a.m. YouFit, Betsy, Community Center; also at noon
  - 10:45 a.m. MSSA Lecture: “Iron Tigers, a novel inspired by the team that conquered the Dixies and launched Southern football,” David Neil Drews, Warren Chapel
  - 3 p.m. Summer Meals, Grundy Safe Communities Coalition, 14399 US-41, Tracy City, until 6 p.m.
  - 3 p.m. Three Seasons Market, 14399 US Hwy. 41, Tracy City, until 6 p.m.
  - 5 p.m. Supper in the Park & Jammin’ Until Dark, old courthouse square pavilion, Cumberland St., Altamont

- Saturday, Aug. 2**
- 8 a.m. SES “Make a Difference Day,”until noon
  - 8 a.m. Sewanee Gardeners’ Market, Hawkins Lane, until 10 a.m.
  - 9:30 a.m. Vinyasa Flow Yoga, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:45 a.m..
  - 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
  - 10 a.m. Summer Meals, Altamont Public Library, 1433 Main St., Altamont, until 1 p.m.
  - 1 p.m. “Come & See Day,” St. Mary’s Sewanee, 770 St. Mary’s Lane, until 4 p.m.
  - 2 p.m. Mountain T.O.P. Jubilee, 480 Old State Hwy. 56, Coalmont

- Sunday, Aug. 3 • CAC Pantry Sunday**
- 1 p.m. YouFit, Betsy, Community Center
  - 2 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney’s, until 4 p.m.
  - 4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

- Monday, Aug. 4**  
*FC Schools Staff Development*  
*GC Schools First Full Day of School*
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10 a.m.
  - 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
  - 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
  - 5:30 p.m. Hatha Flow, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 6:45 p.m.
  - 5:30 p.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.

- Tuesday, Aug. 5**  
*FC Schools First Full Day of School*  
*MC Schools Registration*
- 8 a.m. GC Food Bank, 114 S. Industrial Park Rd., Coalmont, until 10 a.m.
  - 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
  - 9 a.m. Mixed Flow, High Vibes, Country Mart
  - 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
  - 10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
  - 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery, Tracy City

- noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 4 p.m. Monteagle Planning Commission, conference room, City Hall
- 4 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers’ Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Easy Flow Yoga, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.

- Wednesday, Aug. 6**  
*MC Schools Staff Development*
- 8 a.m. CCJP Hiroshima Day observance, Texas Ave. entrance to Abbo’s Alley; period of silence 8 - 8:15 a.m.
  - 9 a.m. Qi Gong, High Vibes, Country Mart, until 10 a.m.
  - 9 a.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
  - 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
  - 10 a.m. Art Wednesday, (free), Artisan Depot, 204 E. Cumberland St., until noon
  - 10 a.m. Summer Meals, Palmer Library, 2115 Main St., Palmer, until 1 p.m.
  - 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
  - 5 p.m. Mobility, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 6 p.m.
  - 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center
  - 6:30 p.m. Kundalini, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 7:30 p.m.

- Thursday, Aug. 7**  
*FC Schools Staff Development*  
*MC Schools First Full Day of School*
- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, St. Mary’s Sewanee
  - 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
  - 9 a.m. Nature Journaling, email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com> for details/meeting location
  - 9:30 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, conference room, Monteagle City Hall, until 10:30 a.m.
  - 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
  - 10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
  - noon Pilates, intermed., Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
  - 3 p.m. Fresh Mess Market, Harton Park, 123 S. College St., Monteagle, until 6 p.m.

- Friday, Aug. 8**
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
  - 9 a.m. Yin Yoga, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m.
  - 10 a.m. YouFit, Betsy, Community Center; also at noon
  - 3 p.m. Three Seasons Market, 14399 US Hwy. 41, Tracy City, until 6 p.m.
  - 5 p.m. Supper in the Park & Jammin’ Until Dark, old courthouse square pavilion, Cumberland St., Altamont

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- Friday**  
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- Saturday**  
7 p.m., NA, open, Decherd United Methodist
- Sunday**  
6:30 p.m., AA, open, the Wesley House, MMUMC
- Monday**  
5 p.m., 12-Step Women’s Study Group. Call (931) 327-5551 for information and for the Zoom link
- 7 p.m., AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City
- Tuesday**  
7 p.m., AA, open, First Baptist, Altamont
- 7 p.m., AA, open, Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester
- Wednesday**  
10 a.m., AA, closed, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493
- 7 p.m., NA, Decherd United Methodist
- Thursday**  
6 p.m., Life’s Healing Choice, Grundy County Recovery Alliance, Coalmont
- 6 p.m., Celebrate Recovery, City Light Church, Monteagle
- 7 p.m., Serenity in Sewanee
- AA, open, Brooks Hall, Sewanee
- 7 p.m., Al-Anon, First UMC, Winchester