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Plateau Tourism: Vigilance, Passion, 'Push, Push, Push'

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"Tourism is my passion. It's been push, push, push," Grundy County Mayor Michael Brady said, reflecting on the effort to utilize tourism to foster sustainable economic development on the South Cumberland Plateau. The region's natural beauty and demographics called Brady to zero in on tourism as a way to spur growth, but he acknowledged tourism was a double-edged sword. "We don't want to change the community, just to bring to the forefront what we are—place friendly, family oriented," Brady insisted. "With tourism can come things you don't want. We need to protect the integrity and legacy of the citizens."

A 2019 grant focusing on tourism driven economic development generated a brand for the area: Mountains of Adventure. The Grundy County Mayor's office took the lead in implementing steps outlined by the grant. Highlighting the benefits of tourism, Brady said it created employment; created a tax base without a burden on the citizens; and brought retail business and services the community would not have otherwise, everything from restaurants to health care.

AmeriCorps VISTA Dominic Gialdini pointed to another benefit of tourism driven economic development: compared to industry it required "minimal infrastructure." The key lay in "opportunizing" what already existed by "mobilizing the local population." To that end, Gialdini took on the task of developing a board-committee structure to oversee tourism on the Plateau.

Why a tourism board? "I have other responsibilities, as well," Brady conceded. "And I won't always be mayor...I don't want tourism to go away."

The newly formed board consists of a three-member executive committee, tasked with refereeing fund allocation, and a marketing committee, tasked with strategic planning for specialized areas: hospitality and dining, entertainment, parks and recreation, and holistic regional plans. Plateau area mayors selected the members for the two committees drawing on a slate of nominees submitted by officials from the nine Plateau communities: Altamont, Beersheba Springs, Coalmont, Gruetli-Laager, Monteagle, Palmer, Pelham, Sewanee, and Tracy City.

Plans also call for hiring a tourism coordinator who will serve as a non-voting member of both committees, and update the "Mountains of Adventure" website.

The county hotel-motel tax generates revenue for marketing tourism, Brady said, with other revenue coming from grants. The county annually applies for a Tourism Marketing grant to purchase brochures and marketing materials. A \$78,000 Tourism Enhancement grant will buy wayfinding signs to help visitors navigate the Plateau. The nine communities designed personalized logos and will received \$5,000 each to purchase signage from a catalogue of options.

When possible, Brady also utilizes non-tourism grants to beautify the region or help market tourism. He directed some COVID relief funds toward promoting safe social distancing opportunities on the Plateau.

Citing other resources, Brady said the state had been a good partner. The state-funded \$3 million Stone Door Annex project will increase camping availability and create jobs.

But what about protecting the citizens from possible unwanted consequences of tourism?

Brady stressed the need for vigilance and calling the County Powers Act into service to discourage and limit "nuisance" activity. He pointed to four recently curtailed "nuisance" initiatives. Illustrative, an adult-entertainment business chose not to locate in Pelham, discouraged by regulations limiting proximity to the interstate and to stores selling alcoholic beverages. Adult-entertainment establishments correlate with a 60 percent increase in crime, Brady said.

Meanwhile, in the past two years, occupancy at motels and B&Bs has significantly increased, a sign of increased tourism. Has the region seen economic benefits as a consequence?

Brady's reply: "We're not the poorest county in the state anymore. And we are only a few percentage points from coming out of distressed status. Of course, without distressed status, it becomes more of a challenge to get grants"—another double-edged sword for Plateau tourism to tackle. But all signs indicate the challenge will be met with finesse, grace and success.



Examples of some of the Plateau community "wayfinding sign" logos.

SUD Looks at Long Range Financial Picture

by Leslie Lytle
Messenger Staff Writer

At the Aug. 17 meeting of the Sewanee Utility District Board of Commissioners, accountant Don Mills presented an analysis of SUD's financial situation 10 years into the future. The board also heard an update on the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) highway project and approved purchasing a new computer for the water plant.

Mills looked at the past 10 years to project future financial stability. He took the "aberrant" 2020 figures out of his calculations since low revenue during the pandemic skewed the results. SUD's water and sewer billing for 2020 was \$101,493 below the previous year, Mills noted. Mills determined \$800,000 in depreciable assets would need to be replaced based on their useful life, resulting in a negative net position by 2027-2028.

"The good news is you never run out of cash. I was amazed," Mills said. "Worst case scenario, in 2030 you would still have \$500,000." Mills did not figure in a rate increase, but he cautioned his calculations did not take into account the possibility of a major addition, and his depreciation replacement factor of 1.25 might not be adequate. "It depends on the asset," SUD manager Ben Beavers said. Beavers will review the depreciation list and make adjustments on replacement cost. He also observed some assets outlived their useful life. "I'm not going to replace [an asset] until it breaks," Beavers said.

Updating the board on the TDOT project to narrow Highway 41A, Beavers said the total cost, at present, including construction, engineering, and inspection, was \$254,187—\$234,000 less than expected. Accounting for the cost decrease, Beavers explained much of the sewer line wasn't replaced since the line was in good shape and sufficiently deep so as to not interfere with construction. The sewer portion of the project was completed for \$55,000, \$218,000 under bid. The Alabama Avenue storm drain section remained to be completed and could impact the final cost. "The University could potentially owe us \$200,000 and change," Beavers said. [Note: The project evolved in conjunction with the University pursuing its Sewanee Village Plan for the downtown area. The University verbally agreed to help mitigate the cost to SUD. See Messenger, Aug. 21, 2020.]

Taking up the need for a new computer at the water plant, Beavers said the existing computer was 11 years old, had outlived its seven year life span, and was no longer supported by Microsoft. "If it crashes, it will take four months to recover," Beavers stressed. He applied for CARES Act money from the Franklin and Marion County mayors to replace the

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Monteagle Allocates \$395K: Police, Fire, Utility Needs

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the Aug. 16 special called meeting, the Monteagle Council approved almost \$400,000 in expenditures for police, fire, and utility department needs. The council also voted on first reading to adopt two use-impacting zoning ordinances.

Among police department expenses approved by the council were a generator and transfer switch (\$6,900); electrical upgrades to accommodate the generator system (\$3,800); and two used Ford Explorers (\$22,500). Chief Jared Nunley said the vehicles were "ready to go" and needed only radios and striping. The council also approved an additional \$51,000 for officer salaries, making possible two full-time officers on duty, day and night. "No officer needs to be out there by himself," Mayor Marilyn Campbell Rodman said. Nunley introduced officers Jeremiah Dallas and Jacob Durm, crediting them with "getting all the drugs off the street." Last week the police seized 40 grams of meth and made 15 arrests, 12 drug related.

The council accepted the recommendation of Greg Maloof not to spend \$20,000 repairing the 1998 fire truck and, instead, to put the money toward the purchase of a used 2006 rescue-pumper truck, cost not to exceed \$150,000. Maloof advises the police and fire departments. Alderman Nate Wilson called purchasing the dual-purpose truck "a win-win." The department will apply for grants to help with the purchase and launch a

fundraising campaign directed at area residents and businesses. Rodman observed many people who lived outside the Monteagle city limits relied on the city for fire protection. The department currently has only one serviceable truck, Maloof said. Acquiring the rescue-pumper truck will improve the departments ISO ratings, so may lower area residents' fire insurance premiums. The council also approved spending \$3,500 for overdue fire hydrant maintenance. Maloof recommended maintenance on all 101 hydrants this year, and going forward, scheduling a portion of the hydrants for maintenance annually.

Taking up utility department manager John Condra's requests, the council approved \$65,000 for repair to the chipped and cracking concrete basin at the water plant, with the repair to include replacing the catwalks if needed. The council also approved \$40,000 for the purchase of a high-pressure pump and \$53,000 for purchase of equipment and software to facilitate phosphorus testing and accurate flow readings at the sewer plant.

The two zoning ordinances approved were recommended by the planning commission. Ordinance 14-21 will rezone property on the corner of Lydia and South Central Avenue from R-3 (high density residential) to R-1 (low density residential). At the June planning commission meeting, building commissioner Earl Geary said the lot was too small for a multi-

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The FYP 115: "Here and There, Now and Then" class stopped by the Messenger office, with their professor Chris McDonough. Finding Your Place is a program that introduces new students to campus, course work, professors, and classmates. Its place-based approach synthesizes knowledge and experiences across many disciplines and prepares students for an engaged life in and beyond Sewanee.

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TDH Offering Third Dose of mRNA Vaccine

The Tennessee Department of Health is acting upon recent guidance from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding an additional dose of the COVID-19 mRNA vaccine for moderately and severely immunocompromised individuals.

On Aug. 13, the CDC accepted ACIP recommendations for an additional dose of the mRNA COVID-19 vaccine. This includes approval for a third dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine (approved for individuals age 12 years and above) and the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine (approved for individuals age 18 years and above). The recommendation from the CDC does not include approval for an additional dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Tennesseans should talk with their health care provider about their medical condition, and whether getting an additional dose is appropriate for them.

Based on the recommendations from the FDA and CDC, moderately and severely immunocompromised individuals are defined as:

Receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system

Received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system

Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)

Advanced or untreated HIV infection

Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response

A notification has been sent to all Tennessee providers with information on these recommendations. Providers are encouraged to begin offering the additional dose option to eligible patients. Visit <<https://www.vaccines.gov>> to find a vaccine site offering the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. Patients do not need to prove their diagnosis to be eligible for an additional vaccine dose.

Local health departments across the state will be administering the additional dose option with no appointment necessary.

Individuals seeking more information on the COVID-19 vaccines can visit <<https://covid19.tn.gov>> or <<https://www.vaccines.gov>> to schedule an appointment with a local vaccine provider.

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The South Cumberland Farmers' Market has breads, fruits and vegetables, eggs, coffee and meats available. Learn more online at <<https://sewanee.locallygrown.net>>.

The Franklin County Farmers' Market is open 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday on Dinah Shore Boulevard, Winchester, next to the Franklin County Annex building. Follow them on Facebook.

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## Walk to Remember Our Children

The Compassionate Friends is sponsoring a Walk to Remember Our Children. The Walk to Remember Our Children will take place at 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 12, beginning at Frazer McEwen Park in Tullahoma at the large pavilion near the baseball field. This event is to remember and honor the lives of our deceased children and will be one of our major events of the year. We will share potluck finger foods at the end of the walk. This event is sponsored by The Highland Rim Chapter of the Compassionate Friends.

The support group meets the second Sunday of each month from 2-3:30 p.m. at Church of Christ at Cedar Lane, 1200 Cedar Lane, Tullahoma.

## MCCSN Walk-A-Thon

The mission of the eight-county (Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Grundy, Lincoln, Marion, Moore and Warren) nonprofit Multi-County Cancer Support Network (MCCSN) is to help cancer patients financially by paying utilities, providing food vouchers and travel reimbursement for trips to receive chemo or radiation treatments.

MCCSN is entirely dependent on churches, individuals, business, clubs, volunteers, sponsors of special events, and supporters of the annual Walk-A-Thon, all of whom give generously to provide needed assistance to cancer patients.

Friday, Sept. 10, marks the 28th annual Walk-A-Thon, which takes place from 6-10 p.m. at the old FCHS Football Stadium, 801 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester. How can you participate? There are many options:

Walk the opening "survival" lap if you are a cancer survivor. You will receive a T-shirt from MCCSN at no cost.

Memorials and Honorariums: a candle is lit on the field the night of the event. \$10 donation per name.

Form a Team. Each team member donates \$50. Team T-shirts are available to pick up from the MCCSN office.

Business and individuals desiring to become sponsors should submit your request and donations no later than Aug. 24.

Forms for all these participation choices are available at <www.MCCSN.org>.

## Upcoming Meetings

### FCDP to Elect New Leaders at Reorganization Convention

The Franklin County Democratic Party (FCDP) will hold a Biennial Reorganization Convention to elect new leaders on Saturday, Aug. 21. The meeting will take place at the Franklin County Annex Large Conference Room on Dinah Shore Boulevard in Winchester. Doors open for registration at 10:30 a.m. The convention start time is noon, when the doors will be closed.

For more information, contact Bob Zimmerman, FCDP Chair at (931) 308-7202.

### Rotary Club Meeting

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club will meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 26, at LaBella Pearl's. Bill Harper will present the program on his experience hiking the Camino Santiago.

### Franklin County School Board

The Franklin County School Board will meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Aug. 30, for a workshop to review testing scores. The regular board meeting scheduled for Monday, Sept. 13, has been moved to 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 16.

### Monteagle Town Council

The Monteagle Town Council is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Aug. 30, in the conference room at City Hall.

## DREMC 2021 Annual Meeting Cancelled

Duck River Electric Membership Corporation (DREMC) is announcing the cancellation of their 2021 Annual Meeting, originally scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 21, at Harris Middle School in Shelbyville.

"The rising number of COVID-19 cases in the area has led us to the difficult decision to cancel the in-person meeting this year," said Scott Spence, DREMC President and CEO. "We look forward to reconvening with the membership in 2022."

Results of the Zone 5 director election, business reports and other important information will be made available to the membership in the October edition of The Tennessee Magazine and in video format online at <www.dremc.com>.

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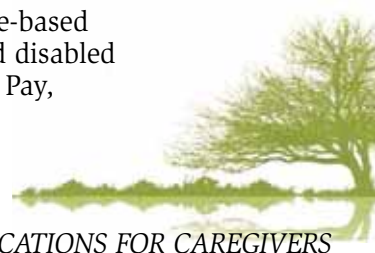
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## St. Mark's Community History Reunion

The St. Mark's Community History Reunion will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 4, at the St. Mark's Community Center on Alabama Avenue. This is the third St. Mark's Community History Reunion with present and former residents. This event is devoted to celebrating and preserving the history of African-Americans in Sewanee. There will be barbecue and local entertainment provided by The Roberson Project.

Everyone is invited to bring personal memorabilia (photographs, scrapbooks, postcards and letters, your family bible, school records, yearbooks, trophies, and diplomas, which will be added to the Save Sewanee Black History Archive <<https://blacksewanee.org>>. This Archive ensures that future generations will remember Sewanee's African-American history. Your items will be scanned and returned to you along with a free digital copy on a thumb drive. Oral interviews will also be conducted so your story can be recorded.

For any questions or additional information, email us at <Roberson-Project@sewanee.edu>, or call Kathy at (931) 598-3187.

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**Zumba with Lauren Laurino** <[drren@laurenlaurino.com](mailto:drren@laurenlaurino.com)>, (908) 328-8769. Classes will begin with the basics and build to more challenging choreography. This is a fun workout! Classes will meet Tuesday at 11 a.m. and Sunday at 1:30 pm. Single classes are \$15, packages of multiples are available.

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# Church News

## Christ Church

Aug. 22 will be a very special day at Christ Church, as we host the Rev. Vic Minish and his family and many others, who are coming here be part of the Confirmation of their friends and family. Vic is an administrator and teacher at Faith Academy in Anniston, Ala. Bishop John Alban Greaves will be celebrant, and Christ Church is presenting an episcopal ring to him to honor his ministry. As Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of the South, he will succeed Bishop William Millsaps when Bishop Millsaps retires from that office. Bishop Millsaps will confirm the confirmands who have come from other churches and those from Christ Church. On this same Sunday, Bishop Peter N'gangda will be presenting his ministry within The Anglican Diocese of Kenya at Holy Cross Anglican Church in Franklin, Tenn.

As we celebrate these events, we also pray for those suffering in Afghanistan and Haiti. Prayer and concern need not be political, nor be a cause for debate. In a kind of irony, The Episcopal Missionary Church has a connection to Kabul, since one of our retired bishops, Bishop Edward P. Whatley, who attended seminary in Sewanee, taught English in a Girls School in Kabul, after serving as a Line Officer in Vietnam.

Lunch will be served after the service on Sunday morning. Visitors are always expected and welcomed.

## Midway Baptist Church

Midway Baptist Church will be hosting its annual Homecoming services on Saturday, Aug. 21, at 6 p.m. with a Gospel singing with The Cavaliers from Perry Florida, and The Green Family. Service starts Sunday, Aug. 22, at 10:30 a.m., with a singing with The Cavaliers and preaching by former Pastor Thomas George. All will be followed by a fellowship and a potluck meal. All are welcome to attend.

## St. Agnes' Episcopal Church

The Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt, 11th Bishop of Tennessee, will make his annual trip to Cowan on Sunday, Aug. 22. The Bishop will lead the 11 a.m. service at St. Agnes' Episcopal Church and join the congregation for lunch afterward. St. Agnes' is located at 105 E. England St., Cowan.

## St. Mark and St. Paul

The 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist is in the church for those fully vaccinated for at least 2 weeks. Masking is required indoors. The 8:30 a.m. service is also livestreamed on our Facebook page. It is available there and on our YouTube channel at 11 a.m. and afterward. The 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist is outside for all (in case of rain, this service will take place in the church with open windows, and curtailed singing.)

Godly Play will be Sunday

mornings through the fall from 9:45–10:45 a.m.

Weather permitting, they will gather outside. Please bring a mask and water bottle. In case of rain, the groups will be inside, wearing masks, with windows open.

CAC continues to serve those in need 9–11 a.m., Monday through Friday. Call (931) 598-5927.

## St. Mary's Sewanee

The Method of Two Way Prayer

will be offered from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 28, at St. Mary's Sewanee.

This workshop brings to life the spiritual principles and practices of Alcoholics Anonymous from their Oxford Group roots to the present day. It focuses on early AA's lost, but life-changing practice known as Two Way Prayer. The workshop is open to members of all 12-Step Fellowships but will benefit spiritual seekers of all stripes.

Many people in and out of recovery struggle to find a simple

and effective prayer and meditation practice. AA Co-Founder Bill Wilson wrote, "something was lost from AA when we stopped emphasizing the morning meditation." Learn what their practice was and how you can benefit from it today.

Registration is required. Go to <<https://www.stmaryssewanee.org>>.

## Sisters of St. Mary

The Sisters of St. Mary are wel-

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# Church Calendar

## Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

## All Saints' Chapel

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Sunday

## Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Worship, Wednesday

## Chapman Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Pelham

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Bible study, Wednesday

## Christ Church, 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

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## Christ Church Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Morning Prayer, Sunday

noon Holy Eucharist, 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

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## 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 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Sunday

12:15 p.m. Noonday Prayer, Tuesday

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

4:30 p.m. Book Study, Wednesday, until 5:30 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

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Sunday Morning Service (available on Facebook Live)

5 p.m. Sunday Evening Service

## 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 <<https://www.mortonmemorialumc.com>>

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

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

## Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

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11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

## New Beginnings Church, Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Worship Service, Sunday

## New 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

9:45 a.m. Godly Play

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, outdoors

## 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. Holy Eucharist Rite II, in-person and Zoom, Sunday

## St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

## St. Mark & St. Paul

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, indoors (for those fully vaccinated, masks required), livestream Facebook, YouTube later

9:45 a.m. Godly Play

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, outdoors (masks optional but recommended)

## St. Mary's Sewanee

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

4 p.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom, Wednesday

## Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

## Sisters of St. Mary Convent Chapel

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Tuesday–Friday; (7 a.m., feast days; 8 a.m., Saturdays)

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sundays, sign up online <<https://www.communityofstmarysouth.org>>

5 p.m. Evening Prayer, Tuesday–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

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

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

## 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

## Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

# Obituaries

## Justin Don Anderson

Justin Don Anderson, age 30 of Tracy City, died on Aug. 11, 2021. He was born on Oct. 22, 1990, to Jerry Don Anderson and Tina Michelle Meadows. He was preceded in death by his grandparents David and Linda Anderson and Lloyd Ray Meadows.

He is survived by son, Grayson Anderson; father, Jerry Don Anderson; mother, Tina Michelle Meadows; grandmother Ida Mae (Lloyd Ray) Meadows; brothers, Cody Anderson and Jake Anderson; sister, Ashley Anderson; uncles, David (Kathy) Anderson, Lloyd (Starr) Meadows; aunts, Jamie (Jason) Copeland, Amanda Meadows, Crystal Anderson, and Tasha Campbell; one nephew; and several cousins.

Funeral services were on Aug. 15, 2021, from the Foster and Lay Chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home with Bro. Bobby Winton officiating. Interment followed in Plainview Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <[www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net](http://www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net)>.

## Debbie Ruth Edwards

Debbie Ruth Edwards, age 54, died on Aug. 12, 2021, in Winchester. She was born on March 26, 1967, to Lawrence and Jackie Green. Her parents owned and operated the City Cafe in Sewanee for many years and she would work there after school. She loved her family, friends, and cats. She had a passion for puzzles, and was an overall good-hearted person.

She is survived by her husband, Douglas Edwards, and several cousins.

Funeral services are incomplete at this time. For complete obituary go to <[www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net](http://www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net)>.

## Richard Alan Woods

Richard Alan “Woody” Woods, age 60, died on Aug. 11, 2021, at Southern Tennessee Medical Center. He graduated from Titusville High School in Florida and went on to the School of Hard Knocks, as he liked to say. He moved to Sewanee for employment 15 years ago. Here he found a community of kindred spirits and made the mountain his home and the people his family.

He is survived by his mother, Winona Kaiser Woods; sons, Richard Alan Woods and Dalton Kenneth Russell Woods; sisters, Gail Peabody and Shelley Dougherty; one grandson; multiple nieces and nephews; and his friend Knucklehead, a black Labrador. For complete obituary go to <[www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net](http://www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net)>.



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**Church News** *(continued from page 4)*

coming those who have been fully vaccinated to our Daily Offices and Eucharist in our convent chapel. Morning Prayer is held at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday, except on feast days when it is held at 7 a.m. Each Saturday, Morning Prayer is held at 8 a.m. Evening Prayer is held at 5 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. For those who would like to attend our 8 a.m. Eucharist on

Sundays, we require that you sign up online, as we are limiting the number to five family units in our chapel due to our limited size and for the safety of all involved.

The sign up sheet is available at <<https://www.communityofstmarysouth.org>>. For the current schedule of services please see the calendar on the Worship page of our website.

**SUD** *(continued from page 1)*

computer, on the grounds the unsupported operating system posed a cyber security risk. "If we get the money, we can reimburse ourselves," Beavers pointed out. The computer will arrive operationally complete, fully loaded with SUD's data and ready to plug in (cost, \$24,800). The layout will be the same, so there will be no learning curve for the water plant operator using the system.

SUD meets next on Tuesday, Sept. 21.

**Monteagle** *(continued from page 1)*

family dwelling (See Messenger, June 4, 2021). Ordinance 18-21 allows for alterations to non-conforming structures on C-2 commercial property. Geary explained, at present, homes on commercial property could not be expanded or otherwise altered.

Wilson raised a question about Rocky Top Truck Stop not having a privacy fence. Wilson said the fence was torn down when the planning commission approved a site plan for an upgrade at the property and the fence had not been restored. Geary said the Rocky Top business might ultimately be part of the Petro Travel Center, and governed by the Petro site plan, but he had not yet signed permits for the Petro as he did not have all the documentation. Rodman said the fence issue was a question for city attorney Sam Elliot.

Wilson also asked the council to amend the municipal code regulating beer sales. Currently beer sales are prohibited within 300 feet of a school, church or public gathering place, measured from property line to property line. Wilson said more lenient liquor regulations permitted sales as close as 200 feet to a school, church, or public gathering place, measured door to door. Wilson proposed making the distance stipulations for beer sales and liquor sales the same. Wilson said most of the establishments selling beer in Monteagle were operating out of compliance. Rodman recommended postponing a vote on the amendment until the Aug. 30 meeting and, in the interim, to seek the advice of the Municipal Technical Advisory Service.



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Since 1942, the Sewanee Civic Association (SCA) has organized the Community Chest, which now raises tens of thousands of dollars yearly for local organizations.

Sponsored by the SCA, the Sewanee Community Chest (SCC) is pleased to announce the beginning of the 2021-22 grant cycle. All nonprofits that benefit the community are encouraged to apply.

The 2021-22 funding application can be downloaded from the website at <[www.sewaneeccivic.org](http://www.sewaneeccivic.org)>. The application deadline is Friday, Sept. 10, 2021. Grant funds will be distributed starting April 2022, contingent on funding availability.

This year, organizations can apply online with this form <<https://forms.gle/9mmLmTbeTGQppuQh9>>. 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 charitable programs throughout the greater Sewanee area. As the 2021-22 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, Sewanee, TN 37375. You can also make a donation through PayPal Giving at <[www.sewaneeccivic.org](http://www.sewaneeccivic.org)>.

For more information or with questions, email <[sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com](mailto:sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com)>.

**SACA Fall  
Craft Fair,  
Sept. 18**

Sewanee Arts and Crafts Association will hold its fall craft fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Sep. 18 in Shoup Park on University Avenue. This annual event coincides with the University of the South's Family Weekend providing students, their families and the public an opportunity to meet artists and purchase their work.

Some of the arts and crafts for sale include clay, wood, bronze, paintings, jewelry, candles and handmade soaps.

There are a few booth spaces still available. If you are interested in participating in the SACA fall fair, please send inquiries to <[infosaca9@gmail.com](mailto:infosaca9@gmail.com)>.

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## VISTA Program Distributes Meals and More

South Cumberland Plateau AmeriCorps VISTAs (Volunteers in Service to America) distributed more than 60,900 free meals to children this summer, benefiting children, families and the entire plateau with much appreciated food and community.

The popular USDA-sponsored South Cumberland Summer Meal Program was operated by the VISTA program at the University of the South and made possible by a broad swath of the plateau community. This included employees at the University's McClurg Dining Hall, local school principals and staff, and many community contributors and volunteers representing Morton Memorial UMC, Ben Lomand Connect, Epiphany Mission Episcopal Church in Sherwood, South Cumberland Community Fund, Grundy County Rotary, Grundy County Housing Authority, Monteagle Green Apartments, University Childcare, Camp Rain, Franklin County Prevention Coalition, Grace Center of Hope, Community Action Committee, Sewanee Community Center, Plateau Play Group, Nurture the Next, No Kid Hungry, Chattanooga Food Bank, Building Strong Brains: Discover Together, and the University of the South.

Of the approximately 60,900 meals served, more than 47,200 meals (78 percent) were distributed to children in Grundy County, where 1,938 children are enrolled in district schools. "Though only a rough benchmark, these numbers indicate a very high-level of participation," said Russell Fugate, Director of Nutrition at Grundy County Schools. "The program

lives and breathes as a result of participation," continued Fugate. "We are deeply grateful to every single person who helped get food to children this summer including parents, grandparents, neighbors, community members, volunteers, VISTAs, school principals and staff, camp and childcare center directors, church leaders, McClurg Dining staff, and countless others."

One of the largest VISTA programs in the state of Tennessee, the South Cumberland Plateau AmeriCorps VISTA Project this summer hosted a total of 30 VISTAs—12 full-year VISTA members and 18 Summer Associate VISTAs, all of whom worked to alleviate poverty in Franklin, Marion, and Grundy Counties.

When not distributing meals to children, Summer Associate VISTAs additionally served in a wide range of capacities at Sequatchie Valley Head Start, Lone Rock Stockade archaeology project, Grundy County Historical Society, Swiss Historical Society, South Cumberland State Park, Grundy Safe Communities Coalition, Grundy Safe Baby Court, Growing Roots, Morton Memorial, Community Action Committee, Franklin County Prevention Coalition; and at sites on the campus of the University of the South including the Farm, McClurg Dining, and the Office of Civic Engagement.

"As with the summer of 2020, this year's Summer Associate VISTA cohort was staffed by local young people—Sewanee students and plateau residents—serving in their own community," explained VISTA Coordinator, Vicki Borchers. "When community members



Summer Associate VISTAs Daniel McDonough and Chloe Fontenelle serve local children.

serve one another, everyone wins."

Scotty Holland, Summer Associate VISTA and student at the University of the South summed up her experience, "I have learned more than I can begin to fathom—physically, mentally, and emotionally—from my service with the Summer Meal Program and at the University Farm. My biggest accomplishment, however, has been developing a relationship with the community."

The plateau's full-year AmeriCorps VISTA partners include BetterFi, Growing Roots, Franklin County Prevention Coalition, Grundy County Mayor's Office, Grundy Safe Baby Court, Grundy County Sheriff's Office, Grundy Recovery Alliance Community Endeavor (GRACE), Grundy Safe Communities Coalition, Mountain T.O.P., SETHRA CASA, Sequatchie Valley Head Start, Arts Inside, Manchester City Schools, South Cumberland Health Net-

work, and the University of the South Office of Civic Engagement.

The South Cumberland Plateau (SCP) AmeriCorps VISTA Project is a partnership between the University of the South and South Cumberland Community Fund (SCCF). Through their efforts, the SCP VISTAs expand the scale, reach, efficiency, and effectiveness of programs and organizations that work to alleviate poverty on the plateau. VISTA capacity building activities expand services, enhance delivery of services, and generate additional resources for these programs and organizations. These activities achieve lasting positive outcomes for those served by these program organizations.

For information about becoming a VISTA member or enlisting a VISTA to join your organization, please visit <<https://tinyurl.com/scvista>> or contact VISTA Coordinator, Vicki Borchers at <[vmborche@sewanee.edu](mailto:vmborche@sewanee.edu)>.



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**Wednesday, Aug. 25:** Chicken nachos, pulled pork nachos, battered potato bites, garden salad, salsa, tortilla chips, fruit.

**Thursday, Aug. 26:** Spaghetti, meat sauce, fish fillet, baked potato, carrot dippers, green beans, twisted breadstick, fruit.

**Friday, Aug. 27:** Pizza, cheesy pull apart, potato smiles, buttered corn, cookie, fruit.

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Each day, students select one or two items.

**Monday, Aug. 23:** Breakfast pizza, juice, fruit.

**Tuesday, Aug. 24:** Mini confetti pancakes, juice, fruit.

**Wednesday, Aug. 25:** Meat biscuit, juice, fruit.

**Thursday, Aug. 26:** Breakfast muffin, juice, fruit.

**Friday, Aug. 27:** Meat biscuit, juice, fruit.

*Options available every breakfast: assorted cereal, assorted fruit and juice, milk varieties. Menus subject to change.*

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Aug. 21-24, Orientation, College

Aug. 23, Quiet Day, School of Theology

Aug. 24, First day of classes, School of Theology

Aug. 25, First day of classes, College

Sept. 6, Labor Day

Sept. 17, Foundation Day Convocation

Sept. 17-19, Family Weekend, College

Sept. 24-26, SAS Family Weekend

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Friends of South Cumberland board member Bruce Blohm, a graduate of the Tennessee Naturalist Program, cleans up storm damage in the CCC Interpretative Loop in Grundy Forest. —Friends of South Cumberland Photo

## Register for Tennessee Naturalist Program

Only a few slots remain in this year's Tennessee Naturalist Program at South Cumberland State Park. Classes are set to begin on Sept. 11. Tennessee Naturalist Bruce Blohm, now an active board member of the Friends of South Cumberland, encourages anyone interested in learning more about the natural world to register.

"The Tennessee Naturalist Program was one of the best and most memorable courses I've ever taken," Blohm said. "I learned so many fascinating things about our natural world in those few short weeks. My learning continues today. Each 3-or 4-hour, hands-on session was just enough time to get in depth on one core element of being a naturalist. Knowledgeable instructors and subject matter experts captured my attention with intriguing insight and answered questions I had often pondered. If you want a satisfying way to nurture your interest in the natural world and join a group of like-minded seekers, sign up for the 2021 State Naturalist Program. I commuted from Chattanooga for each and every session, and I was glad I did."

Classes are scheduled in two semesters, from September to November and February to May, and are usually held on Saturday mornings. The classwork is divided between lectures, hands-on activities and many hours of outdoor immersion. Topics include geology, forests, plants, mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians, aquatic ecosystems, trail building and interpretation. The fieldwork portion of the course can be physically demanding, with off-trail hikes on steep hills and rough terrain, and some night activities.

Among those who have served as volunteer instructors are Tennessee State Naturalist Randy Hedgepath; Sewanee professors Bran Potter, Ken Smith, Scott Torreano and Kirk Zigler; Sewanee Herbarium Curators Mary Priestley and Yolande Gottfried; Chattanooga State professor Richard Clements, TWRA certified animal rehabilitator Margaret Matens; Tennessee State Park Rangers Jessie McNeel, Jason Reynolds, Philip Hylan and Mark Taylor; and former St. Andrew's-Sewanee instructor Ron Ramsey.

For more information, email coordinator Rhonda Saylor at <rhonda.saylor@gmail.com>. To register, visit the Friends of South Cumberland website at <www.friendsofsouthcumberland.org>.



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## Carlos Exhibit at Firefly Gallery

The firstfruits offering to the community is the “Biblical Proportions” exhibit by Edward Carlos. Over the last several years Rachel Thompson was drawn to visit Ed and his art at his IONA Sanctuary in Sewanee. She and Ed shared mystical and theological concepts and experiences, especially and including Judaic and Kaballistic. Ed is an iconic figure in the area. It is a mutual honor to combine his skillfully and soulfully executed “Biblical Proportions” Exhibit at Firefly Gallery.

“Biblical Proportions” by Edward Carlos is on exhibit through Sept. 15. There will be a public reception 3–5 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20. A “Close Encounters” artist talk with Carlos will be 2–3:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 29.

Firefly Gallery celebrates and elevates contemporary and environmental art and will double as a venue for galas and workshops. The gallery is open to the public for events or by appointment. Firefly Gallery is located at 108 Cumberland St. E. Cowan.

## ‘The Flower Project’ at Artisan Depot

The Artisan Depot Gallery invites the community to come and make paper flowers with “The Flower Project.” Paper flowers can be created at home and brought into the gallery or created at the gallery (supplies will be provided). All flowers will be attached to the exhibit wall in one big installation. Homemade pieces and gallery made pieces can be added to the exhibit through Aug. 29.

A reception for this community show will be 5–7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20.

The Artisan Depot is open Thursday, Friday, and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturday. The Artisan Depot is located at 204 Cumberland St., Cowan.

## Fall Heritage Festival in Cowan

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. This year the festival will be held Sept. 17–19, in Cowan. The Festival is free to the public, and made possible by the generous donations from regional businesses and individuals.

On Friday, Sept. 17, from 5–9

p.m., there will be a beauty pageant. Bad Nayer will perform. Fireworks begin at 9 p.m.

On Saturday, Sept. 18, the festival is from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fireworks will begin at 9 p.m.

On Sunday, Sept. 19, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., there will be an Old Church Revival at the Cowan First Baptist Church.

Go to <<https://www.fallheritagefestival.info>> to see the complete list of vendors and performers.

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## 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, Aug. 23:** Ham, mashed potatoes, green pea salad, roll.

**Tuesday, Aug. 24:** Tortellini soup, salad, garlic bread.

**Wednesday, Aug. 25:** Pork roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll.

**Thursday, Aug. 26:** Cheeseburger, onion rings.

**Friday, Aug. 20:** Beef tips, noodles, salad, roll.

Menus may vary. For information call the center at 598-0771.

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## Lodge Cast Iron Announces Call for Submissions

Lodge proudly announces their “From our Hands to Yours” call for submissions for local mural artists in Tennessee and surrounding areas. The large-scale mural will be painted on the side of a Lodge production building timed to the company’s Lodgetoberfest celebration in early October.

The mural theme is based on Lodge’s long history of innovation, reinvention, and perseverance and company’s 125 years of experience and passion, all coming together the moment Lodge’s product enters someone’s home. The mural will be on the Northeast-facing wall of a Lodge production building in South Pittsburg, Tenn., a prominent location as an entry point into the Lodge campus and clearly visible to passersby.

“At Lodge, we are excited to announce this call for submissions and have the opportunity to engage with the local artist community in and around our hometown of South Pittsburg as we celebrate our 125th anniversary this year,” said Mike Otterman, President and CEO, Lodge Cast Iron. “We can’t wait to see the creativity from artists who participate and their unique interpretations of our ‘From our Hands to Yours’ theme.”

Since 1896, Lodge has manufactured heirloom-quality cast iron cookware at its foundries in South Pittsburg. Lodge’s long-lasting products are an indispensable part of daily life and the durable pieces enable cooks everywhere to create memorable moments.

For more information and details on how to enter a submission visit <<https://www.lodgecastiron.com/mural>>. The deadline for Phase 1 submissions is Sunday, Aug. 29, 2021; finalists will be notified on Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021 to participate in Phase 2 ahead of a final artist being selected on Friday, Sept. 24, 2021. Painting will commence during the company’s Lodgetoberfest, taking place Oct. 1–3, 2021.



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## Pets of the Week

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Rupert is a handsome grey tabby with an expressive face. He's a playful cat who loves tumbling with his brother, Archibald. However, Rupert doesn't have quite as much energy and is more likely to flop over and watch everyone else keep going while he takes a quick cat nap. He doesn't mind one bit being picked up and carted around so long as he gets lots of kisses and pets. This chill love bug would be a perfect addition to any home no matter how quiet or loud it is. He is up-to-date on vaccinations, FIV/FelV negative, neutered, and microchipped. If you are interested in adopting him, make sure to submit an adoption application at <[www.animalharbor.org](http://www.animalharbor.org)>.

## State Park Offerings

Please note: To confirm that these events will occur as listed go to <<http://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/southcumberland/#/?park=southcumberland>> or call (931) 924-2980.

### Saturday, Aug. 21

**Tree ID Hike to Stone Door (\$5) (Hike is limited to first 10 people to register. Registration closes at midnight the day before the event. Please preregister.)**—Meet Seasonal Interpretive Ranger Caroline Holmes at 1:45 p.m. CDT at Stone Door Ranger Station, 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs, for a 2-mile round trip hike to The Great Stone Door, and learn to learn to identify trees common to the area. Please bring appropriate footwear, water, and clothes for the weather.

### Sunday, Aug. 22

**Foster Falls Cleanup (\$1–\$5 donation depending on your relationship to the trails)**—Meet Ranger Ryan Harris at 4:45 p.m. CDT at Foster Falls Parking Lot, 498 Foster Falls Rd., Sequatchie, for a trail cleanup session. Items get packed in, but some, unfortunately, never get packed out. Litter pickup is a huge help and is very rewarding once you see what you find that others leave behind. Gloves and trash bags will be provided.

**Full Moon Evening Hike to Stone Door (\$5) (Hike is limited to first 10 people to register. Registration closes at midnight the day before the event. Please preregister.)**—Meet Ranger Spencer Baxter at 7:45 p.m. CDT at Stone Door Ranger Station, 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs, for a 2-mile round trip hike to Stone Door Overlook to see the evening sky and full moon in beautiful Savage Gulf State Natural area. Please wear appropriate shoes, bring water and a headlamp or flashlight, and wear clothes appropriate for the weather.

### Wednesday, Aug. 25

**Buggytop Caving (\$10)**—Meet Ranger Jason Reynolds at 8:45 a.m. CDT at Carter State Natural Area parking lot 8398 Sherwood Rd., Sherwood, to explore Lost Cove Cave, known locally as Buggytop, an impressive cave within Carter State Natural Area. This Ranger-led adventure starts by hiking the 2-mile strenuous trail to the giant maw of the cave. Once in the cave we will explore the nooks and crannies, rimstone pools, flowstone slabs, secret rooms, and other hidey-holes that the cave has to offer. This is a difficult trip so be prepared and don't forget to bring water, snacks, three sources of light, and appropriate clothing/ footwear. We will also be practicing "clean caving" so bring a change of clothing and review clean caving protocols at <[https://tnstateparks.com/assets/pdf/additional-content/Clean\\_Caving\\_Guidelines.pdf](https://tnstateparks.com/assets/pdf/additional-content/Clean_Caving_Guidelines.pdf)>.

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

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## NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried



Photo by Deborah Tucker.

### White Fringeless Orchid

Several members of the Sewanee Herbarium-sponsored Nature Journaling group recently assisted in an inventory of a rare orchid, the White Fringeless Orchid, which is on the Federal Endangered Species List. They met at the Savage Ranger Station at 8 a.m. on Aug. 7, to work with Roger McCoy, Director of the Division of Natural Areas in Tennessee, and Ranger Aaron Reid of the South Cumberland State Park. The site is probably the third largest in the world for this orchid. Typical for this orchid, it is an "Appalachian acidic seep community," an area of sphagnum moss, ferns, and other wet area plants such as cowbane, cardinal flower, and yellow-fringed orchid. Tennessee has the majority of sites across the species range, which includes several other southeastern and south central states, with 10 in Franklin County and eight each in Grundy and Marion. The group counted over 2,000 flowering plants! This orchid is also known as Monkey-Face Orchid. Its fragrant white flowers have an almost ghostly glow and can be on a stalk up to a yard high.

Correction: In a previous Nature Note, I included a photo of what I thought was an Ariadna spider web. However, George Dick began cleaning our deck and flushed the spider out, revealing it to be a black widow. George reports that he always encounters black widows when he comes to work on our house.



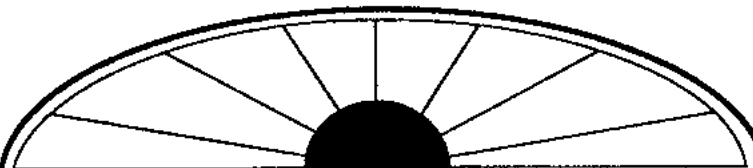
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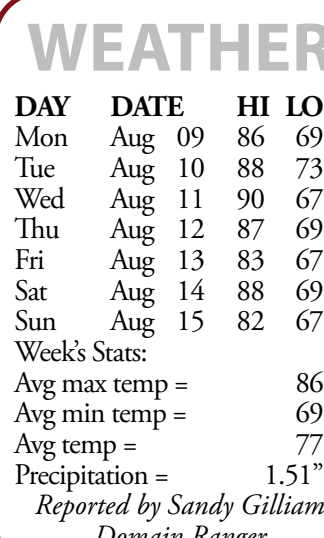
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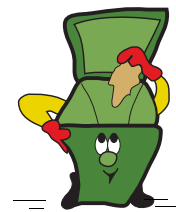
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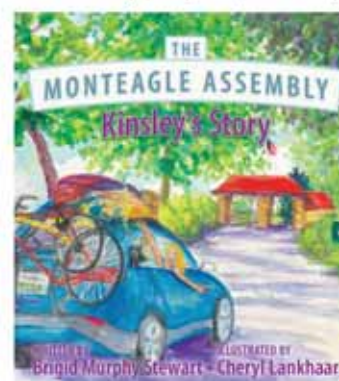
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by Phoebe Bates

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**'BIBLICAL PROPORTIONS'**  
Meet the artist, Ed Carlos  
Friday, August 20, 5-7

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# Community Calendar

**Friday, Aug. 20**  
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.  
3 p.m. Art reception, "Biblical Proportions," Edward Carlos, Firefly Gallery, 108 Cumberland St., Cowan, until 5 p.m.  
5 p.m. Art reception, The Flower Project, Artisan Depot, 204 Cumberland St., Cowan, until 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Aug. 21**  
*College of Arts & Sciences Orientation, through Aug. 24*  
8 a.m. Sewanee Gardeners' Market, by Hawkins Lane, until 10 a.m..  
10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m. (mask required)  
10:30 a.m. FCDP Reorganization Convention registration, FC Annex, Dinah Shore Blvd, Winchester; convention begins at noon

**Sunday, Aug. 22**  
11:30 a.m. Children's Yoga, Ren, Legion Hall/Zoom  
1 p.m. Zumba, Ren, Legion Hall/Zoom  
2 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 4 p.m.  
4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

**Monday, Aug. 23**  
*School of Theology Quiet Day*  
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.  
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 Pilates, Stretch/Straighten, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

**Tuesday, Aug. 24**  
*School of Theology First Day of Classes*  
8 a.m. GC Food Bank, Tracy City, until 10 a.m.  
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.  
9 a.m. Pilates, hybrid/between, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>  
10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m. (mask required)  
11 a.m. Zumba, Ren, Legion Hall  
noon Pilates, intermediate, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>  
4:30 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market, pickup, Community Center, until 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Aug. 25**  
*College of Arts & Sciences First Day of Classes*  
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.  
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.  
3 p.m. "White Fragility" book study, session 4 of 4, Franklin County Library, 105 S. Porter St., Winchester, until 4 p.m.  
5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

**Thursday, Aug. 26**  
8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, LaBella Pearl's  
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.  
9 a.m. Nature Journaling, Priestley, more info, <mpriestley0150@gmail.com>  
9 a.m. Pilates, hybrid/between, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>  
10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m. (mask required)  
10 a.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, Zoom, <pippa-browne64@gmail.com>  
noon Pilates, intermediate, Legion Hall/Zoom; <elizabethlsweeting@gmail.com>  
5:30 p.m. Pilates, hybrid/between, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

**Friday, Aug. 27**  
9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.

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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, Brooks Hall  
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  
7 p.m. Women's AA, (931) 924-3493 for location

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