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Monteagle Approves Church and Motel Site Plans

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the Aug. 5 meeting, the Monteagle Planning Commission approved the site plan for the Monteagle Church of Christ to build a new house of worship in Monteagle. The commission also approved the site plan for a Hampton Inn, a project on Monteagle's radar screen since July 2022.

"The town engineer approved both site plans," said town planner Jonathan Rush.

The new Monteagle Church of Christ house of worship will be located on property between DuBose Avenue and Highway 41, with the entrance and exit on Bennett Avenue. "We're not building a new church. We're just building a new building," said Howell King, Monteagle Church of Christ elder.

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SUD Awards \$1.5 M Contract to Local Bidder

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"We've worked with LTS in the past and have no complaints," said Sewanee Utility District manager Ben Beavers in support of the recommendation by project engineer Adam Carter with St. John's Engineering to award a bid for sewer rehabilitation to LTS. "LTS is a good local company," said SUD Board of Commissioners President Charlie Smith. The commissioners reviewed bids for the sewer rehabilitation project at a July 31 special-called meeting. American Recovery Plan Act (ARAP) grant funding will pay for 85 percent of the sewer rehabilitation work with SUD responsible for 15 percent.

Four contractors bid on the project. "All the bids were very reasonable," Beavers said, "but there was one clear low bidder who met all the qualifications." The LTS \$1,550,080 bid was more than \$100,000 lower than the next closest bid and over \$400,000 lower than the highest bid.

SUD will perform most of the inspections. "For ARPA grants SUD will need to sign off as owner, I'll need to sign off as engineer, and the contractor will have to sign off," explained Carter. "You'll need to submit that to the Grant Management System as proof payment is due."

"I like doing business locally if possible," said commissioner Donnie McBee in support of the unanimous vote to award the contract to LTS.

Beavers anticipates work will begin in September.



It was a great day to be a Tiger! Welcome back SES families. We are so glad that you are here. Let's "Build our Future." #ses100

What Do We Do with the Dogs?

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

Bo's Buddies is a story about Michelle Story's answer to that question. The story begins almost four years ago. "A dog got shot. It was a family pet. The people were looking for their dog," Story said. She soon learned it was not uncommon for people to shoot stray dogs in Marion County. "I started trying to figure out why this is happening. People told me [law enforcement] said to shoot a stray dog if they felt threatened."

A registered nurse and owner of medical spas in Jasper and Monteagle, Story moved to Sequatchie in 2015. In 2021, she adopted a dog from Marion Animal Resources Connection (MARC). The trauma of imagining how she would have felt if her dog had wandered off and been shot prompted her to talk with Marion County Mayor David Jackson, who in turn put her in touch with Sheriff Ronnie Burnette.

Story sympathizes with people who feel threatened by stray dogs. "If there is a vicious dog in my yard, I don't want to have that responsibility [to shoot the dog]. I want to have someone I can call. Technically, the sheriff's department is responsible. Animals running at large is against Tennessee state law."

But when Story spoke with Sheriff Burnette, a far more complex picture began to emerge. "When I asked why they don't respond to animal calls, he said, 'We don't have the resources. What are we supposed to do with them? Put them in jail? Bring them to the police station?'"

Marion County has an Animal Control Committee composed of five county commissioners, but no officer dedicated to animal control and no shelter. Founded in 2011, MARC's mission is to offer low cost spay-neuter services to reduce pet overpopulation and to rehome animals in need. Never intended as a shelter, MARC places dogs and cats in temporary foster homes until a forever home can be found.

"MARC is always full. They do everything they can for this com-

munity," Story said.

And the dogs that people contact MARC about are often not only homeless, but tragically in need of medical care.

On July 2, a Marion County Deputy arrested three individuals for animal cruelty. The photographs of the 14 dogs found at the residence are difficult to look at. Some of the dogs literally resembled dog skeletons with skin stretched taut over the bones. Story accompanied the deputy who made the arrest. "It was a tough day," Story acknowledged. "Dogs with their poor bones showing through their skin. Tick infested and flea infested, skin irritations and urine stains on their paws, toenails that were uncomfortable for them to walk on, ears with insect bites." Ultimately, all 14 dogs went to MARC. "Some had heartworms. All of them tested positive for intestinal parasites and needed medical attention. Having a shelter in place for when these things happen would have been a lot easier than the blood, sweat and tears of trying to figure out what we were going to do and how we were going to do it," Story said. Several days later, another Marion County dog owner was arrested for animal cruelty and five more dogs went to MARC.

Convinced of the need for a Marion County shelter, Story crafted a proposal based on a Rhea County shelter formed as a nonprofit and receiving financial support from the local government.

"All the county commissioners were very receptive to the idea," Story said.

Story established a nonprofit called Animal Protective Services of Marion, Inc. The board of directors includes a Marion County educator, attorney, and veterinarian. The nonprofit operates under the business name "Bo's Buddies." "Who doesn't know who Bo is?" the website asks. Who hasn't had a 'Bo' in their life, a loyal four-legged friend who offered unconditional

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Newest section of the Mountain Goat Trail.

New Mountain Goat Trail Section Connects Monteagle, Tracy City

The final piece of the Mountain Goat Trail between Monteagle and Tracy City has been completed. The half-mile segment between Northscenic Road and Grundy Housing Authority will allow walkers, runners, and cyclists to travel from the City Hall/DuBose Center area in Monteagle to the Tracy City Roundhouse Park, all on paved multimodal trail.

"We're excited to have Monteagle and Tracy City connected by the Mountain Goat Trail. This gives us six miles of continuous trail for community members and visitors to enjoy, and opens the door for events between the two towns," said Patrick Dean, executive director of the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance.

The Mountain Goat Trail will extend from Cowan to Palmer along the route of the historic Mountain Goat Railroad, and is expected to be close to forty miles long when connected. In addition to the completed section, two short segments connecting to the South Cumberland State Park Visitor Center and to the Fiery Gizzard trailhead are under construction. For more information, visit <www.mountaingoattrail.org>.

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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>.

Correction

In the story from the Aug. 1, 2025 issue on “The Challenges of 31 Points of Light,” Taylan Honeycutt’s name was misspelled. The Messenger regrets the error.

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Through Aug. 12, duPont Library hours are Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed on Saturday and Sunday. Beginning Wednesday, Aug. 13, hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday–Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, and 1–7 p.m., Sunday, through Aug. 24. Go to <https://library.sewanee.edu/library_hours> for more information.

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Public Meeting on Proposed Sand and Rock Quarries on the Cumberland Plateau

The Plateau and Valley Chapter of Statewide Organizing for Community eMpowerment (SOCM) will host a public meeting on Aug. 21, to discuss the proposed sand and rock quarries on the Cumberland Plateau and their potential effects on local communities and the environment.

Topics of discussion will include updates on the proposed sand and rock quarry in Jumpoff, on the legal battle around the Clouse Hill quarry, and on other community threats. Attendees will also discuss the links between these projects, and how communities can work together to widen community awareness of our progress to protect our water, air and continued viability of the present economic engine of tourism.

The meeting will take place from 5–7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 21, at the pavilion behind Monteagle located at 16 Dixie Lee Avenue, Monteagle. The event will include a potluck meal. Attendees are invited to bring a dish to share.

“This meeting is an opportunity for everyone in the community to learn about the proposed quarries, ask questions, and make their voices heard,” said SOCM member Talon Sulfridge. “We are committed to protecting our homes, our water, and our environment.”

Residents and community members are invited to attend and join the conversation. SOCM members and local residents will present information on the quarry proposals, answer questions, and share updates on community efforts to ensure appropriate regulation and oversight.

SOCM, formerly known as Save Our Cumberland Mountains, is a 53-year-old statewide member-driven organization dedicated to empowering Tennesseans in their efforts to have a greater voice in determining their own future. The Plateau and Valley Chapter covers Marion, Grundy, and Franklin Counties. While the chapter was incorporated in 2024, SOCM’s history in the three-county region stretches back to the 1970s. For more information go to <www.socm.org>.

Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall

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

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

Upcoming Meetings

American Legion

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

Franklin County School Board

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

Housing Hub

The Housing Hub, a nonprofit addressing affordable home ownership for working families on the plateau, will have a board meeting at 8 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 13, at their office at the Littell-Partin Center, Suite 230, in Tracy City. Interested community members are welcome to attend. More information is available at their website, <housinghubtn.org>.

FCDP Upcoming Events

Janice Bowling Listening Tour, at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 13, in the Franklin County Annex Small Meeting Room 1839 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester. Please show up to ask our State Senator pertinent questions.

Dinner with Dems at Shenanigans, at 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 17, 12595 Sollace M. Freeman Hwy, Sewanee. Join us for fellowship and socializing and get to know other Democrats in the area. The FCDP will cover the first \$100 of pizzas, drinks and the rest are on you.

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is scheduled to meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 14, at St. Mary’s Sewanee, with author Rev. Jodi McCullah presenting the program.

Jodi McCullah is a retired United Methodist Minister enjoying a love affair with telling stories that disturb us often even while they make us chuckle. In “Here lies Jimmie’s Arm,” her first book, she invites the reader into the charming, peculiar and sometimes dark tales of the first church she served. We watch her grapple with church bullies, predators and church members who feel she is not doing her job if they don’t feel shamed like a worm at the end of a worship service.

Before answering the call to fulltime ministry, she worked as a bookkeeper, ESL tutor, newspaper reporter, instructor of writing and conversational Japanese and a homeschool mom. She took up dancing, then drumming, then guitar as an older adult because she believes we start to die when we stop learning. She has been published in Australia and Japan as well as the US.

Her blog, where she has begun the task of unpacking all the stories she’s collected over the decades, can be found at <emptyingthebackpack.com>.

She is also the co-founder and retired Executive Director of Soldiers And Families Embraced, a nonprofit that provides free counseling to active duty military and veterans, first responders and their families in Clarksville, Tenn., <www.soldiersandfamiliesembraced.org>.

Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative

We invite all SVEC members to join us for our 86th annual Meeting on Thursday, Aug. 14, at Sequatchie County High School. Doors open at 5 p.m. CT. Come enjoy free food, entertainment, and giveaways — and hear how your co-op is working for you.

Franklin County Board of Commissioners

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

Sewanee Utility District

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 19, at the utility office on Sherwood Road. If a customer is unable to attend but wishes to bring a matter to the board, call (931) 598-5611, visit the office, or call a board member. The board members are Johnny Hughes, Chris McBee, Donnie McBee, Charlie Smith, and Clay Yeatman.

Town of Monteagle

There will be a Workshop of the Monteagle City Council on August 18, 2025, at 4 p.m., in the conference room at City Hall.

There will be a Public Hearing on Ordinance 06-25 Food Trucks on Aug. 25, 2025, at 4:45 p.m., in the conference room at City Hall.

The Monteagle City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Aug. 25, 2025, in the conference room at City Hall.

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>.

Sewanee Community Council

The next meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 22, 2025, at 7 p.m. We have reserved Monday, Aug. 25, 2025, as a possible meeting date and will meet then if there are urgent concerns. If there are any items for discussion that cannot wait until September, please submit them to the Provost’s office by noon on Wednesday, Aug. 13.

Hospitality Shop News

The Hospitality Shop will be closed for a week long break starting Tuesday, Aug. 12 and reopening Tuesday, Aug. 19.

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.

MMUMC Food Distribution

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


Birth Announcement

Anna Claire Shipman

Anna Claire Shipman was born on July 22, 2025, at Tennova Health-care in Clarksville, Tenn., to Julianna and Evan Shipman of Clarksville, Tenn. She weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Richard and Jennifer (Hardy) McBee of the Valley Home Community. Maternal Great Grandparents are Sammy and Julia McBee of Sewanee, Tenn., and the late great-grandparents Jerry and Anna Hardy of the Valley Home Community. Paternal grandparents are David and Michelle Shipman of Clarksville, Tenn. Paternal great-grandparents Glen and Judy Shipman of Clarksville, Tenn., and Clyde and Minnie Barber of Centerville, Tenn.

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Church News

All Saints’ Chapel

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

Christ Church

The Feast of the Transfiguration was celebrated on Wednesday. However, we will extend it by having special hymns and adding the beautiful Collect to the Sunday morning service. We hope the weather continues to favor being outdoors. We can’t help but rejoicing, but we know it is still Summer for many.

Please join us for a great Sunday service at 10:45 a.m. and stay for lunch if you can

Draw Near

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

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 year olds are invited to gather on the playground on Sunday mornings from 8:20 a.m. to noon.

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, Aug. 13, Children’s

Choir Practice begins

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

Sunday, Aug. 24 – Fall Kick-off: Youth Sunday School begins (Brooks Hall)

Sunday Forum begins – Reed Carlson on prophets & justice

Welcome Picnic after Second Service. Everyone is invited to come kick off a new program year and welcome neighbors new and old. There will be fried chicken, and all kinds of salads, sides and desserts. Please sign up on the sheet in Kennerly to bring your favorite salad, side dish, or dessert. There is also a need for volunteers to help with setup and take down. We will be on the lawn (weather permitting) after the second service. !

Tuesday, Sept. 2 — Lectionary Bible Study resumes (Brooks Hall

3:30 p.m.)

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

Sewanee Zen, Stone Nest Dojo

Stone Nest Dojo of Sewanee Zen provides traditional Zen Buddhist practice in the Soto tradition of Kodo Sawaki and Taisen Deshimaru. Led by Richard Collins, a monk who has been abbot of the New Orleans Zen Temple since 2016, Stone Nest offers zazen (seated meditation) four times a week, as well as quarterly sesshin (retreats) and periodic introductions to Zen practice. For information, go to <www.neworleanszentemple.org>.

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>.

Winchester First United Methodist Church

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

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.tdworldministries.org>

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

New Creations Ministries, Rayburn Chapel

4 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Sunday

New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan

11 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

Pelham United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

St. Agnes’ Episcopal Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. James-Midway Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

St. Mark & St. Paul

8:20 a.m. Nursery, basement of Kennerly Hall (Sewanee Children’s Center), Sunday

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

9:45 a.m. Godly Play

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

St. Mary’s Sewanee Retreat Center

4 p.m. Centering Prayer Group, Thursday

Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Sewanee Zen, Stone Nest Dojo

7 a.m. Zazen, Tuesday-Thursday

10 a.m. Zazen and Ceremony, Sunday

Sisters of St. Mary Convent Chapel

7 a.m. Morning Prayer, Tuesday–Friday

5 p.m. Evening Prayer, Tuesday–Friday

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Saturday

5 p.m. Evensong, Saturday

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

5 p.m. Evensong, Sunday

Tracy City First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

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

Unitarian Universalist Church, Tullahoma

10 a.m. Service, Sunday

Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

Winchester First United Methodist

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

Celebration of Life

William Douglas Vaughan

A Celebration of Life for William Douglas Vaughan will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 9, at St. James Episcopal Church, 898 Midway Road, Sewanee. A buffet lunch will follow.

Obituaries

Clara Jeanette Francis

Clara Jeanette Francis, age 63 of Winchester, died on July 25, 2025, at her home. She was born on Dec. 10, 1961, in Sewanee, to Arthur Moore and JoAnna Pitts Scott. She was a dedicated CNA who cared for others with compassion and kindness, and faithful member of Redemption to the Nations Church, Tullahoma. She was preceded in death by her parents; stepfather, Jackson Scott; siblings James Miller, Bobby Perkins, John Miller, Flossie Ann Francis, Arthur Moore Jr., and William Moore; and grandson, Steve Wayne Hutto.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Charles Francis; children, Curtis (Erica) Francis, Okemeyia Miller, Tiny (Darion) Turner, and Maurice Walker; siblings Betty Miller, Donnell Miller, Bill (Sandra) Miller, Carla Scott Johnson, Brenda (Albert) Ingle, Paula Allgood, Craig Scott, Debra (Eddie) Green, Sherona (Auther) Waldon, and Jackie Travis; eight grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Funeral Services were on July 27, 2025, from the the Roy B. Watson Chapel of Watson Funeral Home. Interment followed in Watson Memorial Park. For complete obituary go to <www.watsonfhtn.com>.

William “Scooter Bill” Eugene McFarland

William “Scooter Bill” Eugene McFarland, age 79 of Monteagle, died on Aug. 2, 2025.He was born on Oct. 9, 1945, in Manchester, to Bill and Ela Mae Long McFarland. He started roofing in Florida at Turner’s Roofing and later originated McFarland Roofing. He was President of Powder Ridge Hunting Club for 26 years. He was preceded in death by his parens; daughter, Angie McFarland; grandson J.C. McFarland; uncles, AJ Long, Vernon Long, Horace Long, Bill Long, Reno Long, James Mitchell, William Cecil McFarland, and Ed Lee McFarland; aunts, Bessie Conry, Nora Custer, Nan Wiggins, Ruth McFarland, Doris Harper and Tressa Aylor; nephew Jody Bill McFarland, father-in-law William Cantrell, mother-in-law Lula Mae Cantrell; brothers-in-law Ed Cantrell, Roy Cantrell, and Geary Cantrell; sisters-in-laws Gloria McFarland, and Nancy Ward.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Margaret McFarland; sons, Danny Eugene (April) McFarland and James Cecil (Karen) McFarland; brother, David (Elizabeth) McFarland; brothers-in-law Jimmy (Kathy) Cantrell, Kenneth (Anna) Cantrell, Carl (Donna) Cantrell, Ronnie (Tammy) Cantrell, Robert Cantrell and Michael Ward, sisters-in-law Carol Collins, Bonnie (David) Garner, Alice Childress, and Tina Cantrell, four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Memorial Service will be announced soon. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

All Saints’ Chapel

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I, Sunday

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Worship, Wednesday

Calvary Baptist Church, Winchester

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

4 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday

Chapman Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Pelham

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Bible study, Wednesday

Christ Church Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Sunday

Christ Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd

9 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6:30 p.m. Healing/prayer service

City Light Church, Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

Decherd Presbyterian Church

11 a.m. Worship (Sunday)

Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Draw Near (non-denominational), Cowan

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Epiphany Mission, Sherwood

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Sunday

First Baptist Church, Cowan

9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:25 a.m. Worship, Sunday

First Church of the Nazarene, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

5 p.m. Mass, Saturday

10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday

12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday

Goshen C. P. Church, Winchester

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Grace Fellowship Church

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

Harrison Chapel Methodist Church, Midway

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Sunday Morning Service

5 p.m. Sunday Evening Service

Highpointe Apostolic Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Worship, Wednesday

Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Wednesday

Marble Plains Baptist Church, Winchester

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:30 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

Monteagle (from page 1)

"We bought the property in 2009 with this purposed in mind." The church is currently located adjacent to the I-24 Flea Market, and the Flea Market has expressed an interest in purchasing the property. The house of worship there, built in 1953, is not handicap accessible King acknowledged.

King questioned the requirement of a tree line. Since the new location is zoned C-2 commercial, a tree line is required for a screening buffer, Rush said. The tree line on adjacent property was not sufficient. "There's no guarantee the neighbors will keep the trees," Rush explained. "If you want a variance you'll need to go before the board of zoning appeals. The landscaping plan on the site plan [presented] conforms." "Let's leave it as it is. We're ready to start building," King said. "We'll plant some trees."

The Hampton Inn project required the Board of Zoning appeals to approve a special exception variance on the structure's height, allowing for a four-story building. With the variance granted in July of 2022, the project stalled in January 2025 due to the need to combine two plats into one to conform to the site plan footprint. Most recently, acquiring utilities easement stifled progress. With all issues now resolved and the site plan approved, Engineer Jake Simko speculates construction will begin in early 2026 and take eight to 12 months to complete. The motel will be located behind Hardees on Parker Street, along I 24.

South Cumberland Partnership

A local nonprofit organization, Tennessee's South Cumberland Tourism Partnership, has been renamed as the South Cumberland Partnership (SCP) in recognition of a new dual mission to support tourism revenue growth and tourism-related economic opportunity for citizens of the South Cumberland region, according to Joe Gray, SCP President.

"Our board of directors and leadership team have undertaken a months-long review of our organization's strengths and opportunities, and have emerged from that process enlightened and refocused not only on our original mission of growing tourism-related tax revenues, but also coming to the realization that we have an opportunity to improve the lives of all of the region's citizens by working to channel the economic benefits produced by our outdoor and heritage tourism economy into projects that will create new business opportunities and good new jobs for our local citizens," Gray explained.

To begin acting on the opportunities that came to light during SCP's review process, the nonprofit organization has identified 20 specific projects for which it will be an advocate and facilitator, Gray noted. The projects range from creating a business incubator facility to providing career advancement, training and certification programs, to creating new ways for visitors to spend money in the local economy during their stay in this area.

"We looked at Tennessee Department of Tourist Development (TDTD) data which showed that visitors to our region only spend about a third of Tennessee's daily per-visitor average, in large part due to the lack of visitor-friendly establishments such as restaurants, retail shops, and outdoor recreation businesses and facilities," Gray said. "We want to be above that average."

"We expect that our initial set of projects — some large, some small, all important — will address opportunities to grow visitor expenditures while providing new and exciting ways for our residents — especially our young adults — to pursue new career opportunities, and for all of us to benefit from the successes of the locally-owned businesses that will result," he added.

The South Cumberland Partnership has launched a new community-focused website, <SouthCumberlandPartnership.org>, which presents details about each of its initiatives, and a place where the public is invited to receive updates about their work, and can volunteer to help advance SCP's projects from "idea to reality." There is also a video on the site which explains why locally-owned businesses are so vital to the area's economy, and the potential that tourist visitation holds for creating jobs and improving lives in the South Cumberland region.

Dogs (continued from page 1)

love and trust?

"Some people just don't know how to maintain dogs or end up having more dogs than they can take care of," said Mayor Jackson. "There is a definite need to have a shelter. Once Bo's Buddies gets their plan put together, hopefully the county commission will throw some funding that way."

"Our mission is to provide resources and establish an animal shelter to support local law enforcement agencies," Story said. "By equipping them with the necessary tools to respond to animal cruelty and neglect cases, we also enhance public safety and promote humane treatment for all animals in Marion County, Tenn."

Story's top priority need is a location, land to lease, or reasonably priced land to buy, or, better still, land donated to the county. Her dream location would have 5-8 acres so the shelter could eventually expand to take farm animals. Another recent animal cruelty case resulted in a horse being euthanized.

Land is the first crucial ingredient, Story stressed. She explained grant funding is available, but the baseline requirement for funding is having property to build on or, at the least, identified to purchase. Volunteers have offered to help with excavation, plumbing and electrical, and even to supply concrete, possibly at low or no cost.

Story also needs people to help with fundraising and to educate the public about the need. Volunteers have stepped forward from South Pittsburg Mountain and Jasper Highlands, but Story pointed out, "This county is huge." She would love to hear from people in Jasper, Kimball, South Pittsburg, Whitwell, Crossroads, and Hometown willing to help coordinate fundraising and spread the word.

And finally, Bo's Buddies, needs money. To donate and learn more about the effort visit <<https://www.bosbuddies.org>>.

"I'm a great supporter," said Sheriff Burnette. "As far as dogs running at large, we have some." In cases where the owner is known, a deputy issues a warning and, after 3-4 warnings, will write a citation "Our biggest problem is people having dogs in pens and not feeding them proper and not taking care of them," Burnette insisted. "I have a deputy who has charged several people. He's a lover of animals. He would love the job of animal control officer. But first we have to have a place."

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SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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

Monday, Aug. 11: Salmon patty, white beans, greens, cornbread.
Tuesday, Aug. 12: Country-fried steak, mashed potatoes, green pea salad, roll.

Wednesday, Aug. 13: Tenderloin, hashbrown casserole, green beans, roll.

Thursday, Aug. 14: Cheeseburger, onion rings.

Friday, Aug. 15: Stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, corn on cob, roll.

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.

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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.

Vaccination Clinic

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

Vaccinations offered will include:

- 1) Covid (latest Moderna version and compatible with prior Pfizer)
- 2) Flu (low and high dose)
- 3) RSV
- 4) Prevnar/Pneumonia.

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

Please specify the vaccines you'd like to receive.

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

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

Help MARC with Fundraising

MARC is looking for a person to spearhead our fund raising. We would like that person to have had experience raising money for organizations and would lead us in a sustainable plan. Ideally this person would also be a member of our MARC Board to promote engagement.

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

Please let Executive Director for MARC, Sue Scruggs know if you have experience doing this and if you would be interested in this volunteer position. Text her at (423) 619-3845.

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

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

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

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

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

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Monday, Aug. 11: Pop tart, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday, Aug. 12: Chicken slider, fruit, juice, milk.

Wednesday, Aug. 13: Waffles/pancakes (packaged), fruit, juice, milk.

Thursday, Aug. 14: Sage biscuit, fruit, juice, milk.

Friday, Aug. 15: Cinnamon roll, 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, Aug. 11: BBQ nachos/trimmings, tortilla chips/salsa, pinto beans, baked potato, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Aug. 12: Asian chicken, buttered baby potatoes, stir-fry vegetables, rice, roll, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Aug. 13: Chicken sandwich/trimmings, baked beans, French fries, whole pickle, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Aug. 14: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, side salad, corn, roll, fruit, milk.

Friday, Aug. 15: Hamburger/cheeseburger/trimmings, fresh carrots, ranch, French fries, fruit, milk

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

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.



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Aug. 18, First Day of Classes SAS

Aug. 25, Quiet Day, School of Theology

Aug. 26, First Day of Classes, School of Theology

Aug. 27, First Day of Classes, College

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MCCSN Gearing Up for Annual Walk-a-Thon

The 32nd annual Multi-County Cancer Support Network (MCCSN) Walk-a-Thon is Friday, Sept. 12, 2025, at 6 p.m., at the old FCHS football stadium. There are ways to begin preparing for this very special event. It is never too soon to get teams organized. We hope you will participate in the tent decorating contest. The theme this year is "Your Fight Is Our Fight." Plaques will be given to the team with the best-decorated tent, the first team to sign up and pay in full, team with most contributions, and the team that raises the most funds. Make sure to include your team T-shirt size for each member.

Deadline for team names, memorials, and honorariums to be shown in the Walk-A-Thon booklet is Aug. 22.

Sponsorship forms are due by Aug. 22. Sponsorship levels are: \$2,000, \$1,200, \$700 and \$300.

Candle, survivor, and team forms are on our website, <www.mccsn.org> or can be picked up at the MCCSN office, which is located at 501 W. Broad St., in Decherd.

The Circle of Light candles are given by MCCSN in memory of cancer patients who have passed since the 2024 Walk-A-Thon. If you know of anyone who should be included in the Circle of Light, please contact the office no later than Aug. 16.

Silent auction items are being collected now. If you have a donation, please call the MCCSN office at (931) 967-0904. The office is open 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. MCCSN serves cancer patients and their families in Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Grundy, Lincoln, Marion, Moore and Warren Counties. Full information is available on the MCCSN website, <www.mccsn.org>.



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Fire Prevention Tips for a Safe Summer

The temperature isn't the only thing heating up this season. Whether you're celebrating with fireworks, barbecues, or bonfires, fire safety should be a top priority.

Grilling Safety

Keep the grill away from your home, deck railings, and overhanging branches.

Never leave a lit grill unattended. Always have a fire extinguisher nearby.

Check propane tanks for leaks before use. If you smell gas, turn off the grill and get it serviced.

Dispose of charcoal properly. Let coals cool completely before throwing them away in a metal container.

Campfire & Outdoor Fire Safety

Choose a safe location. Keep campfires at least 25 feet away from tents, brush, and flammable materials.

Never leave a fire unattended. Fully extinguish it with water and stir the ashes until cool.

Avoid burning in windy conditions. Embers can travel and ignite dry grass or debris.

Fire Extinguishers – Know How to Use Them

If a fire starts, a fire extinguisher can help — but only if you know how to use it properly. Follow the PASS method:

Pull the pin.

Aim at the base of the fire.

Squeeze the handle.

Sweep from side to side.

In Case of a Burn Injury

Cool the burn with cool (not ice-cold) water for 10-15 minutes.

Cover the burn with a clean, dry cloth to protect it.

Seek medical help if the burn is severe, covers a large area, or affects the face, hands, feet, or joints.

Did you know in June the Sewanee Fire Department responded to 26 calls?

- 1- Brush Fire
- 1- Motor Vehicle Removed
- Victim Under Vehicle
- 1- Land Rescue
- 3- Landing Zones
- 3- Smoke Investigations
- 1- Tree removal
- 16- Alarm Calls

Would you like to be involved with 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 wild-land 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@sewaneed.edu>. The Fire Department trains at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesdays at Sewanee Station, 111 Alabama Ave., 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. Please be on the lookout for information regarding the first responder program in the future.

By staying mindful of fire hazards, we can all enjoy a safe and festive summer. 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.

An Electrical Safety Checklist

At Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative, safety is at the heart of everything we do, and we want to empower you — our member-owners — to stay safe inside your home. One of the biggest threats we see is electrical fires, which cause tens of thousands of house fires across the United States each year, resulting in hundreds of deaths and millions of dollars in property damage.

Electricity is both a modern convenience and a necessity in today's world. But just like anything powerful, it comes with risks. An electrical safety checklist can be an excellent way to make sure your home and family are protected. Below are simple safety reminders, recommended by the National Fire Protection Association, that every SVEC member should keep in mind:

- Inspect electrical cords — Check cords for damage such as fraying, loose wiring, or cracking. If a cord looks questionable, replace the entire item or have a professional repair it. Avoid running cords across doorways or under carpets, where they're more likely to be damaged and create a hazard. If you need more access points, consider contacting a licensed electrician about adding new outlets.

Check outlets and switches — Ensure all receptacles and switches have faceplates securely in place. While it may seem cosmetic, these covers keep wiring out of sight — and out of harm's way — especially for children and pets.

Use proper light bulbs — Light fixtures are designed for a specific wattage. Only use bulbs that match the rating listed on the lamp or fixture. Using a bulb that is too strong can cause overheating and become a fire risk.

Protect young children — Keep cords and outlets out of reach and educate children early about electrical dangers. Objects placed into receptacles or cords placed in mouths can cause dangerous shock, burns, or worse.

Know when to call a qualified electrician — If you experience frequently tripped breakers, blown fuses, tingling sensations from appliances, flickering lights, discolored or warm outlets, or detect a burning or rubbery smell, it's time to call in a professional. Don't wait.

Electricity is a powerful and wonderful tool — when it's respected. As your locally owned electric cooperative, SVEC is committed to keeping our valleys safe, strong, and connected. We encourage you to walk through this electrical safety checklist with your family this week and share it with neighbors. Together, we can keep our homes powered and protected for years to come.

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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.

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

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

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

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://fallheritagefestival.org>.

Art Show to Benefit MARC

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

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

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

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

Purina puppy and kitten chow

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

MARC requests that donations do not include retractable leashes.

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

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

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

‘Play the Park’ at Angel Park

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

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

Here’s what interested bands need to know:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Community Art Shows at the Artisan Depot

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

University Choir Schedule

The Univeristy Choir invites you to two choral evensongs, a concert by the vocal ensemble APOLLO5, and the Festival of Lessons and Carols.

Choral Evensong, 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 21

7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 23, APOLLO5 in concert, tickets on eventbrite.com

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Anonymous supporters have stepped up in a powerful way – they're matching all donations to the Stop Jumpoff Quarry Legal Defense Fund dollar-for-dollar up to \$12,000. That means every dollar you give becomes two, with the potential to raise \$24,000 – but only if we act fast.

This match ends August 31, 2025. With legal threats mounting we can't afford to leave a single dollar unmatched.

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Go to www.stopjumpoffquarry.org

Roger McCoy Named Keynote Speaker for 2025 Tennessee Biodiversity Summit

Director of Conservation with Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Roger McCoy, a distinguished leader in conservation, has been announced as the keynote speaker for the 2025 Tennessee Biodiversity Summit. The one-day summit will be on Oct. 22, at Middle Tennessee State University and will spotlight ongoing efforts to protect the state's rich biological diversity.

McCoy, currently the Director of Conservation for TDEC, has dedicated 26 years to advancing conservation strategies for state lands and rare species. He also holds the honorary title of State Naturalist, awarded in recognition of his vast knowledge, contributions, and impacts in stewardship and conservation.

Like most in conservation, McCoy was drawn to an outdoor career from a young age, after reading his father's wildlife magazine and finding an interest in game species. His interest took him to Southern Illinois University where his focus and interests expanded to botany. After receiving his M.S. in plant biology, McCoy's skills and knowledge brought him to TDEC where he has served in distinctive roles and advanced conservation strategies for natural areas and rare species.

"Roger McCoy is held in high regard for his contributions to conservation in the state," said Josh Campbell, Chief of Biodiversity at TWRA. "McCoy is known for his outgoing personality and enthusiasm for sharing knowledge and passion about biodiversity. His fervent knowledge of Tennessee's conservation and preservation reflects the intentions of this summit. He is a perfect introduction to this event."

McCoy expressed enthusiasm about addressing a diverse audience and emphasized the summit's all-encompassing spirit. "This event is inclusive and invites everyone into the realm of conservation in Tennessee," he said. His keynote will focus on finding common ground in conservation and ways to engage residents across the state in protecting its rich natural heritage.

Organized by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), the summit highlights research and management projects dedicated to preserving Tennessee's unique wildlife diversity. It aims to bring together anyone with an interest in the outdoors including scientists, bird watchers, land managers, students, and nature enthusiasts, for a day of learning and inspiration.

The summit will feature eight speakers from across the conservation landscape along with educational booths, networking opportunities, and more. Anyone with an interest in the outdoors, wildlife, or protecting Tennessee's natural resources is encouraged to attend. Registration is now open at <tnwildlife.org>.

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is responsible for protecting, managing, and conserving fish and wildlife species for the benefit of Tennesseans and visitors. The Agency also maintains public safety through law enforcement and safety education on waterways.

CaveFest at The Caverns

From Oct. 11-12, The Caverns presents the fourth annual CaveFest, featuring a curated lineup of music with headliners Sam Bush, Leftover Salmon, Dan Tyminski Band, and Tim O'Brien, plus artists-in-residence Lindsay Lou and Kyle Turtle, along with an impressive roster of additional performers. Festivalgoers can enjoy on-site camping, glamping packages, open underground jam sessions, cave tours, delicious food trucks, local craft vendors, workshops, kids' activities, surprise performances, and more. Two day CaveFest tickets are just \$99 and include camping. Early arrivals can kick things off with a separately ticketed CaveFest Kick-Off Party on Friday, Oct. 10, featuring Airshow, The Cowpokes, and Lost Bayou Ramblers. For more information go to <https://www.thecaverns.com/cavefest>.

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New Detection Dogs Sniff Out Invasive Pest

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) has added eight paws to its fight against invasive pests. Two specially trained detection dogs—Winnie and Marcel—have joined the TDA Plant Certification Section to help protect Tennessee's thriving nursery and agricultural industries from the destructive Spotted Lanternfly (SLF).

"These dogs are an efficient new tool to fight the spread of the spotted lanternfly," Agriculture Commissioner Charlie Hatcher, D.V.M. said. "Our trained inspectors who work with the dogs report that the dogs' ability to detect the pest in all stages gives us an advantage in safeguarding Tennessee's fruit and forest industries."

Winnie and Marcel graduated from the USDA National Detector Dog Training Center in Georgia, operated by USDA APHIS' Plant Protection and Quarantine program. Both detection dogs are actively working alongside plant inspectors Mary Glover and Kyle Webb. Glover and Winnie are stationed in Knoxville, while Webb and Marcel are operating out of Mt. Juliet near the state's largest known SLF area.

Winnie and Marcel began their assignments by inspecting areas where SLF has been reported but not visually confirmed. Their precision has already led to a successful detection in Sumner County.

As their work continues, the dogs will also be used to help clear plant shipments from nursery-producing areas, should SLF be found nearby. Their current deployment includes inspections at retail plant dealers, where movement of infested material poses a risk for further spread.

SLF are invasive planthoppers that feed on a wide range of plants, including grapes, stone fruits, and hardwood trees. The hitchhiking pest lays its eggs on any hard surface including grills, vehicles, trailers, firewood, outdoor furniture, bikes, and toys. SLF can spread long distances when people and vehicles move infested material or items containing egg masses.

If you see SLF or an egg mass, take photos, then complete the form on Protect Tennessee Forests website at <www.tn.gov/protecttnforests/resources/report-a-pest.html>.

Next, stomp the insect and destroy egg masses by smashing or dousing with rubbing alcohol. Check vehicles, boats, or campers to make sure they aren't carrying any insects or eggs.

The Plant Certification Section oversees nursery, greenhouse, and plant dealer certification programs. Plant inspectors work with industries to ensure the continued movement of healthy, pest-free plant material in interstate and international trade, and monitor the phytosanitary condition of plant material coming into the state.

Civil War Sites Preservation Fund Grant Applications Accepted

The Tennessee Wars Commission, the Tennessee Historical Commission (THC) division responsible for preserving the state's significant military history, has announced the Aug. 11, 2025 opening of this year's grant cycle for the Civil War Sites Preservation Fund (CWSPF). This fund is provided by legislation to the Tennessee Historical Commission, whose board approves and awards CWSPF grants. The Tennessee Wars Commission administers the application and grant processes. \$3.2 million dollars in funding will be available from the CWSPF this year.

Established in 2013, the Civil War Sites Preservation Fund, is a key source of funding for the acquisition and preservation of properties associated with the 38 most significant Civil War sites in Tennessee. Additionally, grants can assist in funding the acquisition and protection of Underground Railroad sites eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, or eligible for designation as a National Historic Landmark.

Applicants must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. This grant will pay a one-to-one, 50 percent match where the grantee provides the match from a non-state source.

"In the past 12 years over \$20 million in funding from this program has helped save almost one thousand acres of threatened Tennessee battlefield lands," said Tennessee Historical Commission Director Patrick McIntyre, noting "this has protected critical greenspace in urban communities including Nashville and Murfreesboro as well as rural historic areas with scenic and natural values." Tennessee Wars Commission Director of Programs, Nina Scall noted "Last year the Commission awarded \$1,935,250 and helped to preserve approximately 81.4 acres of battlefield properties. Those projects focused on core battlefield areas associated with the Wauhatchie, Chattanooga, Shiloh, Spring Hill, Franklin, and Nashville battlefields."

The deadline for submissions is Oct. 31, 2025. The grant application process is digital. Create an account and complete the application at <https://tdec.smartsimple.com/s_Login.jsp>.

To learn more about the Tennessee Wars Commission and previous grant fund recipients, visit the website here. 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>.

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Sewanee Adds Two New Faces to Sports Medicine Staff

Director of Sports Medicine, Dr. Devon Serrano, has announced the addition of Sofia Diaz Martinez and Paige Patterson as Assistant Athletic Trainers, joining the Sports Medicine team ahead of the 2025-26 academic year.

Martinez arrives at Sewanee following two years as a graduate assistant athletic trainer with the Troy University football program. A native of Cordoba, Argentina, Martinez earned her undergraduate degree in athletic training from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where she gained clinical experience with the Rebels' football and women's soccer programs, as well as in high school settings. While at UNLV, she also volunteered at events such as the East-West Shrine Bowl, XFL games, The Basketball League, and Pro Action Dance.

At Troy, she played an integral role in implementing injury prevention protocols, providing on-field emergency care, and managing rehabilitation plans in collaboration with coaches and fellow medical staff.

Patterson comes to the Mountain after completing her Master of Science in Athletic Training at Lee University. A native of Edmonton, AB, Canada, she brings with her a wide range of clinical experience in both high school and collegiate settings, including recent rotations with Tennessee Wesleyan's men's and women's lacrosse teams, Lee University Athletics, and East Hamilton High School.

A former NCAA Division II student-athlete herself, Patterson competed in cross country and track & field for six years, earning multiple All-Conference and All-Region accolades. She completed her undergraduate degree at Saint Leo University with a major in Biology and a minor in Healthcare Administration.

With the additions of Martinez and Patterson, Sewanee continues to build on its commitment to providing top-tier healthcare and support to its student-athletes across all 26 varsity sports.

Becker, Johnson, and Lucas Named Cobalt Golf All-America Scholars

Elias Becker, Logan Johnson, and Pearse Lucas of the Sewanee men's golf team have been named 2024-25 Cobalt Golf All-America Scholars, the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) announced.

Becker capped an outstanding junior campaign as the SAA Championships medalist and earned multiple postseason honors, including PING Second Team All-Region, SAA Athlete of the Year, and First Team All-SAA. He was also a finalist for the Gary Player International Golfer of the Year award and earned a spot on the College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-District At-Large Team. A native of Mexico City, Mexico, Becker placed 20th at the NCAA Championships and ended the season ranked 14th nationally and 11th in the region.

Johnson collected Second Team All-SAA honors for the second consecutive year and competed in seven tournaments, including both the NCAA Championships and SAA Championships. The sophomore earned his second SAA Academic Honor Roll selection and finished the season with a 73.6 scoring average, ranking 64th in the region.

Lucas rounded out a strong senior season, earning PING All-Region IV and First Team All-SAA honors while joining Becker on the CSC Academic All-District At-Large Team. The Charlotte, N.C., native finished the year ranked 58th nationally and 29th regionally, highlighted by a fourth-place finish at the SAA Championships.

To be eligible for Cobalt Golf All-America Scholar recognition, student-athletes must be a sophomore, junior, or senior both academically and athletically, participate in at least 50% of their team's competitive rounds, hold a stroke average under 79.0 in NCAA Division III, and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher. Recipients must also demonstrate high moral character and be in good standing at their institution.

In total, 202 student-athletes from 78 NCAA Division III institutions received 2024-25 Cobalt Golf All-America Scholar honors.

Sewanee Women's Soccer Earns United Soccer Coaches Team Academic Award

The United Soccer Coaches announced its 2024-25 College Team Academic Award recipients, recognizing programs for exemplary academic performance. Sewanee's women's soccer team was among the 414 women's programs honored nationwide.

To qualify, teams must achieve a collective grade point average of 3.0 or higher during the academic year. The Tigers exceeded that benchmark with a 3.70 team GPA for 2024-25, underscoring their commitment to success both on the field and in the classroom.

SAS Mountain Lion Club Hosts Annual Workday and Lunch

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

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

Sewanee Youth Soccer Registration Open

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

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

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

Please consider volunteering when you register your player! Soccer will be at Sewanee Community Ballfields on Ball Park Rd., on Saturdays beginning Sept. 7, 2025

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

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



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

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


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

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

4 p.m., Friday, Aug. 22,
Women's Volleyball vs. Trev-
ecca Nazarene

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

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

by Yolande Gottfried



Barn spider. Photo by Al Partee



Yellow-fringed Orchid. Photo by Kim Butters

Spiders and Orchids

This has been a week for spiders. Lin Cameron “saw the first yellow garden spider this week as well as a blackwidow which was under a rock in the garden.” The beautiful garden spider or writing spider, a black and yellow Argiope with an inch-long body, builds a distinctive zigzag pattern in the center of its web, built in shrubs or small trees. It is not known exactly what the purpose of the zigzag pattern is. One suggestion is that it alerts birds to the presence of the web so that they won’t fly into it and disrupt it. Unlike the orb-weaving Argiope, the black widow is a cobweb weaver. I am learning to recognize their messy webs in likely areas around the outside of the house. Deb and Al Partee found a barn spider. They are orb weavers, weaving the web at night, then taking it down each day. They are seen in late summer and in the fall. They are very important in insect control. Charlotte in the book, Charlotte’s Web, was a barn spider.

Kim Butters found several Yellow-fringed Orchids in glorious bloom around Lake Dimmick. Check out the online edition of the Messenger to appreciate the color. Even though the name says yellow, I would call them orange and Peterson’s Wildflowers places them with the relatively few truly orange flowers. They are usually found in damp places. They are dependent on mycorrhizal fungi and cannot be propagated. They attract and are pollinated by large butterflies, particularly swallowtails. Their long tongues can reach the nectar at the base of the flower’s long spur.

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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.

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

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

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

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

Trail Run — Savage Gulf State Park, Thursday, Aug. 14, 8:30–9:30 a.m. \$5. Register for event. Registration closes at midnight the day before the event. Please preregister. Meet at Savage Gulf Ranger Station for a trail run on the Savage Day Loop. Join us on a 3(ish) mile (round trip, approximate) trail run. We will be doing a combo of running/walking. The anticipated pace will be between 10-15 minute miles. We may go slower as needed, but not faster (typically towards the slow end of the pace scale). Bring along desired water and food, as these are not provided. Wear sturdy shoes that can handle running off road! Weather permitting. The areas around overlooks and waterfalls can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall still exists, and extreme care is needed. Attendee cancellations must be made no later than 24 hours prior to the program’s scheduled start in order to receive a refund. Events outside the park’s control may necessitate program cancellation (weather, illness, park emergencies, etc). You will receive a text, email, or call with as much advance notice as possible, depending on the situation. Refunds will be processed for such canceled programs. Allow up to 7 business days for refunds.

Three Forks Lake Canoe Tour — Savage Gulf State Park, Friday, Aug. 15, 6–8 p.m. \$15. Register for event. Meet at 1183 Stone Door Road, Savage Gulf North. Witness the beauty of Three Forks Lake in a canoe. Canoes, paddles, and life jackets will be provided. Guests should wear weather appropriate clothing with comfortable shoes that may get wet. Sunscreen and hydration are a necessity. This will be an excellent opportunity to see new park addition prior to development.

Stone Door Hike — Savage Gulf State Park, 8:30–10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 16. \$10. Register for event. Meet at 1183 Stone Door Road, Savage Gulf North. Join Ranger Todd on a walk exploring around the Stone Door. Guests will meet at the Savage Gulf North Ranger Station ready for a moderately easy 2.5-mile hike. Guests should wear weather appropriate clothing with walking shoes and bring an adequate water supply. The areas around overlooks and waterfalls can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall still exists, and extreme care is needed. Attendee cancellations must be made no later than 24 hours prior to the program’s scheduled start in order to receive a refund. Events outside the park’s control may necessitate program cancellation (weather, illness, park emergencies, etc). You will receive a text, email, or call with as much advance notice as possible, depending on the situation. Refunds will be processed for such canceled programs. Allow up to 7 business days for refunds.



Winnie Pooh



Dash

MARC’s Mountain Adoptables Meet Winnie Pooh & Dash

Winnie Pooh is the cutest little girl. She is around one year old and weighs about 20 pounds. She is gray and white and may be a Border Terrier/Schnauzer mix or something similar. Winnie is learning about leashes. They can be scary at first. She is house trained and does not seem to want to chew on inappropriate things. She was found left at a person’s mailbox in a rural area. Winnie likes to have fun and then to snuggle up with her person. She is good with children, other dogs and with cats. If you are looking for a cutie to love, here she is.

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

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Mon	July 28	91	72	Avg max temp = 86
Tue	July 29	92	71	Avg min temp = 68
Wed	July 30	92	71	Avg temp = 77
Thu	July 31	91	71	Precipitation = 0.92”
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NOTICE: ORDINANCE 08-25 an Ordinance of the Town of Monteagle relating to the review and the recovery of the town's expenses for engineering review fees. This ordinance was passed July 28, 2025.

NOTICE: There will be a Public Hearing on Ordinance 06-25 Food Trucks on Aug. 25, 2025 at 4:45 p.m., in the conference room at City Hall.

NOTICE: The Monteagle City Council will hold the regular meeting on August 25, 2025 at 5 p.m., in the conference room at City Hall.

NOTICE: There will be a Workshop of the Monteagle City Council on Aug. 18, 2025 at 4 p.m., in the conference room at City Hall.

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by Robin Bates

Multicultural America

Teresa, our Mexican neighbor,
climbs our porch steps on arthritic legs,
carrying a plate of fresh tamales,
still warm, wrapped in cloth,
because they're having a cook-out in their yard
with all the tias and grandbabies,
and we're included in the golden circle
of familia, through no virtue
of our own, yet here she is again at our door
with a plate of something delicious, or a big plastic bag
filled with nopales from the edible pads
of the giant cactus in their yard
which she has skinned and cubed and boiled
in salted water. They're slippery as okra
and tart as lemons and she swears they will cure
a long list of ailments, including
but not limited to cancer, high blood pressure,
diabetes...standing on our porch, leaning
against the railing, she enumerates
the benefits while I smile and nod, "Si, si, gracias..."
My friend who lives in a rich neighborhood
says she's seen ICE patrolling, looking for gardeners
and maids escaping over the back fences of Marin.
They're tearing apart families like clumps
of seedlings, uprooting whole delicate
ecosystems, but what they don't
understand is the mycelian nature
of kinship, how love is a weed
that travels across borders in a bird's belly
and pops up waving its arms, no matter the law.
Our block resounds with spangled mariachi tunes
all summer long, and I'd be lying if I said
I wasn't jealous some evenings,
lying awake while parties go on all around us,
because this land is their land, and this devotion
is tough and wild and joyous and Teresa can't read
the red card that says Know Your Rights
in English and Spanish that I give her, nor understand
how I make a living, but she knows
what to do with the leaves of the guava tree
growing along our driveway, whose leaves
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Community Calendar

Friday, Aug. 8

- 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, Cumberland St., Altamont

Saturday, Aug. 9

- 8 a.m. MMUMC Monthly Food Distribution, 322 W. Main St., Monteagle, until 10 a.m.
- 8 a.m. Sewanee Gardeners' Market, Hawkins Lane, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. American Legion Post 51, Legion Hall
- 9 a.m. St. Andrew's-Sewanee School Annual Mountain Lion Workday and Lunch, 290 Quintard Rd., until 11:30 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 10

- 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

Monday, Aug. 11

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 6 p.m. FC School Board, 215 S. College St., Winchester

Tuesday, Aug. 12

- 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.
- 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery, Tracy City
- 4 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 13

- 8 a.m. Housing Hub board, Littell-Parton Center, Suite 250, Tracy City
- 9 a.m. Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall (VTMW) leaves Sam H. Warner Military Museum. Monteagle
- 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.
- 2 p.m. FCDP Sen. Janice Bowling Listening Tour, FC Annex Small Meeting Room, 1839 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Thursday, Aug. 14

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, Rev. Jodi McCullah, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Nature Journaling, email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com> for details/meeting location
- 9:30 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, conference room, Monteagle City Hall, until 10:30 a.m.
- 3 p.m. Fresh Mess Market, Harton Park, 123 S. College St., Monteagle, until 6 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative 66th Annual Meeting, Sequatchie Valley High School, 7067 SR 28, Dunlap
- 6 p.m. VTMW Opening Ceremony, Winchester City Park, 1561 Phillip Fulmer Pkwy., Winchester

Friday, Aug. 15

- 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, Cumberland St., Altamont

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

Saturday

7 p.m., NA, open, Decherd United Methodist

Sunday

6:30 p.m., AA, open, the Wesley House, MMUMC

Monday

5 p.m., 12-Step Women's Study Group. Call (931) 327-5551 for information and for the Zoom link

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

Tuesday

7 p.m., AA, open, First Baptist, Altamont

7 p.m., AA, open, Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester

Wednesday

10 a.m., AA, closed, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493

7 p.m., NA, Decherd United Methodist

Thursday

6 p.m., Life's Healing Choice, Grundy County Recovery Alliance, Coalmont

6 p.m., Celebrate Recovery, City Light Church, Monteagle

7 p.m., Serenity in Sewanee

AA, open, Brooks Hall, Sewanee

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

St. Mary's Sewanee Ayres Center
Upcoming Events

Centering Prayer as 11th Step Practice
August 20th-24th

The Spirituality of the Enneagram
September 26th-28th

October Outreach Online Series
Each Wednesday in October

To Create - Answering the Call
October 31 - November 2nd

Package pricing varies.
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