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Sewanee Welcome Center Open House and Ribbon Cutting

The community is invited to attend an Open House and Ribbon Cutting for the Sewanee Welcome Center. The event will be from 2–4 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 17 Lake O'Donnell Road, Sewanee. Remarks will begin at 3 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP by Monday, Sept. 22 via the link at <<https://sewaneecivic.org>>. This event is co-hosted by the Sewanee Civic Association, the University of the South, the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance, and the Sewanee Business Alliance.

Currently, the site serves as the trailhead for the Mountain Goat Trail in Sewanee, a new Welcome Center, and headquarters for the state park rangers of Tennessee's newest state park. The building is the old freight depot for the NC&StL railroad, then the L&N railroad, known as the historic Mountain Goat railroad. The building was remodeled in 2023–2024 as a project with the Sewanee Civic Association, the University of the South Economic Development office, and the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance (MGTA). Funding for the project came through grants from the South Cumberland Community Fund, Sewanee Community Council, Mountain Goat Trail Alliance, University of the South, and a reunion gift from the Class of 1973.

The Center's purpose is to inform both community members and visitors of the historical and current assets to be enjoyed in our area. The most important result will be fuller participation in community and regional life by both full-time residents and visitors across an array of interests: more MGT users, Perimeter Trail hikers, students of local history — including the 19th-century coal economy which created the Mountain Goat Railroad — and the seven towns along it, as well as the University, more patrons of local restaurants and shops, and more visitors to our entire area.

In May 2023, the Sewanee Civic Association entered an MOU with the University to utilize the exterior premises of the building, as the Mountain Goat trailhead and an information center, known as Phase 1 of the project. Phase 2 of the project renovated the interior and includes an ADA compliant restroom.

The first Sewanee depot was constructed in 1860. Both the freight and passenger depots stood on the north side of the railroad tracks, which is now the middle of Highway 41A. This was part of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad and transitioned to Louisville & Nashville Railroad ownership in 1957. The current building was constructed when both the passenger and freight depots were razed for the bypass



Original freight depot. William R. Laurie University Archives and Special Collections



Sewanee, TN. Photo by Kenton Dickerson

NC&StL freight depot. From <https://ncstl.com/cities/sewane/sewane.htm>



L&N rail line freight depot.

around the University in the 1960s. This depot, which was placed on the south side of the railroad tracks, opened in 1964. It currently stands on the southeast corner of US Highway 41A and University Avenue.

By the 1970s, the depot was under-used. Since it was no longer being used for railroad purposes, the building reverted to the University. The railroad, which at its height ran 3–4 trains a day with both coal and passenger cars, stopped running freight trains

in 1984 and this branch line was officially abandoned on May 1, 1985. In 1986 the tracks were removed, leaving the stone building as a depot without a rail line. The building was used as a bait shop, the Sewanee Drug Company, the Sewanee Pharmacy, and finally the Hair Depot.

The Mountain Goat Trail in Sewanee would be developed starting in 2000 where the tracks had been through a Transportation Enhancement and Transportation Alternatives Program Award

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New students in the Outing Program's PRE working together on the rope course, on Aug. 22. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson



The Class of 2029. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

Why Three Fights? “I love this place.”

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

“I love this place” were the final words spoken at the Aug. 21 community meeting of the Plateau and Valley Chapter of SOCM. Martin Springs born, 92-year-old lifelong area resident Carl White echoed the sentiments of probably everyone attending. The community is fighting three legal battles to protect not only the natural resources and pristine beauty of the area, but the very air the residents breathe and the water they drink. Legal battles, one currently before the Tennes-

see Supreme Court, rage on, challenging a sand and gravel quarry on Clouse Hill Road, a proposed 150-bay truck stop in Monteagle, and a proposed sand and gravel quarry in the Jumpoff neighborhood. Updates on the three legal battles resounded with the refrain, “Don’t quit.”

East Tennessee SOCM organizer Adam Hughes pointed to the successful battle to ban strip mining in Fall Creek Falls State Park 25 years ago. SOCM, then

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Letters

THANK-YOU FOR THE ARTICLES

To the Editor:

Thank-you Messenger and Leslie Lytle for two fine articles addressing ongoing animal abuse in this area. Probably some people skipped reading the articles, because it is hard to read the heart wrenching truth of neglect and abuse that many pets or livestock must endure. Kind people want the shock and sadness of this reality to go away!

Leslie admitted that those articles were hard for her to write, but she tackled it anyway because our communities need to know.

People are now becoming bold and phoning the Marion Sheriff Department about animal concerns, because it hurts to watch abuse next door. Please help Marion County build a shelter, so a safe place is available when an animal needs to be removed from bad situations! Visit <<https://www.bosbuddies.org>> and please donate (tax deductible) for the worthy cause. Thanks!

Anne Grindle, Sewanee

HEALTHCARE FAILURES

To the Editor:

As a physician practicing medicine in Tennessee for more than a half century, I have watched the increasing failures of United State healthcare and rural Tennessee healthcare systems. By not expanding TennCare, Tennessee leads the nation in failed rural hospitals. Without correction, these failures will worsen. The Commonwealth Fund compared United States healthcare to nine other high-income countries based on access to care, cost of care, and outcomes, including life expectancy. We came in dead last in spite of spending more on health. The Commonwealth Fund concluded: “The United States is failing to fulfill one of the most basic responsibilities of any country: preventing needless suffering and death.” We have the lowest life expectancy of the 10 countries, and are ranked last in access to care, due to our large uninsured population, high deductibles and co-pays, and exorbitant drug costs on the backs of the people, with inadequate help from our government. These high costs are due to the increasing corporatization of American healthcare, which prioritizes profits over people, described in a leading medical journal as “incredibly profitable for corporate executives and investors, but increasingly unaffordable inaccessible, and uncaring for everyone else.” The attack against Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act will increasingly drive people to despair, death and bankruptcy. Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson’s stereotyping Medicaid enrollees as “29-year-old males sitting on their couch playing video games” is a glib, cruel, and unconscionable trivialization of human suffering. I invite Mister House Speaker to come with me to the South Cumberland Community Clinic, in Grundy County, Tennessee, where I see hard workers who have been left out by TennCare, and who, unlike our politicians, cannot afford our country’s cruel healthcare costs.

Buzz Sienknect, MD, Past President of the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society, Sewanee

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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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Letters to the editor are welcome at the Sewanee Mountain Messenger and are a vital part of our community’s conversation. Letters need to be no longer than 250 words and may be edited for space and clarity. We make exceptions from time to time, but these are our general guidelines. We strive to print all letters we receive, but publication is not guaranteed. Letters should be factually accurate. Letters that are deemed unsuitable for publication shall not be printed elsewhere in the newspaper, including as a paid advertisement.

Letters and/or their author must have some relationship to our community. We do not accept letters on national topics from individuals who live outside our print circulation area. Please include your name, address and a daytime telephone number with your letter. You may mail it to us at Sewanee Mountain Messenger, P.O. Box 296, Sewanee, TN 37375, leave it at our office, 418 St. Mary’s Ln., or send your email to <news@sewaneemessenger.com>. — KB



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Upcoming Meetings

Town of Monteagle

The Monteagle Planning Commission September meeting has been canceled due to lack of agenda items.

The Monteagle City Council will have workshops at 4 p.m., Monday, Sept. 8, 2025 and Monday, Sept. 22, 2025, in the conference room at City Hall.

There will be a Town Hall meeting with the Tennessee Department of Transportation from 5:30–7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 11, in the conference room at City Hall. This meeting will concern the construction on the bridges in front of McDonald’s and Hardees.

South Pittsburg Historic Preservation Society, Inc.

On Tuesday, Sept. 2, the South Pittsburg Historic Preservation Society, Inc., welcomes their guest speaker, Meagan Grim, to discuss the incorporation of archival records into local folklore and paranormal research. Grim, a historian, works in Local History & Genealogy Department of the Chattanooga Public Library. Grim has been featured on the Library’s YouTube channel with her show “Grim History,” a video series that discusses local folklore and ghost stories.

The Society will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 2, in the Community Room of the Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative, Cedar Avenue and 6th Street, South Pittsburg. Free admission. All are welcome.

EQB Club

The Sewanee Ecce Quam Bonum Club, founded in 1870, is Sewanee’s oldest organization in continuous existence. During the Academic Year the EQB Club meets weekly on Wednesdays at St. Mary’s Sewanee for lunch after which a talk (called a “Lead”) is given by a variety of talented speakers.

The Sewanee EQB Club will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Mary’s Sewanee. A social half hour begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by a delicious lunch at noon. At about 12:25 p.m., the Lead will be given by EQB member and retired Physics professor, Dr. Francis X. Hart. It is difficult to predict the weather for tomorrow, but Dr. Hart’s lead, “What will the weather be like in 2030?” will give us insights into his predictions due to climate change. (Dr. Hart’s lead was originally scheduled for this past February - it had to be cancelled due weather conditions.)

Dr. Hart received a PhD in Physics from Syracuse University in 1967 before joining Sewanee’s Physics Department shortly thereafter. He served several terms as Chairman of the Physics Department and retired in 2013. Since then, he has continued his very sophisticated research interests and has been called back to teach on several occasions.

Members are asked to contact Susan Horton, C’73, Membership Coordinator, at <sshorton22151@aol.com> for a luncheon reservation (\$20/lunch). Non-members or prospective members are always welcome to come at 12:25 p.m. to hear the presentation.

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is scheduled to meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 4, at St. Mary’s Sewanee, for a club assembly.

Sewanee Woman’s Club

The Sewanee Woman’s Club is gathering for the first meeting of the 2025-2026 club year! We are excited to announce new, informative, programs and activities.

The year will be kicked off at 11:30 a.m., Monday, Sept. 8, with a great speaker. David Carroll, a Chattanooga TV and radio anchor, will bring us a humorous presentation. In addition to working on TV and radio, Carroll writes a weekly column for 57 newspapers of which the Herald Chronicle is one. His weekly columns always provide chuckles for his readers. He has written a serious book about the Chattanooga area and his latest book is humorous and is called “I Won’t Be Your Escape Goat.” Yes, he means “escape” goat.

Join us at 11:30 a.m. for a nutritious and delicious lunch at St. Mary’s Sewanee, 1100 St. Mary’s Lane. Lunch price is \$20. Lunch is followed by Carroll’s presentation which begins at 11:50 a.m.

The present members of the SWC would like to welcome all new and former members. Dues for this 95-year-old organization are a bargain at just \$20. All members are reminded that dues are now due. Take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy the company of your fastening friends and neighbors of the mountain area!

Make your very important reservation by noon, Sunday, Aug. 31, so St. Mary’s can prepare the right amount of food. If you choose to come for the presentation only a reservation is still needed by the Aug. 31 date. Reservations can only be made through this email: <reservations.swc@gmail.com>.

Sewanee Civic Association

The Sewanee Civic Association will meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Oct. 6, in Kennerly Hall, St. Mark and St. Paul. Social time with wine begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and a brief business meeting. Dr. Amy Patterson and Robin Hille Michaels will present the program on the Office of Civic Engagement, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

Items for the business meeting include the Sewanee Community Chest goal for 2025-26, news on the Sewanee Welcome Center, and updates on service projects. Reservations for dinner are due by Friday, Sept. 26, via email <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>.

This year, the SCA is celebrating 117 years of social and service opportunities for the community. The purpose of the SCA is to foster a well-informed, harmonious and dynamic greater Sewanee community by providing a forum for community issues and social interaction, by managing the Sewanee Community Chest and the Sewanee Classifieds, and by sponsoring projects deemed by the membership to be beneficial to the community. Any adult who resides in the area and shares concerns of the community is invited to participate. For more information go to <https://sewanee.org>.

Friends of the South Cumberland State Park Fundraiser and Annual Meeting

Two big events, one weekend! Three parks, one big group of Friends. Help us celebrate our accomplishments and prepare for an amazing year ahead!

The Boots, Baubles and Bubbly Fundraiser will be 5–7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Clifftops home of Susan Thomas. As we launch our updated mission statement, new website, and exciting new goals for the next year, we invite you to join us in raising a glass to our beloved parks.

Purchase tickets now to indulge in delicious hors d’oeuvres, sip on handcrafted cocktails and mocktails, and enjoy live music as we celebrate our accomplishments and look ahead to an exciting future. Don’t forget to dress to impress for our “Outdoor Couture” theme! The most creative combination of outdoor attire and elegance will win a special prize (think Patagonia and pearls, Boots and blazers, Chacos and Chanel!)

Your support is essential to our continued success in protecting and improving the plateau for generations to come. Thanks to generous sponsors, all proceeds from this event will directly benefit Friends of South Cumberland State Parks.

Tickets are limited and \$125 per person (100 percent tax-deductible). Go to <https://friendsofscsra.app.neoncrm.com/nx/portal/neonevents/events#/events/6718>.

We’re excited to invite you to our Friends of the Parks annual meeting and picnic from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 21, at the Ayres Center at St. Mary’s Sewanee. Join us and learn about the future of our parks.

Help us kick off our 32nd year of protecting the plateau by joining us for our annual meeting where you’ll hear exciting updates about each of our three parks and the exciting goals of Friends of the Parks.

The free meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. Optional box lunches will be available starting at 11:30 a.m., but you must pre-order below if you want lunch.

Please RSVP and pre-order your box lunch. Lunch orders must be in by Sept. 8. Go to <https://friendsofscsra.app.neoncrm.com/nx/portal/neonevents/events#/events/6726>.

D.D.S.

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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>, or contact us at <hello@scrlt.org>.

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, Sept. 13. 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.

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NEW BEGINNER PILATES CLASSES

A new **Beginner Pilates** with Kim Butters starts September 9, 2025 at 10 am on TTH or September 8 at 5:30 pm on Mondays. The class will educate you about the fundamentals of healthy Pilates movement that aligns, protects your bones and joints and improves the balance, as well as giving you a workout. This class is appropriate for brand new beginners as well as those who have some experience and need to renew or enhance their skills.

Pilates is particularly beneficial for individuals with scoliosis, osteopenia, and osteoporosis, offering a low-impact way to manage these conditions while building strength and flexibility. It’s also an excellent option for those recovering from surgery, helping to rebuild strength, improve posture, and ensure proper healing after physical therapy.

Intermediate Pilates classes are 9 am MW and noon TTH Private/duet/trio sessions using the unique Pilates equipment are available by appointment M-F with Kim Butters

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Church News

All Saints’ Chapel

Sundays During the Academic Year: 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, and 11 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite 2.

6:30 p.m., Sunday, Growing in Grace, in All Saints’ Chapel.

Monday-Friday at St. Augustine’s Chapel, 8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer; 4 p.m., Evening Prayer. At All Saints’ Chapel, noon, Quiet Hour.

Tuesday, starting Sept. 2, at 7 a.m., Christian Meditation in the Meditation Chapel.

Wednesdays, starting Sept. 3, in All Saints’ Chapel, 6 p.m., Choral Evensong, sung by The School of Theology Schola Cantorum.

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 fifth grade.

Morton Memorial United Methodist

Light in Darkness (Who is Welcome at the Table) is the sermon title for this Sunday’s message. Ever wonder how much more full and wonderful your life could be if your heart was more open? Ever consider the freedom of celebrating the diversity of humanity and the mystery of friendship forming between strangers? Join us to explore the imagining of more love in our world!

Children are welcome at Morton! They are invited to interact with our pastor during All God’s Children. Following worship, they will have time together in activities with Ms. Margaret in Children’s Church.

To learn more, accept this invitation to worship at Morton Memorial United Methodist Church. Morton is located at 322 West Main Street in Monteagle and our service begins at 11 a.m. In addition to a thought-provoking message, you can look forward to inspirational music. If you are unable to attend and want to sample worship at Morton, the service will be live streamed at Morton’s Facebook and YouTube pages and is available there in the week following the service.

A new adult discussion group will begin at Morton at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 7, in the Wesley House that is located between the Fellowship Center and CVS. The book that will be discussed over four months will be “The Meaning of Jesus” written by Marcus Borg, a noted progressive theologian, and N.T. Wright, a prominent conservative theologian. Anyone wanting to participate should email <johnhille@live.com>.

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.

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 years old are invited to gather downstairs in Claiborne Hall.

Rector’s 10 year anniversary at St. Mark & St. Paul: On Sunday, Aug. 31, the Parish Life Committee will host a celebration of Father Rob’s 10 years of service to the parish and 30 years as an ordained priest. There will be cake and time for parishioners to share remembrances of Fr. Rob’s eventful 10 years at our parish. Please plan on joining us after the 11 a.m. service.

Godly Play continues this Sunday at 9:45 a.m., for children 3 years old through fifth grade.

Youth Sunday School meets at 9:45 a.m., in Brooks Hall.

Adult Choir rehearsals are Sundays 12:30-1:30 p.m. The first anthem will be on Aug. 31.

Children’s choir rehearses on Wednesday after school. To enroll your child contact Wyatt Poe at: <music@stmarkstpaul.org>.

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

Lectionary Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 2, at 3:30 p.m.

Sunday Forum meets each week from 9:45-10:45 a.m., in Kennerly Hall, with a Rector’s Forum.

Rite-13 and J2A: Young people in grades 6-10 are invited to participate in Rite 13 and Journey to Adulthood (J2A) on Sunday afternoons. Casual gatherings are beginning soon; please contact Aaron Elrod <aaelrod@sewanee.edu> for details. Earlier this summer, 10 young people and four adults joined the mission trip to Kentucky with the Appalachian Service Project. They helped with flood recovery efforts in the eastern part of the state. They will be sharing about their experiences in the next newsletter and in Sunday Forum on Sept. 28. You can still make a donation to help cover trip costs; simply mark your donation “Rite 13 mission trip.”

Unitarian Universalist

The service begins Sunday at 10 a.m., followed by refreshments and a discussion period. The church is located at 3536 New Manchester Hwy., Tullahoma. For more information call (931) 455-8626, or visit the church’s website at <www.tullahomauu.org>.

Church Calendar

6 p.m. Mid-week 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 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.tduworldministries.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

9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum

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.

Obituary

Joe David McBee

Joe David McBee was born in Sewanee on Aug. 22, 1947. He attended the Sewanee Public School. After attending Franklin County High School, Joe David attended Florida State University and Middle Tennessee University, where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in 1971. He did postgraduate work in Library Science at Middle Tennessee State University in summers of 1975 and 1976. In 1983, he earned a Masters Degree in Educational Administration & Supervision from the Tennessee State University.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Lucille and Ernest H. McBee, Sr.; brothers Wayne McBee and Howard McBee; and nephew Ritchie Thomas. He is survived by his sister, Linda Thomas; sister-in-law, Birdie McBee; nieces, Rhonda Butner, Beth Nolan, and Kim McBee; nephew Trey McBee; special friends, David Sampley, Isaac Parson, and Jeff Petty; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

His contributions to the community were numerous. He worked in duPont Library from 1967 until his retirement in 2021. In 1974, he was elected Road Commissioner and served in that office for 40 years. He served as Secretary of the Franklin County Highway Commission from 1978 through 1982 and Chairman from 1982 through 1990. Joe David is a member of Grace Fellowship Church in Sewanee, and has served as its Secretary and Treasurer since 1968.

He was a member of the Franklin Democratic Party, Friends of the duPont Library, Franklin County Historical Society, Sewanee Civic Association, Sewanee Leaseholders, Inc., Sewanee Community Memorial Association, Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, E.Q.B. of Sewanee, Adult Education Committee of Franklin County, Sewanee Community Council, Employees Committee of the University of the South, Sewanee Memorial Cross Restoration Committee, Sewanee Public School Renovation Committee, Sewanee Business District Improvement Committee, Tennessee Library Association, American Association of University Professors, and American Biographical Institute, Research Board of Advisors.

At this time, there are no planned services. He chose to donate his body to science. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.



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When the tracks were pulled up, the building was the Sewanee Drug Company. From Tennessee Railroad History Facebook page.

of \$40,000, spearheaded by community member Ian Prunty, former Franklin County Mayor Monty Adams and former Franklin County Commissioner Louise Irwin.

The Mountain Goat Trail Alliance (MGTA) officially formed as a nonprofit in 2006. The MGTA is a rail to trail community outdoor recreation project to convert the route of the Mountain Goat Railroad into a multi-use recreational corridor between Grundy and Franklin Counties on the South Cumberland Plateau in Middle Tennessee. Currently, 14 of the 40 miles of the trail are completed. This trail incorporates the Mountain's history while providing progress for the future. <<https://www.mountaingoattrail.org/>>.

Since 1908, the Sewanee Civic Association's primary purpose was to raise money the town could not raise in taxes, because it was unincorporated, in order to make municipal improvements. The purpose of the SCA is to foster a well-informed, harmonious and dynamic greater Sewanee community by providing a forum for community issues and social interaction, by managing the Sewanee Community Chest and the Sewanee Classifieds, and by sponsoring projects deemed by the membership to be beneficial to the community. <<https://sewaneecivic.org/>>.

The rangers for Tennessee's newest state park are using part of the Sewanee Welcome Center as their headquarters until their visitor center is built. Currently managed as part of South Cumberland State Park, the newest state park is 4,258 acres located in Franklin County containing the headwaters of Crow Creek. This park joins together the following four state natural areas to provide more and better outdoor recreation opportunities:

Sherwood Forest State Natural Area is a 3,075-acre parcel in Franklin County that protects the federally-endangered Morefield's Leather Flower and the federally-threatened painted snake coiled forest snail, in addition to several other state-listed plant and animal species.

The Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee Carter State Natural Area is a 931-acre natural area with a significant cave system extending from Lost Cove to the head of Crow Creek. The stream systems draining into Lost Cove disappear and travel underground for over a mile, emerging at the main entrance of Buggytop Cave.

Natural Bridge State Natural Area is a one-acre natural area with a 25-foot high natural sandstone arch spanning 50 feet that provides a scenic overlook of Lost Cove. There is a wet weather spring associated with a rock house located behind the natural bridge.

Hawkins Cove State Natural Area is a 249-acre natural area located in Franklin County. It was originally acquired by The Nature Conservancy of Tennessee and then sold to the State to protect a population of Cumberland rosinweed. Cumberland rosinweed is a type of sunflower found only on the Cumberland Plateau in Tennessee.

For questions, contact <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>.



The Welcome Center has bike racks and a gear stand in the front of the building.

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

The Sewanee Community Fire Support, Inc., is a nonprofit organization that supports the Sewanee community and the Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department. We are proud to announce our first fundraiser.

Come join us for a Pancake Breakfast at the Jumpoff Fire Station No. 2 on Jump Off Mountain Rd., Sewanee, between 6:30–11:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 6, for a Pancake Breakfast. The menu is two pancakes with syrup, two sausage patties and coffee for \$10. Cash or Check only please. All proceeds will go to the support the Sewanee Fire Department and the new proposed Fire Station No. 3 on Stagecoach Rd. Free Smoke detectors and installation will be available to each household.

11th Annual Hunger Walk

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club needs your help, now more than ever. The 11th annual Hunger Walk will take place Saturday, Sept. 20, in Sewanee at Angel Park. This year's Walk is in memory of William (Bill) Davis who passed away in October 2024. Bill was a devoted member of the Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club and worked to make our club community and world better.

Proceeds benefit local food banks in the South Cumberland Plateau area. Contributions last year made it possible for us to exceed our goal allowing MSRC to give \$70,000 to Grundy County Food Bank, Morton Memorial Feeding Ministry and the St. Mark and St. Paul's Community Action Committee. Here are some facts and figures regarding food insecurity on the Plateau:

- 19.8 percent of people in Grundy County
- 15.8 percent of people in Franklin County
- 17 percent of people in Marion County
- 3,300 (19.2 percent) children across these three counties

Food insecurity is defined as a lack of consistent access to enough food for every person in a household to live an active, healthy life. This can be a temporary situation for a household or can last a lifetime. Food insecurity is one way to measure how many people cannot afford food.

May we count on you to fight food insecurity in the greater Sewanee community? A gift of any amount will go directly to feeding those in need. Giving is easy and only takes a couple of minutes. To give online, click on <<https://givebutter.com/hungerwalk2025>>; to pay by check, send to Monteagle Sewanee Rotary Club, PO Box 336, Monteagle, TN 37356.

As a note GiveButter has a setting on its donation page that requests tips. You should feel no obligation to pay a tip when making your donation.

Several student groups and Greek organizations have set up teams and are raising funds for the cause. If you wish to join a team, or create your own, click on the drop-down menu and choose a team. The Greek organization that raises the most money will have its name on a permanent plaque hanging in the student center, Biehl Commons.

For more information on Hunger Walk 2025, please visit <<https://www.monteaglesewanerotary.org/hunger-walk>>.

Rebecca Gayle Howell to Receive 2025 Aiken Taylor Award

The Sewanee Review is pleased to announce that Rebecca Gayle Howell is the recipient of the 2025 Aiken Taylor Award for Modern American Poetry.

Rebecca Gayle Howell is a writer, literary translator, librettist, and editor. Her books include two novels in verse—“Render / An Apocalypse and American Purgatory”—both of which were named Bestsellers of the Decade by Small Press Distribution. She translated Patagonia poet Claudia Prado's “El Interior de la Ballena” and Amal al-Jubouri's “Hagar Before the Occupation / Hagar After the Occupation.” Howell's work has received critical acclaim from such outlets as the Los Angeles Times, Poetry London, Publisher's Weekly, and the Kenyon Review. She is an Advanced Assistant Professor of Poetry & Translation for the University of Arkansas MFA program, and she also serves on faculty for the University of the South's Sewanee School of Letters. From 2014 to 2024, she was the Poetry Editor for the Oxford American. Her sixth book, “Erase Genesis,” will be released this November by Project Poética/ Bridwell Press.

University Vice Chancellor Dr. Robert Pearigen and Sewanee Review editor Adam Ross will present Howell with the Aiken Taylor Award this October at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. As part of this year's award celebration, poet Corey Van Landingham will lecture on Howell's poetry. Van Landingham is the author of three books of poetry: “Antidote,” “Love Letter to Who Owns the Heavens,” and “Reader, I.” She is a recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship and a Wallace Stegner Fellowship from Stanford University. She teaches creative writing at the University of Illinois.

We hope you will join us this October to celebrate this poet and her exceptional body of work.

Thurmond Library Book Sale

The Thurmond Library book sale officially opens on Friday, Aug. 29 and closes at noon on Monday, Sept. 1, at the parish hall of St. Mark and St. Paul Parish Church in downtown Sewanee. The most expensive book is \$2.

Book donations accepted through Friday, Aug. 29. Official sale: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Monday, 8 a.m. to noon.

Breakdown and box up: Monday, Sept. 1, starting at noon. To volunteer or ask questions, leave Trudy Cunningham a message: <tcunning@sewanee.edu> or (931) 636-4637.

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called Save Our Cumberland Mountains, has since changed its name to Statewide Organizing for Community eMpowerment. “We’re here to protect the mountain from people withdrawing resources, not speaking out against development,” stressed Talon Sulfridge, chair of the Plateau and Valley Chapter.

The Clouse Hill quarry was what first drew SOCM’s attention to the Grundy County area. Primary among the concerns of the residents neighboring the Clouse Hill quarry were the health hazards caused by silica dust. When Tinsley Sand and Gravel began blasting in early 2022, Grundy County Mayor Michael Brady visited the site and presented the operators with a copy of the County Powers Act Resolution passed in 2019. The act required a license for sand mining in Grundy County and prohibits quarries within 5,000 feet of homes. Three subdivisions border the quarry site. “Tinsley challenged the Power Act in Chancery Court,” said Plateau resident Shari Lydy. “When Tinsley lost, they appealed and again the judge ruled in favor of Grundy County. Tinsley appealed to the Tennessee State Supreme Court in early July.” A decision is pending.

Jumpoff residents opposing Tinsley’s intention to locate a quarry there looked to the example of Grundy County and urged Marion County to pass a Powers Act Resolution. “The farmers opposed us,” Lydy said, “even though state law does not allow Powers Act resolutions to regulate farmers.” Unsuccessful with the Marion County Commission, residents turned to SOCM for help. Key in the legal battle is Jumpoff Creek’s state designation as Exceptional Tennessee Waters because of the creek’s high level of exceptional biological diversity. “On July 3, TDEC issued an NPDES (National Pollutant Elimination Discharge System) permit that would allow Tinsley Sand and Gravel to discharge stormwater and wastewater into Jumpoff Creek and the groundwater,” said Jumpoff resident Kathrine Zammit. “Our attorney issued an appeal on July 31. The appeal is to reverse the permit. The main thrust of the appeal is that TDEC improperly granted the permit because it improperly concluded that the damage to Jumpoff Creek and the exceptional waters downstream would be de minimis, meaning insignificant, especially in light of the kind of weather we’ve been having with these torrential storms. Also, we’re concerned about the flow of discharge into groundwater that will affect wells so many people rely on.” A hearing is pending.

United to Protect the Plateau, formed in opposition to a proposed Monteagle truck stop, has also reached out to SOCM for help. They are fighting to protect Monteagle’s drinking water supply, Laurel Lake. “Ninety percent of the water from that truck stop will go into Hidden Creek and Laurel Lake,” said Monteagle resident Will Foering citing hydrological reports. “Our last contact with TDEC was, ‘Stop contacting us about that business.’” Lacking any other recourse, the group sued the city of Monteagle and the developer. Although unsuccessful so far, the nuisance suit is still pending, and the group achieved a local victory when Monteagle passed a storm water ordinance. “Remember what you got into it for. One of the greatest victories has been the friends we made and the community we built,” said Monteagle resident Mary Beth Best. “It’s been an uphill battle,” acknowledged resident Billy Best. His advice to those battling the Jumpoff quarry: “Don’t quit.”

Anonymous donors have offered a match of up to \$12,000 for contributions to the Jumpoff Quarry Legal Defense Fund. Donate online at <<https://bit.ly/44z53it>> or by mailing a check to SOCM Resource Project PO Box 12667, Knoxville, TN 37912, designating the donation for the SJOQ Legal Fund. All donations fall under the umbrella of SOCM’s 501(c)(3) status and are tax deductible.

“If Marion County had a Powers Act, we might not be having this fight,” said Jumpoff resident Cliff Huffman. “We need to get more involved in the local government, and we need to fund this fight.” To those who “love it here,” yet are reluctant to donate, Huffman pointed out, “Where are you going to go to find the treasure we have here? If you moved to another place like this, your property taxes would be seven times as much.”

Monteagle: Unpopular Fence, Loud Vehicles

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

“There is a loophole in our [fence] ordinances,” said Building Inspector Travis Lawyer at the Aug. 25 Monteagle Council meeting in response to complaints about a recently erected wooden fence on Main Street. The council also took up a complaint about loud vehicles. In regular business, the council approved purchase of two police cars in a split vote.

“[The fence] totally blocks my business,” said Monteagle resident Deborah Reed. “Is it legal?” “I told him to put the fence up,” Lawyer said. The owner/resident complained about people driving across and parking on his property. Lawyer acknowledged, “seven months ago he was served” for being “nonconforming by living in a commercial building. He wanted a fence around his yard. I told him the standards for residential fencing. The only thing he’s nonconforming on is 50 percent opacity.” Lawyer recently learned the owner was using the front of the building as a warehouse for an online business. He did not have a business permit and told Lawyer he would apply for one. “He’s trying to protect his property. We need to figure out how to work with him. I questioned mixed use, since he’s living in the building. I don’t know where to go with this. I don’t have a reason to tell him to take the fence down.”

“Those are valid points,” Mayor Greg Maloof concurred. “I’ve parked there.”

“[The Fence] meets the definition for a [commercial] screening fence. He’s saying it is for security. It doesn’t meet our definition for security fencing,” said Alderman Nate Wilson. Wilson agreed there were issues with the ordinance. The Imagine Monteagle planning committee is working with consultants to revise commercial zoning ordinance to make downtown development easier.

Alderman Grant Fletcher stressed the owners “had been very cooperative” and urged residents to “lay off on trashing them.”

Police Chief William Raline investigated a complaint that the fence restricted the view of the stop sign. “It does not,” Raline said. The owner reported being threatened and harassed and told “I’ll run your fence over and you.”

Raline reminded residents threats to injure or intimidate violated the Tennessee Annotated Code Civil Rights Intimidation Act and could result in criminal charges.

Reed also asked if there was a noise ordinance, complaining about a loud truck.

Wilson said “our ordinance [allows] continuous level of sound which is 60 decibels. The problem with enforcement is you have to be able to measure it. And the ordinance is intended for buildings. In the motor vehicle code there is a separate section for having after-market equipment.”

“Unless I have the machine to measure [decibels] I can’t cite someone in court,” Raline said. “However, I can pull a vehicle over to check to see if it’s been altered [to] make it even louder. We can write citations for that.”

In other police business, Raline responded to questions about vehicle towing, body cameras, and Mountain Goat Trail security.

When a vehicle needed to be towed, the owner had the option of contacting a towing service of their choice, Raline said. Otherwise, since there was only one towing service in Monteagle, dispatch contacted a towing service from among the six area towing services on Monteagle’s list to facilitate a timely response. If a service cannot respond, their name goes to the bottom of the list. If they cannot respond three times, they are taken off the list. “I’ve got to get the people off the road in a timely manner,” Raline insisted. “What I’d like to see is one or two people on the call list who are local that can commit to serving the citizens of Monteagle 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.”

Raline’s wish list for body cameras is that every officer have a camera. The department has five cameras and needs three more. Raline views the bodycam videos every Monday. “What I’m looking for is to make sure the officers are treating the public with dignity and courtesy.” But Raline pointed out bodycam data also protected officers from false allegations. The data cannot be deleted for seven years and then only by the vendor providing the equipment, Motorola.

Asked about security on the Mountain Goat Trail, Raline said

not being able to drive on the trail limited the police’s ability to patrol the trail. Use of e-bikes and a side-by-side vehicle were discussed. The Mountain Goat Trail Alliance has purchased cameras for use on the trail. “They’ve been helpful in several instances,” Raline said. “Monteagle is a very safe town. My two biggest concerns are the interstate and the Goat Trail.”

The council approved purchase of a police patrol car (\$63,474) and police chief’s vehicle (\$59,293). The budget allocated money for both vehicles. Alderman Dean Lay proposed purchasing one vehicle now, and the other later in the year if funds were sufficient. Wilson agreed, favoring a schedule of purchasing one vehicle per year, although conceding some of the vehicles were “long in the tooth.” Raline said there was a five-month delay from placing the order to delivery. Fletcher argued for purchasing both vehicles now. “If we’re in a catastrophic situation, we’re down a vehicle for five months,” Fletcher said. “The officers should have good equipment,” Alderman Dan Sargent insisted. Lay and Wilson voted against purchasing both cars immediately.

Maloof expressed condolences to the family of Monteagle Police Officer Brant Voss who passed away Aug. 20 from a medical emergency. Ross served 20 years as a U.S. Marine and nine years as a law enforcement K-9 officer. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be sent to the Project K-9 Hero’s Peer to Peer campaign.

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 Palmer baseball field. 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.

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Cumberland Community Dance to Host Square/Contra Dance in Monteagle

Lace up your dancing shoes because Cumberland Community Dance is hosting a lively traditional folk dance event from 6–8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 26, at the Monteagle Pavilion located behind the Monteagle Library. Following the success of the previous dance in June, we anticipate a good crowd and lots of fun. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided as well as sweets donated by Mountain Goat Market. Comfortable shoes and enthusiasm are recommended!

Open to all ages and experience levels, the evening will include traditional dancing such as square and contra dance styles along with live old-time music from The Stones River Reelers. Whether you're a seasoned dancer or a complete beginner, everyone is encouraged to join in the fun. No partner is required. A live caller will guide dancers through every step.

Cumberland Community Dance is supported with funding from the Grundy Area Arts Council. Sponsors for the Sept. 26 event include The Monteagle Assembly and Mountain Goat Market. Attendees are encouraged make a donation to help cover the cost of the event — \$10 for adults, \$8 for students, \$5 for children under 10yrs, and no cost for children under 5 years.

Please come out and help Cumberland Community Dance in their mission to keep the ever-evolving, living tradition of Southern Appalachian music and dance alive.

For more information, visit the Grundy Area Arts Council webpage: <<https://www.grundyarea.art/community-dance>>.

Help the Community Action Committee

The Community Action Committee (CAC) is serving more neighbors each day and we desperately need your help to keep our shelves stocked before our next food delivery. Currently, CAC is in need of chicken noodle soup, canned tuna, macaroni and cheese, cereal, canned vegetables, and peanut butter. Any food donations are greatly appreciated.

Donations can be placed in the cabinet located on the porch outside the CAC doors, or the bin located inside the church doors at St. Mark & St. Paul. Both buildings are located at 216 University Ave., Sewanee.

We appreciate your support in helping serve our neighbors.

Amazon Wish List available for those who prefer to shop online <<https://a.co/f6TXKX4>>.

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Join the Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department

The Sewanee Fire Department serves the community by protecting lives and property over an 84-square-mile territory and by providing mutual aid assistance to neighboring communities for their fire and rescue needs. In 2024, the Fire Department responded to 265 calls, including structure and wildland fires, vehicle extrications, rope rescue operations, and mutual aid to Marion and Grundy County.

During the academic year, the department consists of volunteers by community members, university students, and faculty and staff. Outside the academic year, the department has 30 volunteers.

If you're interested in learning more about becoming a firefighter, please contact Nathan Stewart at <ncstewart@sewanee.edu>. The Fire Department trains at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesdays at Sewanee Station (111 Alabama Avenue), and potential new members are invited to attend before making a commitment to join.

The Sewanee Fire Department is now looking for volunteers for the future first responder program. These volunteers do not have to be firefighters to participate. If you have an interest in the first responder program, to provide basic medical care to the community, please reach out to Nathan Stewart <ncstewart@sewanee.edu>. Please be on the lookout for information regarding the first responder program in the future.

If you have any questions about fire safety or need smoke alarm installation or checks, don't hesitate to reach out to the Sewanee Fire Department.

SCA Membership Dues

It is time to join or renew your Sewanee Civic Association (SCA) membership! Much like a fishing license, your SCA membership expires each year on Oct. 1, regardless of when you joined. We open the renewal period on Sept. 1 to ensure that there is plenty of time for everyone to renew.

Annual membership dues also give you access to Sewanee Classifieds, the SCA email list-serv.

Sewanee Classifieds is provided as a service to SCA members. The purpose of the Sewanee Civic Association is to foster a well-informed, harmonious, and dynamic greater Sewanee community by providing a forum for community issues and social interaction, by managing the Sewanee Community Chest and the Sewanee Classifieds, and by sponsoring projects deemed by the membership to be beneficial to the community. The association brings together community members for social and community awareness.

To pay your dues you may use PayPal <https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=FXA397ARXXVZ8>, the preferred method of payment. You may also mail a \$20 check to Sewanee Civic Association, PO Box 222, Sewanee, TN 37375.

If you have a question or comment, it is best to send a new email to us at: <sewanee civic@gmail.com>. Sewanee Classifieds is managed by a group of volunteers, and we do our best to not disrupt anyone's use of the service. As always, you can find dues payment information on our website: <<https://sewanee civic.org/sewanee-classifieds/#renew>>.

Rev. Christopher Epperson Elected New University Chaplain and Dean of All Saints' Chapel

Rev. Christopher Epperson has been named Sewanee's next University chaplain and dean of All Saints' Chapel. Elected by the Board of Trustees, Epperson brings more than 25 years of service in the Episcopal Church and will begin his ministry on the Mountain in early September. Since 2011, he has served as rector of Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg, Va., leading a historic congregation with strong ties to the College of William & Mary. Please join us in welcoming the Epperson family to Sewanee.

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Sewanee Welcomes New Chief Financial Officer

Isabelle Puckette Love, L'23, joined the University on Aug. 18 as chief financial officer and vice president for administration. Vice-Chancellor Rob Pearigen announced Love's appointment in a letter to the Sewanee community on July 24, writing, "Isabelle's varied experience in the higher education and nonprofit sectors, as well as her profound love for Sewanee, make her especially well-suited for this important position." Love succeeds Doug Williams, C'81, who served as University treasurer for the past 10 years.

A graduate of Princeton University, Love began her career as an analyst with the Princeton University Investment Company (Princo), which manages Princeton's endowment of over \$34 billion. Though she originally intended to pursue a major in mathematics as an undergraduate, Love ultimately completed a degree in linguistics after finding that the discipline allowed her to combine a mathematical approach with her ongoing interest in language arts. And it was that interdisciplinary approach to her education, says Love, that set her up for success at Princo, where the ability to learn quickly and synthesize information was key.

After her time at Princo, Love took a position with Goldman Sachs in New York before realizing that her true passion lay within the nonprofit space. She then joined the staff at the Metropolitan Opera, the largest performing arts nonprofit organization in the United States, as director of special projects and deputy budget manager.

While at the Met, Love worked directly with the various department heads to develop and manage their budgets, a process that, much like her linguistics studies, allowed her to integrate her mathematical background with her enthusiasm for the arts. As Love sees it, that experience has perhaps most directly prepared her for the work ahead at Sewanee, where she will seek the financial and budgetary solutions that best allow the University to carry out its transformative educational mission.

For Love, joining the University administration represents a special kind of homecoming. Her grandfather, Stephen E. Puckette II, C'49, was a former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and some of her earliest childhood memories are of her regular visits to the Mountain. Her grandmother still lives in Sewanee, as do her aunt and uncle, Professor of Mathematics Emily Puckette and Director of the Sewanee Outing Program John Benson.

"I had always wanted to put down roots in Sewanee one day," says Love, noting that she resided in Sewanee for three years during the first part of the COVID-19 pandemic, when remote working arrangements at the Met gave her the opportunity to both complete an M.F.A. at the School of Letters and experience life on the Mountain for a little while. The chance to return to Sewanee on a long-term basis as its chief financial officer was one that proved too attractive to resist.

"Everything in Sewanee, including casual interactions in the community, is underscored by an intellectual curiosity," says Love. "In the same conversation, we can talk about spreadsheets and we can discuss Chaucer. So when I think about working with numbers and about working toward educational goals and serving people, where better than Sewanee to be able to pursue both?"

Round Up for Project Help

The Sewanee Utility District's billing software has the ability to round up your bill to the nearest dollar with the difference going to the Project Help fund. Project Help collects donations from SUD customers and passes them on to the Community Action Committee, where it is used to pay folks' water and sewer bill when they need a bit of help.

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‘Moving Toward Community Health’ with the SCCF

We hope you will save the date to join South Cumberland Community Fund on Saturday, Oct. 4, for our annual fall fundraiser. This year’s event, “Moving Toward Community Health,” will feature speaker Morgan McDonald, the National Director of Population Health Leadership at Milbank Memorial Fund and the former interim commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Health.

Dr. McDonald is a nationally recognized expert in maternal and child health policy and rural health policy. She describes herself as an “effective creator and manager of systems of care that work with and for disadvantaged populations.”

The event will be in Cravens Hall on the campus of the University of the South, with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. and dinner following at 6:30 p.m. You can purchase tickets now at this link <<https://wl.donorperfect.net/webLink/WebLink.aspx?name=E329962&id=34>>.

Stay tuned, as we’ll be announcing more details in the coming weeks, including more information about our speaker, Dr. McDonald.

This event typically sells out quickly, so we encourage you to purchase your tickets or commit to a table host or patron-level gift soon to reserve your seat.

Go to <<https://www.southcumberlandcommunityfund.org/>> for more information.

CAC Pantry Sunday

Pantry Sunday for the Community Action Committee (CAC) is scheduled for the first Sunday of the month, Sept. 7. 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, individual snacks and granola bars, baby wipes, shampoo, 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 9–11 a.m., Monday through Friday. For more information contact the CAC at (931) 598-5927.



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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, Sept. 1: Labor Day - Center closed.

Tuesday, Sept. 2: Baked spaghetti, salad, garlic bread.

Wednesday, Sept. 3: Smoked sausage, fried cabbage, pinto beans, cornbread.

Thursday, Sept. 4: White chicken chili, toasted cheese sandwich.

Friday, Sept. 5: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll. Menus may vary. For information call the center at (931) 598-0771.

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.

Congregate Meals Offered

The program provides a noontime nutritionally balanced meal, served at a Senior Center or other Congregate Meal Site. The meal provides at least one-third of the Dietary Reference Intakes as established by the Food and Nutrition Board of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

Funding is made available through the Older Americans Act. The Commission on Aging and Disability serves as the Administrative Lead Agency, and the program is administered locally by the Southeast Tennessee Area Agency on Aging and Disability.

With the aging of the U.S. population, increased attention is being given to the health of older persons. Adequate nutrition is critical to health, functioning, and the quality of life. The Congregate Meal Program also provides participants with positive social contact with other seniors.

Individuals wishing to enroll in the Congregate Meals Program must:

- Be a resident of the State of Tennessee
- Be 60 years of age or older

There are currently 10 sites in Senior Centers and an additional six Congregate Meal Sites serving the counties of Bledsoe, Bradley, Grundy, Hamilton, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Polk, Rhea, and Sequatchie.

Meals are provided at no cost to the consumer but contributions are a vital part of maintaining the meal program. Suggested contributions are \$1.50 per meal or more.

Meal reservations are required. Call (423) 240-5538 to reserve your seat. The nutrition site is at 24 Dixie Lee Hwy., Monteagle, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday-Friday.

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Mobile Moc Healthcare

Our mobile health unit is a specially equipped vehicle designed to bring healthcare services to older adults and caregivers in rural communities. Our qualified healthcare team will travel to 10 Southeast Tennessee counties (Bledsoe, Grundy, Hamilton, Bradley, Polk, McMinn, Meigs, Rhea, Sequatchie, and Marion County) to provide medical care, preventative screenings, annual wellness exams and important support services. Mobile Moc is the second Thursday of the month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at May Justus Memorial Library, 24 Dixie Lee Ave., Monteagle.

Older adults (ages 62 years+) and caregivers are priority. Adults 18 years+ may be served if time permits. Individuals will be seen regardless of insurance or residency status. There is no charge for services rendered by Mobile Moc providers.

Our Mobile Moc unit will provide monthly services in each Southeast Tennessee county. Dates and locations will be determined based on need. For more information visit <utcc.edu/engaging> or email <mobilemoc@utcc.edu>.

Healthcare services are provided by licensed and experienced providers. The University of Tennessee Chattanooga faculty and students will support the Mobile Moc providers to provide much needed interprofessional care.

Primary Care: Annual Wellness Exams, Cancer Screenings, Vision Screening, Hearing Screening, Acute Care (New Illness), and Specialist Referrals

Functional Care: Strength & Balance Assessment, Activities of Daily Living, Home Assessment, Home Modification Referral, and Adaptive Equipment

Mental Health: Screening & Referrals

Memory: Screening, Examination, Specialist Referral, and Community Resources
Caregiver Support: Health Screenings, Resource Navigation, and Support Groups
Other Support: End-of-Life Planning, Nutrition, Chronic Disease Management, Medication Assistance, Benefits Assistance, and Telehealth

Funded by a grant awarded from the Healthcare Resiliency Fund and the Tennessee Department of Health, Mobile Moc is proud to partner with the Southeast Tennessee Area Agency on Aging to provide older adults and caregivers tools needed to age successfully.

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 American Legion Hall. All ages are welcome. Most insurance is accepted.

Vaccinations offered will include: Covid (latest Moderna version and compatible with prior Pfizer); Flu (low and high dose); RSV; 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>.

Please discuss any medical questions or concerns with your healthcare provider.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Aug. 29, Abbreviated Day, Grundy County Schools

Sept. 1, Labor Day, no school, SAS, Franklin County, Grundy County and Marion County

Sept. 9, Middle School Family Night, SAS

Sept. 12, 4:30–6 p.m., Convocation, All Saints' Chapel

Sept. 12–14, Sewanee Family Weekend

Sept. 26–28, Upper School Family Weekend, SAS

Oct. 6–10, Fall Break, Franklin County

Oct. 13–17, Fall Break, Marion County

Oct. 18–21, Fall Break, SAS, and College. Reading Period School of Theology

Oct. 20–25, Fall Break, Grundy County

Community Chest Applications Available

Sponsored by the Sewanee Civic Association (SCA), the Sewanee Community Chest (SCC) is pleased to announce the beginning of the 2025–26 grant cycle. The purpose of the Sewanee 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 Sewanee Community Chest in other area fundraising efforts.

The Sewanee 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.sewaneecivic.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 Sewanee 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, Sewanee, TN 37375. You can also make a donation through PayPal Giving <<https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/119597>>.

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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> for more information, detailed class listings, and to sign up for upcoming classes.

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.

Sewanee Pediatrics Seeks Book Donations

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.

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Monday, Sept. 1: No School

Tuesday, Sept. 2: Banana bread, fruit, juice, milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 3: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.

Thursday, Sept. 4: Sausage biscuit, fruit, juice, milk.

Friday, Sept. 5: Muffin/cheese stick, fruit, juice, 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, Sept. 1: No School.

Tuesday, Sept. 2: Asian chicken, buttered baby potatoes, stir-fry vegetables, rice, egg roll, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 3: Chicken fajita nachos, pinto beans, tortilla chips, salsa, lettuce/tomato cup, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Sept. 4: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, side salad, corn, garlic breadstick, fruit, milk.

Friday, Sept. 5: Hamburger/cheeseburger/trimmings, fresh carrots/Ranch, French fries, fruit, milk.

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



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**Christmas in The Caverns:
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A unique holiday event is coming this December as Christmas In The Caverns: Symphony & Sing Off brings orchestral music and local voices together in a one-night-only celebration underground.

Presented in partnership by The Caverns, the University of the South, and the South Cumberland Community Fund (SCCF), the event will feature a live performance of Christmas and holiday music by the Sewanee Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Sewanee Assistant Professor of Music Mario Alejandro Torres.

The evening also includes a regional Sing Off, a vocal competition inviting local talent of all ages from across the South Cumberland region. The concert will take place on 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5, 2025, inside The Caverns' underground concert hall and is free to the public with advance RSVP required for limited seating for residents of Tennessee's South Cumberland region. Doors open at 6 p.m. Free tickets will be available to community members to reserve starting Oct. 15 at TheCaverns.com.

The Sing Off is open to residents and community members of the South Cumberland region, which consists of Altamont, Beersheba Springs, Coalmont, Gruetli-Laager, Monteagle, Palmer, Pelham, Sewanee, and Tracy City or those with strong ties to the area. Three finalists will be selected to perform live with the Sewanee Symphony Orchestra during the Dec. 5 event at The Caverns. A panel of judges will select the winner, and the audience will select a crowd favorite.

This competition is open to all: from those who sing in the shower and have never performed in public to those professionally trained — and from young to old.

Prizes include: First place: \$1,000 cash award, a performance with the Seawee Symphony Orchestra, two tickets to an upcoming show at The Caverns with overnight yurt accommodations, venue merchandise, and a professional video of their performance with the orchestra. Second place: \$500 cash award, a performance with the Seawee Symphony Orchestra, two tickets to an upcoming show at The Caverns, venue merchandise, and a professional video of their performance with the orchestra. Third place: \$250 cash award, a performance with the Seawee Symphony Orchestra, two tickets to an upcoming show at The Caverns, venue merchandise, and a professional video of their performance with the orchestra.

Crowd favorite: In addition to one of the prizes above, the crowd favorite will win a package consisting of goods and services donated by local and regional businesses.

To audition for the Sing Off, submission window through Sept. 15, 2025. Submit at least two vocal performances via MP3, video links, or TikTok links. Submit entries at: TheCaverns.com/SingOff.

At least one submission must feature one of the required songs that the Sewanee Symphony Orchestra will be performing during the concert: "Santa Baby," "Santa Dear," or "It Wouldn't Be Christmas Without You."

Judging panel includes representatives from Sewanee, The Caverns, and SCCF.

Finalists will be announced in October, and will have an opportunity to rehearse with the orchestra before the Dec. 5 event.

This special evening offers a rare opportunity to experience the magic of live orchestral holiday music deep underground while supporting and celebrating local singers from across the South Cumberland region. Community members are encouraged to audition for the Sing Off or reserve seats early for this unforgettable seasonal event.

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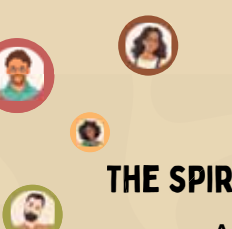
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Supper in the Park and Jammin' Until Dark

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.

Play the Park: Performances by Local Student Bands

Angel Park is gearing up for a weekend of student-led music to close out August, as the Play the Park series continues to showcase local talent. This month, the community is invited to enjoy two free concerts featuring bands from the St. Andrew's-Sewanee School and the School of Theology. The concerts will take place at Angel Park. The events are free and open to the public.

Guests are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets to enjoy the show comfortably.

The Play the Park initiative has been a huge success, giving a stage to a variety of acts and providing free entertainment for the Sewanee community. These final August performances highlight the incredible musical creativity and talent right here on the Mountain.

7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 30: Acrosome, a student band from St. Andrew's-Sewanee School will take the stage. Known for their dynamic and engaging performances at school events, this group is bringing their youthful energy and diverse sound to Angel Park. Come out and support the next generation of Sewanee musicians.

7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 31: The weekend concludes with a special performance from Apollo and the Sirens, a band comprised of students from the School of Theology. This group will share a unique sound that blends spiritual depth with captivating musical arrangements. It's a perfect way to wind down the weekend and reflect under the night sky.

Play the Park will continue into September. Bands interested in booking a date can still contact Jimmy Wilson at <jimmy@thebluechair.com> to secure a spot.

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> or go to <<https://fall-heritagefestival.org>>.

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The Sewanee Arts and Crafts Association will host its fall craft fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13, 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.

Getty Fabric Art Show at the Artisan Depot

The Franklin County Arts Guild is pleased to announce the opening of a fabric arts show presented by Diane Getty at the Artisan Depot located at 204 Cumberland St., in Cowan. The show is open through Nov. 2. There will be a Meet the Artists Reception on Sept. 19, from 5-7 p.m., at the Artisan Depot. Members of the public of all ages are cordially invited to attend the reception or visit this amazing show during open hours at the Depot, noon to 5 p.m., Thursday through Sunday.

Although a well-known artist, Diane Getty is a new member of the The Franklin County Arts Guild and has agreed to show some of her skilled work with us. She is a textile artist who paints and collages fabrics, adding details with free motion machine stitching and hand sewing. Though fabric is her primary medium, she is not a quilter in the traditional sense. "Fabric Collage" is the term she uses because she paints fabrics, 'harvesting' images, colors and patterns, combining them to create novel images or abstract designs. Both hand and machine stitching add details , textures, images and occasionally words.

Her degrees are in jewelry and metalworking, and she spent years as a jeweler specializing in designing and making custom jewelry and restoring antique heirlooms. When children came along she left metalwork to focus on her growing family. The need for patching clothes for her children and making gifts as friends had babies brought out the sewing supplies and she began to explore the magic of fabric. Getty says that she is inspired by the beauty, patterns and colors of her home on the South Cumberland Plateau. Experimenting with color, collage and stitching helped her to articulate and interpret the landscape and its flora. Every piece challenges and delights her.

Her studio is in Sewanee and she welcomes visitors by appointment as well as during the Tennessee Craft Studio Tour Dec. 6-7 this year. She accepts commissions and enjoys teaching her techniques. She firmly believes that everyone has creativity that can be discovered and nurtured. Stop by and enjoy meeting this special artist and viewing her special work (much of it prize winning).



JAMkids Grundy Area Open for Registration

The Junior Appalachian Musicians Program of the Grundy County area is beginning our second year this fall. The JAM program gives kids the opportunity to learn the “Old Time” music of our mountain heritage, offering classes in fiddle, guitar, and banjo led by our excellent local old time musicians Bob Townsend, Denis Marlowe, and Michael Klug. Instruments are provided on loan to students who will commit to attending at least eight classes a semester and practicing their instrument at home. This year classes are structured to accommodate absolute beginners as well as kids who have some experience playing their instrument. At the end of each class all the kids will JAM together.

This year we are adding ukulele, harmonica, vocals, and spoons to our program. Ukulele is a great option for younger JAM students who may later want to learn guitar. Harmonica and vocals are a wonderful choice for kids with a musical ear who are less inclined to learn a string instrument. Spoons will be fun for everyone, with featured guest performer “Uncle Donald Clark” demonstrating how to play the spoons at our first JAM class at 4 p.m., Monday, Sept. 8. New students will attend their music classes after the demonstration, and after class we will all circle round for our first JAM session with the spoons feature.

Classes take place at the Littell-Partin Center, or “the old Grundy County High School building” at 14399 US-41 in Tracy City on Mondays at 4 p.m., from Sept. 8 through Dec. 8, following the Grundy County school schedule. JAM classes are suited for kids ages 8-18, with “Junior JAM” (ukulele, singing, and beginning fiddle) available to kids from 4-7 p.m. Our local JAM program is made possible by the South Cumberland Community Fund, the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly, the Caverns, Gold Tone banjo company and the many people who have donated instruments, time, and resources, and all the families who are supporting their children’s interest in music. JAMkids Grundy Area is offered on a sliding scale basis from no cost to low-cost, 0-\$150 per semester according to what a family is able to contribute to the program. No child is turned away who wants to learn how to play music, and we hope to accommodate as many as are able to come and JAM with us.

You may register your kids for JAM online at <www.grundyarea.art/jam> from now until Sept. 8. Please contact program director Cara Kitzrow at <grundyjamkids@gmail.com> with any questions. Let’s JAM. Bring a spoon or two.

UAG Presents ‘Indigo Hallow’

The University Art Gallery presents Baggs McKelvey’s “Indigo Hallow,” a site-specific installation in the University Art Gallery, inspired by Shakerag Hollow, an ecologically significant area on the domain of the University of the South. The exhibition will be on display Aug. 27 through Oct. 15. Please join us at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 24, in Guerry Auditorium for an artist talk.

Maps and aerial photographs of the area, and — in the words of the artist — “the contours of the trail, the rushing of the creek, the steep incline of the ridge barring the sun’s full entrance, ...the sounds of the birds,” were McKelvey’s starting points.

In all of her installations, McKelvey explores her relationship with the land and the environment. Indigo Hallow is not a portrait of Shakerag Hollow, but an intuitive and poetic response to that place. Visitors are invited to share in McKelvey’s response, and also to consider the meanings and implications of materials, of process, and of the act of representation itself.

The immersive environment of the installation is rendered in a ubiquitous, mass-produced, and powerfully allusive material — denim from discarded used jeans, crowd-sourced from friends, family, and through social media.

Cutting, knotting, and spinning the denim rope onto electrical wire spools was a communal project undertaken with friends and family, and the installation was made possible by the assistance of Cumberland Scholar high school student volunteers from St. Andrew’s Sewanee-School. The denim will be respooled at the close of the exhibition, to be used again.

Baggs McKelvey lived and worked in Alaska for many years before returning to her childhood roots in the Southeast in 2012. Her recent solo exhibitions of the Indigo series include “Houston Indigo” at the Houston Contemporary Craft Center in Houston, Texas (2024), “Beyond Indigo” at the Gadsden Museum of Art in Gadsden, Ala., (2024), and “Indigo” at the Hunter Museum of Art in Chattanooga, (2020-22). McKelvey earned an MFA from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. She now lives in Chattanooga, and teaches at Chattanooga State.

Dr. Jon Evans, Dr. Grady Wells, and Dr. John Willis all provided invaluable assistance with the research for this installation, and the University Lectures Committee, SIPE, Religious Studies, Humanities, and Art, Art History and Visual Studies lent indispensable support.

Annual Arts, Crafts, Trash & Treasures Sale

Come shop for the delightful crafts made by people in our community. And see what treasures you can find in the Trash and Treasures Yard Sale. Come on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 19-20 to Morton Memorial United Methodist Church in Monteagle from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., both days. The event is a fundraiser for Morton’s missions, including the church’s monthly food ministry, Isaiah 117 House, Sleep in Heavenly Peace and Monteagle Elementary School.

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SAS Gallery Show: Rebecca Palacio, ‘Tea Time: A Ceramic Exploration’ Exhibition

For artist Rebecca Palacio, both tea and clay have always represented something healing and restorative, together building a connection that both warms the soul and brings communities together.

In “Tea Time: A Ceramic Exploration,” Palacio explores the boundaries between the classic tea set and something more sculptural, and her work is on display in the gallery at St. Andrew’s-Sewanee School.

Her tea vessels are designed with function in mind, recognizing that a significant part of enjoying pottery comes from using it. Palacio designs her work with a consideration for its decorative purpose, yet the pieces are still functional, thus blurring the lines between sculpture and everyday objects. Community members are invited to meet and talk with Palacio on Friday, Sept. 19, during a reception from 4:30-6 p.m. in the school’s gallery.

Palacio enjoys making mugs as a highly functional and intimate form and exploring the chemistry behind the glazes. Much of her work features numerous shades of handmade blue glazes. She finds additional inspiration in pottery from all over the world, specifically in the simplicity of Japanese pottery.

Palacio was first introduced to pottery while attending high school at SAS. After studying the sciences at University of Colorado in Boulder, she returned to ceramics and now creates work in her home-based pottery studio, the Palacio Pottery Lab, in Huntsville, where she resides. Her passion for the sciences led to a spirit of experimentation in her personal pottery lab. Palacio also teaches classes at her local pottery studio, including a tea set creation class. She finds deep satisfaction in watching students of every skill level discover their passion for pottery. Beyond her adult classes, she works with teenagers, hoping to share the same transformative joy that pottery brought to her own adolescent years.

Tickbush Festival, Sept. 27

The third annual Tickbush Festival will take place on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at St. James Midway Community Park. Come listen to some great music, shop at the Arts and Craft section, (still have some spots available); enjoy delicious food from one of the Food Trucks, but most of all visit with neighbors and friends. We will have a drawing for a beautiful hand made quilt made by Rita Milner. To purchase quilt tickets, hats, or T-shirts, contact Amanda Knight (931) 691-0962 or Karen Vaughan (931) 636-1468. T-shirts and hats are \$20. Quilt tickets are \$5 a piece or get an extra by purchasing five for \$20.

All proceeds go for the upkeep of the park. St. James is located at 898 Midway Rd., Sewanee.

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Fee, C'25, Named New Women's Soccer Assistant Coach

Brianna Fee has been named as the new assistant coach for the women's soccer program, as announced by head coach Greg Cathell.

A recent Sewanee graduate and decorated student-athlete, Fee returns to the Mountain after a standout four-year career with the Tigers. She was a two-time United Soccer Coaches All-American, a two-time Southern Athletic Association (SAA) Offensive Player of the Year, and a four-time All-SAA honoree. She also earned First Team All-Region recognition twice during her time in purple.

Fee served as a team captain for two and a half years and played a central role in one of the most successful stretches in program history, helping lead the Tigers to three SAA regular season titles, two SAA tournament championships, and back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances.

Fee graduated in May 2025 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a minor in Spanish. She was a three-time College Sports Communicators Academic All-District selection, a four-time Dean's List honoree, and a member of the Order of the Gown. She also earned multiple placements on the SAA Academic Honor Roll.

Off the field, Fee was actively involved in the campus community, serving as a tour guide for the Arcadians program and working as a peer health educator. She also brings youth coaching experience from her time with Sporting KC Youth Programs in Kansas City, where she led soccer classes for children ages 2 through 8.

In addition to her athletic and leadership accomplishments, Fee contributed to academic research during her time as an intern at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, co-authoring a manuscript published in the journal *Diagnostics* in 2024.

"It is an honor to welcome back the most decorated player in Sewanee Women's Soccer History as our full-time assistant coach, and we couldn't be more excited," said Cathell. "Bri represents composure in challenging situations and illustrates how a long-term commitment to hard work can yield outstanding results for both herself and the entire program. I believe her former teammates and current players will join me in warmly welcoming Bri back!"

Pickleball Tournament to Benefit Housing Hub

Housing Hub will build a kitchen in its second home with proceeds from its first annual Pickleball Tournament set for Saturday, Sept. 27, at Clifftops in Monteagle.

"It's a friend raiser and a fundraiser," said Board Chairman Lee Limbird. "Housing Hub's relatively new, and we want to build our circle of friends and sources of support without competing with other nonprofits whose value has already been established in the community."

Board members hit upon the idea of the tournament because of the rapid rise in popularity of pickleball on the Plateau. "Pickleball is a quickly spreading game," Limbird said. "We're hoping to capture that breadth in our circle of friends on behalf of the working families whose affordable homes we build."

"It's a game that's multigenerational. You don't have to be all that good to play. It's always played with four players – two people on each team. Most people who play pickleball will tell you they don't remember the score when it's done; they just remember having fun. That's the nature of pickleball."

Schedule for the tournament day includes an 8:30 a.m. arrival and warmup with round-robin play from 9-11:30 a.m. followed by lunch and awards at the Lake Club in Clifftops. Cost is \$100 to play

and eat lunch or \$50 for lunch only. Registration deadline is Sept. 19.

"Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned pro, come rally for a great cause," Limbird said. Players may sign up for the tournament at Housing Hub's website at <www.housinghubtn.org> under the events tab. There's also a link on the signup form to simply make a donation towards building the kitchen if you're unable to attend that day.

"We are grateful to Clifftops for allowing us to use their courts for our fundraiser and for our use of the Lake House for the lunch that follows," Limbird added.

Housing Hub is also actively recruiting corporate sponsors with a Sept. 1 deadline to receive recognition in local advertising and to display banners at the courts.

Sponsors who've already signed on include Real Estate Broker Gale Moore, Mountain Valley Bank, Tower Bank, Mountain Goat Market, Ace Hardware in Monteagle, Monteagle Supply, BetterFi, and Mountain Top Restaurant, but Limbird would love to see additional sponsors.

"To outfit a kitchen in a Housing Hub home costs nearly \$10,000," she said, stressing that the unseen plumbing, electrical, and structural infrastructure needed to support that kitchen adds an additional \$9,000.

SAS Volleyball News

After being down 2-0 in sets, St. Andrew's-Sewanee varsity volleyball team battled back to take the 5th set 15-12; 14-25, 19-25, 25-12, 25-19, 15-12, Aug. 21, at South Pittsburg. The Mountain Lions were led by strong net play by 12 kills, four blocks, and six aces; Savannah Blosser 12 assists, four aces; Vie Virkhaus five aces; Maggie Lu Rudd three kills; Keely Kendrick four kills; Briley Meador seven digs. Head Coach Rob Zeitler said, "I could not be more proud of how we showed grit and determination after being down by two sets. This is a team that fights for every point and we continue to get better."

Field Hockey Tabbed Third in CFHC Preseason Poll

The Collegiate Field Hockey Conference announced its 2025 preseason poll, with Sewanee selected to finish third as voted on by the league's coaches.

The Tigers are coming off a 9-12 campaign in 2024, which included a 2-3 mark in CFHC play. Sewanee advanced to the conference semifinals before falling to Rhodes in overtime.

Defending champion Mary Washington was chosen as the preseason favorite for the second straight year, receiving five first-place votes.

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Women's Volleyball vs. Meredith College

5 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 30,
Men's Soccer vs. Johns Hopkins

7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 30,
Women's Volleyball vs. Huntingdon College

1:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 31,
Women's Soccer vs. Farmingdale State College

4:30/5:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 1, SAS JV/Varsity Volleyball vs. South Pittsburg High School

5/6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 2,
SAS JV/Varsity Volleyball vs. Fayetteville City School

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 3, SAS MS Girls' Soccer vs. Community School

6 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 3,
Men's Soccer vs. Berea College

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Women's Soccer Picked Second in SAA Preseason Poll

Sewanee women's soccer was picked second in the Southern Athletic Association Preseason Coaches' Poll released Wednesday by the league office. The Tigers have won a share of the regular season SAA championship in each of the last three seasons and won the conference tournament in each of the last two campaigns.

Head coach Greg Cathell returns 14 letterwinners but just four starters from last season's club that finished 13-2-4 overall, 6-0-0 in SAA action. Five of the top seven scorers from last year graduated, including two-time All-American Brianna Fee, SAA Defensive Player of the Year Ashlyn Richards and Leah Atkins, who ranked ninth nationally with a 0.337 goals-against-average.

Senior Kylene Monaghan is the leading returning goal scorer for the Tigers with four goals and two assists and sophomore Susie Whitsett added four goals off the bench in 2024 as well. Lacey Carder and Monaghan each started all 19 matches last season while junior Stella Martin added 16 starts and sophomore Mia Ramirez collected 10 starts in 18 outings.

The 14 letterwinners accounted for 37 percent (14 goals) and 48 percent (14 assists) of last year's team total. This year's squad will rely on a host of newcomers, including Oklahoma transfer Laney Kalsu, as well as others who saw plenty of action in 2024 but must step into bigger roles.

Junior Katye Dullye garnered All-Conference honors in 2023 and sophomore Sonia Djurasovic will play a major role on the backline where she started seven matches last year.

Senior Morgan Cheynet could also be part of that mix after missing all of last season. She posted two goals and one assist in 19 outings in 2023 and averaged 35 minutes per game off the bench.

Trinity University collected four first-place votes and 53 total points while the Tigers received three first-place votes and 51 points for second place in the coaches' poll. Centre College was third with one first-place vote and 44 points and Rhodes College was fourth with 38 points. Southwestern University ranked in fifth with 32 points, followed by Berry College (28), Oglethorpe University (20) and Millsaps College (14).

Tennessee Wars Commission Grant Fund Applications Accepted

The Tennessee Wars Commission, the Tennessee Historical Commission division responsible for preserving the state's significant military history, has announced the September 1, 2025 opening of this year's grant cycle for the Tennessee Wars Commission Grant Fund. This year \$69,700 is available for grants. Last year, the Wars Commission awarded \$114,500 in grant funding for projects ranging from an archaeological survey to support for a documentary, as well as interpretive signage for several sites.

Since 1994, this grant program has funded approximately one hundred twenty-eight different projects preserving and interpreting the military legacy of Tennessee and Tennesseans. "The Wars Commission Grant Fund provides a unique opportunity for Tennessee communities to enhance their war-related history through the preservation, interpretation, and archaeology of sites, structures, and battlefields related to the French and Indian War through the Civil War era, furthering our collective knowledge of these historical locations and events," said Wars Commission Program Director, Nina Scall.

The Tennessee Wars Commission Grant Fund provides financial support to coordinate planning, preservation, protection, promotion, and interpretation of structures, buildings, sites, and battlefields related to Tennessee's military heritage. This grant can fund a wide variety of projects relating to the French and Indian War (1754-1763), the Revolutionary War (1776-1783), War of 1812 (1812-1815), Mexican-American War (1846-1848), and the Civil War (1861-1865). Example projects include, but are not limited to, archaeological surveys and excavations, cemetery preservation, contraband camp preservation and interpretation, graphic displays and interpretative panels, historic markers, master plans and foundation documents, and living history and educational programs.

Any individual, museum, educational institution, private organization, or local government body can apply. Although there is no minimum matching requirement, applicant contributions will be a positive consideration.

The deadline for submissions is Nov. 21, 2025. The grant application process is digital. Create an account and complete the application at <https://tdec.smartsimple.com/s_Login.jsp>.

For questions regarding the grant process or application procedure, contact Nina Scall, Program Director of the Tennessee Wars Commission via email at <Nina.Scall@tn.gov>. More information is available on the Tennessee Historical Commission website <<https://www.tn.gov/historicalcommission/state-programs/twc.html>>.

Community Tree Planting Grant Applications Now Open

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry (TDF) is now accepting applications for funding to help communities expand tree canopy cover and strengthen urban ecosystems across the state.

"Our Urban and Community Forestry Program partners with Tennessee's communities, helping them enhance the wellbeing of residents by cultivating and sustaining healthy urban and community forests," State Forester Heather Slayton said. "One way we do that is by providing financial assistance to increase access to the many benefits trees provide, including stormwater mitigation, air quality improvement, and heat reduction."

Through the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program (TAEP) Community Tree Planting Program, organizations can receive state-funded support to cover costs such as purchasing and shipping of trees, professional planting services, mulch, irrigation tools, tree labels, and signage. Eligible applicants include city and county governments, nonprofit organizations, and public schools. Grant awards range from \$500 to \$20,000.

Applications must be submitted online by 5 p.m. CT on Sept. 30, 2025 at <tnforestry.submittable.com/submit>.

For proposal assistance, contact Urban and Community Forestry Program Coordinator Ashley Kite-Rowland at <ashley.kite-rowland@tn.gov>.

TDF's Urban and Community Forestry Program promotes the growth and sustainability of healthy forests through outreach, education, and financial support. For more information visit <www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests/urban/>.

The Division of Forestry protects, conserves, and enhances Tennessee's forest resources. Focus areas include assisting landowners with a variety of services, providing quality tree seedlings, supporting forest health programs, collecting forest inventory data, assisting forest industries, and fighting wildland fires. Visit <www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests> for more information.



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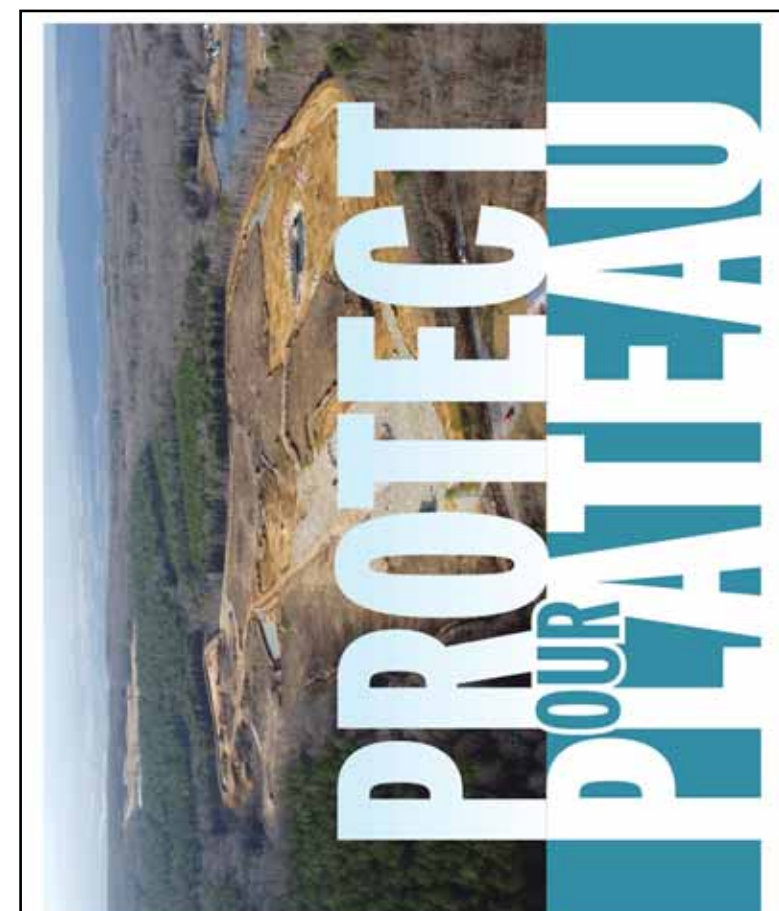
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NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried



Cauliflower Mushroom. Photo by Deb Partee



Monarch. Photo by Lin Cameron

Mushrooms and Monarchs

The wet weather last week and, perhaps, the time of year has brought a bumper crop of mushrooms. As usual, I get excited and try to identify them, only to get frustrated, as usual. Part of the problem, I think, is that they change so much and so quickly over time, so photos in guides aren't always a help. I was pleased, therefore, to get a confirmation on iNaturalist of at least one of them, *Lactarius psammicola*, or Acrid Milkcap. It grows in association with oaks and shows up this time of year. The same person also confirmed the Indigo Milkcap, *Lactarius indigo*, which is rather easy as it is blue and not many mushrooms are. As one might guess, these *Lactarius* or Milkcaps exude a milky latex when injured. They are in the same family as the Brittlegills, the *Russula* family, and these two genera, *Russula* (Brittle-gills) and *Lactarius* (Milkcaps), are among the most abundant and widespread genera of gilled mushrooms. I think most of what I observed were in this group, but I do wish I could at least identify to family! Another common group is the boletes. Unlike the gilled mushrooms, they have a spongy layer of tubes on the underside of the cap. They are usually very fleshy. The ones around our house might be Two-colored Bolete, reddish above and yellow below, bruising blue. I figure it is a good guess as they are common and often abundant in oak woods. The Cauliflower Mushroom was reported earlier this month by Deb Partee.

Following up on last week's Nature Note, Margie Gallagher reported their first Monarch butterfly. Lin Cameron has also been seeing a good number of Monarchs which particularly like Mountain Mint.

State Park Offerings

To confirm that these events will occur as listed and to register, go to South Cumberland State Park <<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/south-cumberland>>, Savage Gulf State Park <<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/savage-gulf>> or call (931) 924-2980. All times are central.

Morning Overlook Hike — Fridays, 9 a.m. Sherwood Loop Trailhead. Enjoy rangers Jordan and Jordan on a serene morning hike to the scenic overlook and natural bridge on the Sherwood Day Loop.

Natural Tie Dyeing with Cyanotype — Friday, Aug. 29, 1 p.m., Sewanee Welcome Center. Join us at the Welcome Center to make crafts where we put plants on UV-reactive paper, set it in the sun, and wash it off. The result is a beautiful white print of your plant on a blue background.

Buggytop Cave Crawl — Saturday, Aug. 30, 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 ages 10+. Please email Ranger Matthew at <matthew.j.thomas@tn.gov> to register and for more information. Please email Ranger Matthew at <matthew.j.thomas@tn.gov> to register.

Birding Canoe Float — Savage Gulf State Park, Saturday, Aug. 30, 8-10:30 a.m. \$10. Register for event. Join Ranger Jamie on a birding canoe float at Three Forks Lake. We will be meeting at the Savage Gulf North Trailhead, 1183 Stone Door Road Beersheba Springs. We will begin the morning with a short hike to the Three Forks Lake where we will access the canoes and begin the float. The hike to and from the lake will be an approximate 2-mile roundtrip hike and is considered moderate. We will canoe around the lake for approximately 1.5 hours before hiking back to the Savage Gulf North Trailhead parking lot. We will discuss birds we see, common backyard birds, waterfowl, and common birds in the park. Binoculars are highly recommended,

but not required. The park will NOT be providing binoculars and participants must bring their own if they so choose. The park will provide canoes, life jackets, and paddles. Please wear shoes you do not mind getting wet. Please bring water, snacks, bug spray, and anything else that you may need for the duration of the program.

New and experienced birders alike enjoy using the Merlin app for birding. The ranger will be using this tool during the program, and encourage participants to use it, too. Learn more about the app here <<https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/>>.

Please note that in the case of inclement weather (rain, high wind, snow, etc.) this program will be cancelled and a refund issued.

TN Serves & National Public Lands Day — Savage Gulf State Park, Friday, Sept. 19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Register for event. Meet at 550 Greeter Falls Rd., Altamont. Savage Gulf State Park is hosting a beautification project at Greeter Falls for National Public Lands Day on Friday, Sept. 19. This project day will work to improve multiple areas in the Savage West area of the park, from trash clean-ups to removal of invasive species. Volunteers will need to be able to travel through steep and uneven terrain for up to 2.5 miles while carrying trash bags or trail tools as a part of this project. Volunteers will need to bring water, food, boots, and weather appropriate clothing. The meeting area will be the Savage West entrance.

Volunteers are required to register via Galaxy Digital at <https://tnstateparksvolunteer.galaxydigital.com/need/detail?need_id=1122432>.

TN Serves & National Public Lands Day Trail Cleanup — South Cumberland State Park, Saturday, Sept. 27, 9-11 a.m. Free. Register for event. Meet at Fiery Gizzard South Trailhead, 498 Foster Falls Rd., Sequatchie. Join Park Ranger Ben to keep our trails beautiful by collecting trash along the Climber's Loop by Foster Falls at the Fiery Gizzard South Trailhead. We will meet in the parking lot.

Registration is required in order to ensure equipment is provided for all volunteers, please follow the Galaxy Digital link in the description.

Volunteers are asked to wear long pants and shoes that they can get dirty with no sandals/flip flops/open toed shoes. Be prepared to hike up to 2 miles over steep terrain. Gloves will be provided, but volunteers are encouraged to bring their own if they prefer.

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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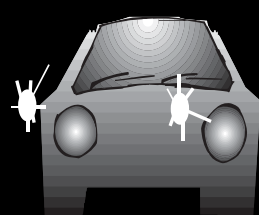


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NOTICE: The Monteagle City
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Sept. 8, 2025 and Sept. 22, 2025,
at 4 p.m., in the conference room
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FROM BARD TO VERSE

Labor Day

by Robin Bates

[My river boat] rang under my feet like an empty Huntley & Palmer biscuit-tin kicked along a gutter; she was nothing so solid in make, and rather less pretty in shape, but I had expended enough hard work on her to make me love her. No influential friend would have served me better. She had given me a chance to come out a bit—to find out what I could do. No, I don't like work. I had rather laze about and think of all the fine things that can be done. I don't like work—no man does—but I like what is in the work—the chance to find yourself. Your own reality—for yourself, not for others—what no other man can ever know. They can only see the mere show, and never can tell what it really means.—from *Joseph Conrad, Heart of Darkness*

Yonder see the morning blink:
The sun is up, and up must I,
To wash and dress and eat and drink
And look at things and talk and think
And work, and God knows why.

Oh often have I washed and dressed
And what's to show for all my pain?
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Community Calendar

Friday, Aug. 29 • GC Schools Abbreviated Day
Register for vaccination clinic, <folksathomesewanee@gmail.com>, (931) 598-0303

- 8 a.m. Thurmond Library Book Sale, parish hall, St. Mark & St. Paul, until 4 p.m.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 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, (rain location, Municipal Auditorium) Cumberland St., Altamont

Saturday, Aug. 30

- 8 a.m. Sewanee Gardeners' Market, Hawkins Lane, until 10 a.m.
- 8 a.m. Thurmond Library Book Sale, parish hall, St. Mark & St. Paul, until 4 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
- 7 p.m. Play in the Park, (free), Acrosome, Angel Park

Sunday, Aug. 31

- 8 a.m. Thurmond Library Book Sale, parish hall, St. Mark & St. Paul, until 4 p.m.
- noon Sewanee Woman's Club luncheon reservation deadline, email <reservations.swc@gmail.com>
- 1 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 3 p.m.
- 1 p.m. YouFit, Betsy, Community Center
- 4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center
- 7 p.m. Play in the Park (free), Apollo and the Sirens, Angel Park

Monday, Sept. 1 • Labor Day

SAS, FC, GC, MC Schools, No Classes
SCA Membership dues, through Sept. 30, <<https://sewaneecivic.org/sewanee-classifieds/>>

- 8 a.m. Thurmond Library Book Sale, parish hall, St. Mark & St. Paul, until noon
- 5:30 p.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 2

- 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.
- 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. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.
- 6 p.m. South Pittsburg Historic Preservation Society meeting, speaker Meagan Grim, Community Room, Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative, Cedar Avenue and 6th St., South Pittsburg
- 5:30 p.m. Easy Flow Yoga, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 3

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Art Wednesday, (free), Artisan Depot, 204 E. Cumberland St., until noon
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. Sewanee EQB Club, lunch at noon; lead, Dr. Francis X. Hart, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Thursday, Sept. 4

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, club assembly, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Nature Journaling, for details/meeting location email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com>
- 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, Sept. 5

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Vaccination Clinic, American Legion Hall, Sewanee, until 1 p.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.

Local 12-Step Meetings

Friday

7 p.m., AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City

Saturday

7 p.m., NA, open, Dechard 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, Dechard 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

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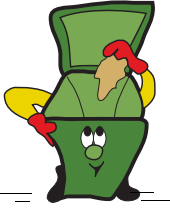
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