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Greening of the Chapel on Dec. 5. Photo by Ken Taylor



Sacristan lighting the pillar candles before the Dec. 6 Lessons and Carols early service. Photo by Lyn Hutchinson

Mountain T.O.P. Receives Fahe Maximizing Appalachian Capacity Grant

Mountain T.O.P. has been awarded a \$150,000 Maximizing Appalachian Capacity (MAC) Grant from Fahe, a regional network of more than 50 nonprofit housing organizations dedicated to building thriving communities and expanding opportunity across Appalachia.

Mountain T.O.P. is one of nine Fahe Members selected to receive MAC Grants, which total \$2.4 million in direct investment to strengthen local capacity for affordable housing and community development in the region. The awards will leverage \$19.4 million in additional funding, build staff capacity, increase housing production, create job training and new jobs, and serve over 600 households.

Through the support of this grant, Mountain T.O.P. will launch a partnership with Housing Hub to pilot a 12-week workforce development program and establish a revolving capital fund for rural home repairs. The program will build invaluable trade skills among young adults while increasing the organization's capacity to respond to urgent home repair needs across rural Tennessee.

"The need for home repair in our community is urgent, and too many families have had to wait years for help," said Martha Pierce, Executive Director of Mountain T.O.P. "The Fahe MAC Grant helps us respond to that need in real

time and better serve our neighbors with the compassion and commitment they deserve."

"Appalachia's future depends on strong local institutions," said Jim King, Fahe CEO. "These awards give our Members the tools, talent, and infrastructure they need to accelerate housing and community development across the region."

Fahe established this competitive grant program as part of their Housing Can't Wait campaign to expand access to affordable housing in Appalachia by 2030. Fahe Members designed the awards application. Fahe staff and a distinguished awards committee of Board members reviewed Fahe Member applications for strategy, readiness, and impact. Impact results will be published in a future report.

Funding for the MAC Grant Awards was made possible thanks to an unrestricted grant that Fahe received from the Yield Giving foundation. Transformational financing empowered Fahe to direct the funding in a manner that would be most productive to Fahe's mission.

Fahe unites people, organizations, and resources to build homes, strengthen communities, and create a thriving Appalachia. Since 1980, Fahe and its members have invested nearly \$5 billion, improving life for more than one million people through housing, advocacy, and local leadership.

Temporary Change to Glass and Aluminum Recycling

The small glass and aluminum hoppers in Sewanee will not be available through Jan. 5. Please unbag and place recyclables in the large dumpsters labeled for glass and aluminum.

Children's Christmas Party

Community children are invited to celebrate the season with holiday treats and of course, Santa Clause! Face painting, gingerbread house building, and a magic show will also be a part of the festivities. The event is from 3:30–5:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12, in Convocation Hall. RSVP at <sewanee.edu/rsvpchildrensparty>.

Santa in the Park

St. James/Midway Community Park is hosting Santa in the Park, from 5–7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy cookies and hot chocolate with Santa. St. James/Midway Community Park is located at 898 Midway Rd., Sewanee.

Holiday Open House

Rob and Phoebe Pearigen invite members of the Sewanee community for a Holiday Open House. The event will be from 2–4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14, at Clement Chen Hall. RSVP at <rsvp.sewanee.edu>.

Winter Solstice Market Party and Potluck

The South Cumberland Farmer's Market is hosting a Winter Solstice Market Party and Potluck from noon to 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 21, at the Sewanee Community Center, 39 Ballpark Rd., Sewanee.

Vendors will be set up indoors and along the sidewalk with everything from the last of the season's veggies, teas and tinctures, juices and prepared meals, meats and cheeses, craft and gift items, to sourdough, French pastries, cookies, cakes, and more. Pre-ordering is not required, but will take place online from 9 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 17 until noon, Saturday, Dec. 20, if customers would like to secure holiday items in advance.

Bring a dish or a drink to share and come enjoy mingling with other customers and meeting all the people that produce the food sold online at the market all year.



In 1933 the Roosevelt Addition was built with the aid of the CWA and the assistance of a number of the town's people. This addition included the two classrooms on either side of the old stage and two classrooms below.

SES Prepares for 100th Celebration

In 1933, two rooms were built to expand Sewanee Elementary School to a total of six rooms in order to hold 235 students. The Civil Works Authority (CWA), funded through President Roosevelt's "New Deal" and the labor of local community members, made this expansion possible. Do you have memories of the school's expansion? Share them with us at <1926ses@gmail.com> or via this google form: <<https://forms.gle/Z9LdYzgeUZUAbDN66>>.

Franklin County Schools: TSBA Legislative Agenda Highlights

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

Franklin County School Board Chair Cleijo Walker, Vice Chair Lance Williams, and board member Sarah Marhevsky recently attended the Nov. 15 Tennessee School Board Association (TSBA) Convention to weigh in on selecting a legislative agenda for 2026. At the Dec. 8 Franklin County School Board meeting, Marhevsky detailed highlights of the agenda approved by the TSBA, with resolution topics ranging from drones to school nurses. Marhevsky also updated the board on proposed state legislation and new federal legislation impacting Tennessee children.

As was the case in 2025, the TSBA agenda will again lobby for the General Assembly to pass legislation providing funding for special education preschool students.

Additions to the TSBA legislative agenda for 2026 include requesting legislation criminalizing the use of drones to record images or video of school property or students without permission; to create a task force to evaluate and reduce the number of legislative regulation for schools; to make all Tennessee school system employees eligible for the public higher education fee discount program for their children pursuing post-secondary education; and to provide funding for adequate school nurse staffing levels. Marhevsky observed Franklin County was fortunate in having "a nurse for every school which exceeds what is required."

Both the Franklin County schools and Hamilton County
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Holiday Hours

McClurg: Regular hours through Thursday, Dec. 18. Friday, Dec. 19, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Closed Dec. 20 through Jan. 10. Sunday, Jan. 11, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Return to regular hours on Monday, Jan. 12.

Stirling's Coffee House: Regular hours through Tuesday, Dec. 16. Wednesday, Dec. 17 and Thursday, Dec. 18, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed Dec. 20 through Jan. 4. Monday, Jan. 5 through Friday, Jan. 9, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10 and Sunday, Jan. 11, closed. Return to regular hours on Monday, Jan. 12.

Cup & Gown: Regular hours through Wednesday, Dec. 17. Thursday, Dec. 18, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed Dec. 19 through Jan. 11. Return to regular hours on Monday, Jan. 12.

Biehl Commons Cafe: Regular hours through Friday, Dec. 12. Monday, Dec. 15 through Wednesday, Dec. 17, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Dec. 18 through Jan. 11. Return to regular hours on Monday, Jan. 12.

Tiger Bay Pub: Regular hours through Thursday, Dec. 11. Closed Friday, Dec. 12 for the Late Night Pancake Breakfast at McClurg. Saturday, Dec. 13, 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Closed Dec. 14 through Jan. 13. Return to regular hours on Wednesday, Jan. 14.

Hours for duPont Library: Thursday, Dec. 18, 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Saturday, Dec. 20 through Sunday, Jan. 4. Open 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday–Friday, Jan 5–9. Open 9 a.m. to 5p.m., Saturday, Jan. 10. Open 1-10 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 11. Regular hours resume Monday, Jan. 12. <https://library.sewanee.edu/library_hours>.

The Fowler Center will be closed Christmas Day.

Franklin County Convenience Centers will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 24, Thursday, Dec. 25, Wednesday, Dec. 31 and Thursday, Jan. 1. <https://www.franklincotn.us/assets/pdfs/holiday_schedule.pdf>.

The Post Office will be closed Thursday, Dec. 25, and Thursday, Jan. 1.

Local Food Available

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



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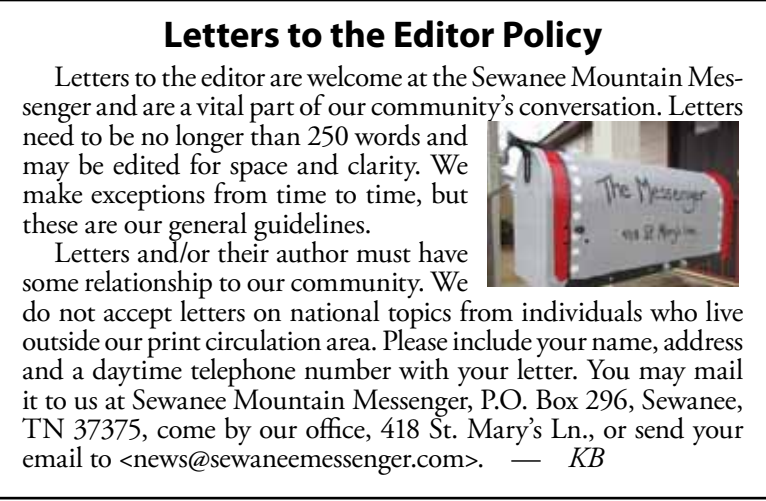


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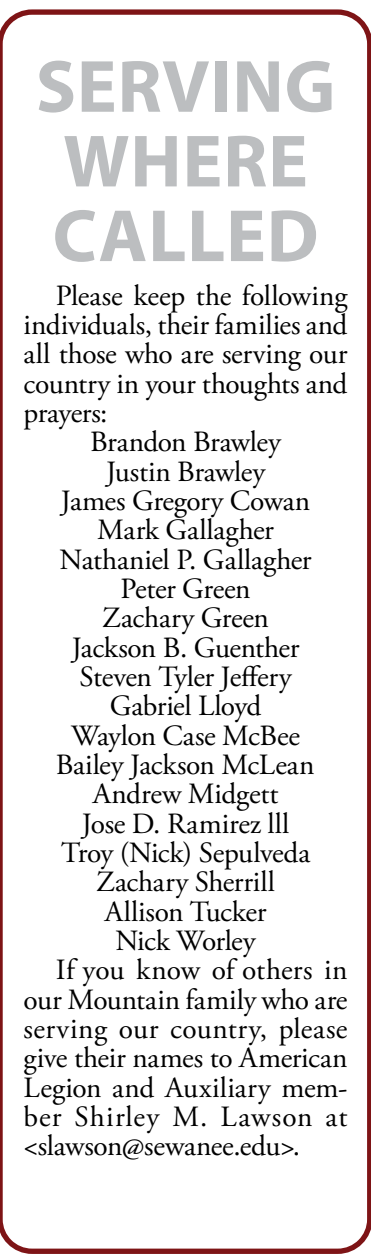
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Letters and/or their author must have some relationship to our community. We do not accept letters on national topics from individuals who live outside our print circulation area. Please include your name, address and a daytime telephone number with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



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If you know of others in our Mountain family who are serving our country, please give their names to American Legion and Auxiliary member Shirley M. Lawson at <slawson@sewanee.edu>.



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Upcoming Meetings

American Legion

American Legion Post 51 is scheduled to meet at 9 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Legion Hall in Sewanee.

FCDP Events

Breakfast with Dems, 9–11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 13, Wendy's 1735 Decherd Blvd., Winchester. Get together with area Democrats for breakfast and fellowship.

The Franklin County Democratic Party will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the Franklin County Annex, 839 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester. Normally, we meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, but because of Christmas, we will meet instead on the third Tuesday of the month. Bring a friend and ideas for the year ahead.

Town of Monteagle

The Monteagle City Council will meet for the regular session at 5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 15, in the conference room at City Hall.

The Monteagle Planning Commission is scheduled to meet at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 6, in the conference room at City Hall.

The Town of Monteagle will have a special called public hearing on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program at 9 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 8, 2025. The hearing will take place at Monteagle Town Hall located at 16 Dixie Lee Avenue, Monteagle, TN 37356. The meeting's purpose is to discuss possible projects the

town may apply for under this program. CDBG funds may be used for water and sewer improvements, imminent threat issues, and community livability projects. Anyone with disabilities requiring special accommodation for the meeting should contact the Town of Monteagle at (931) 924-2265. The Town of Monteagle supports equal opportunity providers and does not discriminate based on race, sex, age, national origin or physical handicap.

Sewanee Utility District

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the utility office, 150 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.

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club will not meet on Dec. 18, Dec. 25, or Jan. 1.

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is scheduled to meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 8, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Mike Partin with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association will present the program.

MMUMC Food Distribution

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church located at 322 W. Main St., in Monteagle, will be distributing food on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 8–10 a.m. All in need are welcome to come. Drivers should enter the line from behind the church and park where our helpers will guide you. Volunteers will load your car for you. Expect several bags of groceries, so please make room for these shelf stable items, some frozen items, and produce before you come. Morton Memorial distributes food the second Saturday of every month come rain or shine.

Messenger Break Ahead

For the upcoming Christmas and New Year's holidays, the Messenger will be on break Dec. 22, 2025 through Jan. 9, 2026. The staff will return to the office on Monday, Jan. 12, 2026, with the first issue of the new year on Friday, Jan. 16, 2026.

Important updates will be available on the website <<http://sewaneeemessenger.com>> or on our Facebook page during these breaks.

If your organization or church has a different schedule during these upcoming holidays than we normally post, please send the updates to <news@sewaneeemessenger.com> or call the office at (931) 598-9949.

Nominations Open for the SCA Board

The Sewanee Civic Association invites nominations for open positions on the 2026-27 Board of Directors. Experience working in fundraising and for nonprofits is a plus, but any adult who resides in the area and shares concerns of the community is welcome.

Nominations are due by Monday, Feb. 16, 2026. The slate will be presented at the March 2, 2026 membership meeting. Voting will occur at the annual membership meeting on May 4. For more information, email at <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>.

Hospitality Shop News

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

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

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

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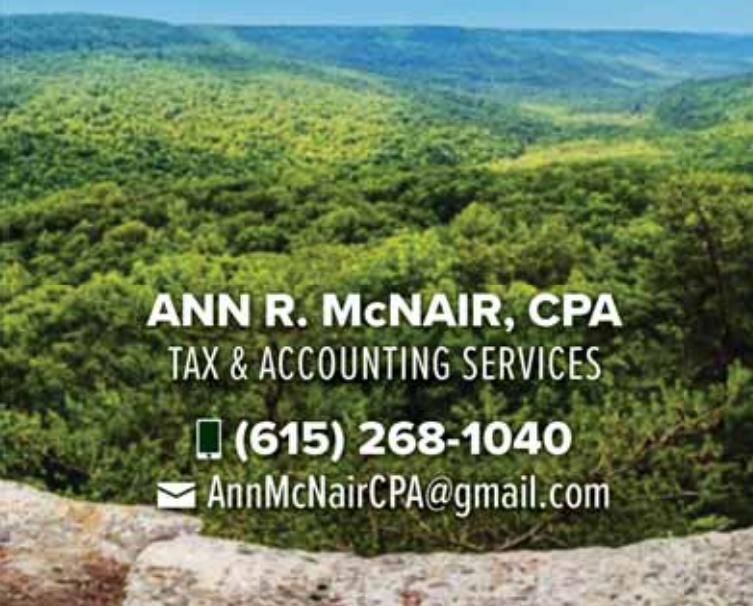
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Church News

All Saints’ Chapel

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Christ Church

On this Sunday, The Third Sunday in Advent, the service at Christ Church Monteagle will be a service of Advent Lessons and Carols.

Fr. Paul Oxner and Joan brought us this service from Canada 15 years ago. Bishop Millsaps wrote a prayer to go with this service which includes a petition for all those who are persecuted. Christians rightly pray for their fellow Christians, but it is surely “meet and right” to lift up in prayer all whose Faith Tradition have been and are being persecuted.

In many churches, including Christ Church, the third Sunday in Advent is called “Rose Sunday.” The vestments and hanging are that color and so is the particular candle which is pink or rose.

Our Sunday service begins at 10:45 a.m. We will have our Christmas Eve Service at 5 p.m. Every service is followed by a time of fellowship and food, except the Wednesday noon services. Even at those, you can pick up a snack.

City Light Church

City Light Church in Monteagle

exists to see people changed by the love of Jesus and fulfill their purpose. We are located at 841 W. Main St., Monteagle (right next to Ace Hardware) and offer services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sundays. You will experience passionate worship, powerful preaching, and a fun and exciting environment for your children. Our children’s ministry offers a safe and exciting environment for children newborn to fifth grade. Find out more at <www.citylightchurch.cc>.

Draw Near

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

Matthew 25:35 Drive-Thru Christmas Gifts

Cowan Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in partnership with Matthew 25:35 Ministries, will host a drive-thru Christmas for infants and elementary school children, beginning at noon, Saturday, Dec. 20. The program will distribute toys, food, and Christmas stockings. Santa will be there too. First come, first served. Cowan C.P. Church is located at 206 W. Cowan St.

Obituaries

Rosa Lee Campbell

Rosa Lee Campbell, age 76 of Monteagle, died on Dec. 4, 2025. She was born on June 13, 1949, to James and Ruby Scott. She attended Plainview Community Church, and loved spreading the word of God and attending revivals. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Samuel Jake Campbell; and sister Brenda Sue Scott.

She is survived by her sons, Dale Campbell and Timothy Jack “Jackie” Campbell, brothers; James R. Scoot, Glenn E. Scott, and Russell E. Scott; sisters Linda Nelson, and Sandra Scott; and four grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be at noon on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025, at Plainview Community Church with Bro. Kyle Floyd, Bro. Claude Hoback, Bro. Mike Rigsby and Bro. Tommy Nunley officiating. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Sarah Wylie Kilgore

Sarah Wylie Kilgore, age 81, died on Dec. 5, 2025. She was born on Jan. 11, 1944, in Sewanee to James Elisha and Bertha Green Gilliam. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Glen Ernest Kilgore; grandson, Joseph “Jody” Michael Kilgore; sister Erma Jean Hamby an Beulah May Pack; and brothers, Vernon, Glenn, Roy, and James “Bud” Gilliam.

She is survived by her children, Sherri Layne, Lorrie Layne, Beth Layne, Glenda Layne Kilgore, Glenn (Jessica) Kilgore, Teresa Pickett, Kim (Michael) McElroy, Jimmy (Treena) Kilgore; sister Eva Fowler; 27 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, one great-great grandson, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services on Dec. 8, 2025, from the Foster & Lay Chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home, Tracy City with Bro. Franklin Hill officiating. Interment followed in Plainview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-1942.For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>

Jimmy Wayne Smith Sr.

Jimmy Wayne Smith Sr., age 69 of Sewanee, died on Dec. 3, 2025. He was born on March 12, 1956, in Sewanee, to John Wesley Smith and Myrtle Mae Taylor Smith. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Wanda Smith; son, Jimmy Wayne Smith, Jr. (Mary Ann); daughters, Elizabeth Rollins, Georgie (Jason) Rogers, and Leah (Dalton) Smith; brother, Johnny Smith; sisters, Loretta Gibson (Ronnie) and Patricia Wood, seven grandchildren, one great-grandson, and several nieces and nephews.

A private gathering of family and close friends will be at the Jump Off Cemetery to honor his life and legacy. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Memorial Service

Stephen Wells Burnett

The Memorial Service for Stephen Wells Burnett who died on Oct. 24, 2025, will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025, at The Parish of St. Mark’s and St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. For complete obituary go to <https://www.csog.com/obituaries/stephen-burnett?ttm_pid=210234125&ttm_affiliate=legacypro&ttm_affiliatetype=standard&ttm_campaign=legacy>.

St. James Episcopal

St. James Episcopal Church celebrates The Holy Eucharist each Sunday at 9 a.m. We have a Parish Potluck the first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Our Daughters of the King chapter meets the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. The Men’s Breakfast Group meets the first Saturday of the month. We gather each Sunday after church for refreshments and fellowship. St. James is located at 898 Midway Rd., Sewanee. All are welcome to experience love, hope, and joyful fellowship at St. James.

St. Mark and St. Paul

This Sunday the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. The 11 a.m. service will be

livestreamed on our Facebook page and remains available there.

Nursery Services: Infants and toddlers through three years old are invited to gather downstairs in Claiborne Hall.

Godly Play continues this Sunday at 9:45 a.m., for children (3 years old through fifth grade). Youth Sunday School, meets upstairs in Brooks Hall.

Sunday Forum: This Sunday, Steve Blount will talk about, “Criminal Justice: A Shift from Punitive to Compassion.” Steve will give us his perspective on the “state” of our criminal justice system, where it is failing and how it needs to change.

Blount is a 1981 graduate of Sewanee and graduated from Florida State University’s College of Law in

1983. He spent the first seven years of his legal career in private practice before becoming an Assistant District Attorney General for the 12th Judicial District of the State of Tennessee, where he served for 32 years. Sunday Forum is at 9:45 a.m., in Kennerly Hall.

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

Lectionary Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m., in Brooks Hall.

Adult choir practice is on Sundays from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

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

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Church Calendar

10:30 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday
5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday
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,

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

9:45 a.m. Godly Play

9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday, also available

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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

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

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Rite-13 and J2A: Young people in grades 6-10 are invited to participate in Rite 13 and Journey to Adulthood (J2A) on Sunday afternoons. Please contact Aaron Elrod <aaelrod@sewanee.edu> for details.

Advent Study: On Tuesday, Dec. 16, Rev. Tom Gildemeister will lead a study on Frederick Buechner: Writing for the Kingdom. This will take place in Brooks Hall, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Please bring a snack or drink to share.

Christmas Pageant: The annual parish Christmas Pageant will be at 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14, at McCrory Hall, St. Andrew's-Sewanee.

Christmas Eve Services: 4:30 p.m., Holy Eucharist, All Saints' Chapel (nursery provided); 9:30 p.m., Christmas Music and Holy Eucharist, St. Mark and St. Paul.

Christmas Day: 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist, St. Mark and St. Paul. No Sunday School or Nursery.

Winchester Civic Choir at Oaklawn

The Winchester Civic Choir will host a concert at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 13, at Oaklawn Baptist Church. Oaklawn is located at 108 Memorial Dr. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Cantata at First Baptist

The Cowan First Baptist Church Celebration Choir under the direction of Mia Wilkerson presents "The Heart of Heaven" musical celebrating the birth of our Savior. "The Heart of Heaven" will create a time of joyful praise and worship. Come join us for this special time of worship in music and song at 6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14. Cowan First Baptist Church is located at 316 W. Cumberland St.

Children's Christmas Program, at Farris Chapel

Farris Chapel United Methodist Church invites you to our Children's Christmas Program at 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 21. Join us for a beautiful retelling of the story of our Savior's humble birth. Afterward we will gather for refreshments and fellowship. Farris Chapel is located at 2981 Rowe

Gap Road in Winchester (near the foot of Keith Springs Mountain).

Christmas Eve Service at St. Agnes'

St. Agnes' Episcopal Church in Cowan invites you to celebrate "The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord" on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at 4 p.m. This will be a traditional evening service with lessons and carols. After the service we will invite everyone to join us in the parish hall for the Werlein Memorial Christmas Reception. St. Agnes' is located at 105 E. England St.

Christmas Service at Fellowship Church

Cowan Fellowship Church welcomes you to join us for special times of worship on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We will gather for a Christmas Eve service with lesson and carols at 4 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 24. We will gather again on Christmas Day, Thursday, Dec. 25, at 10 a.m. Cowan Fellowship Church is located at 609 E. Cumberland St.

Christmas Eve Service at Abundant Life

Together with your friends and families on Christmas Eve, join us for a special time of worship at Abundant Life. We can't think of a better place to be than worshipping King Jesus. This will be a candle-light service at 5 p.m. Abundant Life Assembly of God Church is located at 3310 Cowan Hwy., between Cowan and Winchester.

Christmas Eve Communion at Cowan C.P.

Christmas Eve Communion will be served at Cowan Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, Dec. 24, between 5 and 6 p.m. This will be a come-and-go service. We invite to come inside, enjoy a moment of silence, and then come forward to be served and to join in prayer. Cowan C.P. Church is located at 206 W. Cowan St. Our sister congregation in Sewanee will offer a service at 4 p.m. Sewanee C.P. Church is located at 91 Cumberland Dr.

Swing into the New Year with Cumberland Community Dance

Cumberland Community Dance is putting on an evening of square dancing from 5-7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 2, 2026, at the old gym in the Littell-Partin Center in Tracy City, located at 14399 Hwy 41.

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

There will also be a cakewalk which, for \$10, will give dancers the opportunity to take home a cake or homemade baked good. If you are interested in donating a baked good to the cakewalk please contact <cumberlandcommunitydance@gmail.com>.

Attendees are encouraged to make a donation of \$5-10 to help support Cumberland Community Dance. This event is made possible with support by Grundy Area Arts Council. Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

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

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

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schools passed local resolutions during the 2024-2025 school year opposing proposed state legislation that "excluded students who could not prove their legal status" from receiving a free public education. "There was a lot of discussion [at the conference] about free public education for all," Marhevsky said. What passed was a motion that there would be "no action. Not a 'no' vote, not a 'put it off' vote, just 'no action.'" Weighing in, Williams said, "the rationale was this was being handled at the federal level and to wait until it was addressed there."

At the federal level, Marhevsky called attention to the government transferring oversight of Title I funds to the Labor Department. The \$18.4 billion Title I program is the Education Department's single largest grant program, providing funds to 95 percent of school districts to support students from low-income families. The Labor Department is now also in charge of funds that pay for teacher professional development (Title II), services for English learners (Title III), after-school programs (Title IV-B), and student support and in-school enrichment activities (Title IV-A).

Also, with possible implication at the national level, the International Dyslexia Association has revised the definition of reading disability and deleted language from its definition of dyslexia. "This may affect the screening processes used [by schools] in some states," Marhevsky said.

At the state level, Tennessee House Speaker Cameron Sexton has proposed increasing the allocation to the state voucher program from \$25,000 to \$40,000 for the next school year, drawing more funding from public education to support students' enrollment in private schools. Other legislation proposed by Sexton would lower education requirements for elementary school teachers, creating a two-years associate degree pathway to certification. Marhevsky questioned reducing the qualification for elementary school teachers, but approved of another proposal by Sexton to pay student teachers a stipend. Marhevsky also sees as encouraging a partnership between the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development and Lipscomb University. The new Early Childhood Education Apprenticeship Hub will offer a tuition-free pathway to a bachelor's degree in early childhood education while providing aspiring teachers with hands-on training.

Board member Sara Liechty commended Marhevsky for providing the board and community with legislative updates. "As we look at all the changes and possible impact on students in publication in Tennessee that are possibly on the horizon, we're encouraged at the beginning of Sarah's report and at the end to contact our legislators," Liechty stressed.

The board hopes to meet with Franklin County Tennessee legislators Senator Janice Bowling and House Representative Iris Rudder on Jan. 8. Walker encouraged county residents to contact board members with questions for Bowling and Rudder to address.

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Operation Noel

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

Operation Noel is a group that was formed many years ago by Fire Chief David Green to provide help for families in need. They provide food and/or toys during the Christmas season. Local volunteers organize the purchasing and distribution of goods.

To be eligible, everyone must fill out an application. Every family needs to fill out a new application whether you have received from us before or not. An application will ensure that we have all the pertinent information so we can provide for everyone in need. Please see page 11 of this issue for the application.

The deadline for returning applications is Friday, Dec. 12. Families eligible for Chief David Green's Operation Noel must live on top of Sewanee Mountain in the following communities: Sewanee, Midway, Jump Off and on Sherwood Road.

To donate money, nonperishable food items or new toys, please take items to the Sewanee Police Department located behind duPont Library, Print Services located in the old Beta House, or the CAC located at St. Mark and St. Paul (formerly Orey Memorial Parish). Checks may also be mailed to Chief David Green's Operation Noel, 138 Lake O'Donnell Rd., Sewanee, TN 37375. Please donate by Monday, Dec. 15.

Food and toys will be available for pickup in the large parking lot beside Cravens Hall, 435 Kentucky Ave., on Saturday, Dec. 20, from 9–11 a.m. Volunteers will be there to assist in loading of the items. Food and toys will not be delivered. You have to pick up your order. No one else may pick it up for you.

If you have any questions, please call (931) 598-0040 and leave a message, or call (931) 308-6534.

Franklin County Art Guild Celebrates 20 years in Cowan

December marks the 20th anniversary of The Franklin County Arts Guild move to Cowan and opening what is now known as the Artisan Depot gallery, the home for fine arts and crafts in Franklin County. Both the Guild and Gallery have prospered in Cowan, most importantly due to the consistent and generous support of Dr. Jere Creed and the Cowan Development Company, who have supplied and maintained a home for art in Cowan for a minimal cost. We have been able to grow, evolve, and share the beauty of art with and by our community. Specifically, This support also enabled us to earn support from the Tennessee Arts Commission which has funded grants that have allowed us to develop the Anderson Student Gallery, the gallery garden, with wall mural and bottle wall sculptures, and innovative workshop programs offered to the community. Most recently and importantly, the TAC funded a grant to help pay costs so that we could remain open during COVID.

The Holiday season is a great time to express our deepest gratitude to all the folks who have embraced our vision and supported, encouraged, and worked so that we continue to grow and serve. It was community members who have developed student shows, attended exhibitions, provided kind words, supported our higher education scholarship, and much more. We look forward to sharing our gratitude and joy with our community and invite community members throughout the area to come to our 20th year celebration on Dec. 19, 2025, at the Artisan Depot Gallery, 204 Cumberland St., Cowan. There will be an Artist Trading Card Community Show opening with reception from 3–5 p.m., followed by additional festivities including an historical revolving slide show from 5–7 p.m. You can't be too late for anything. Just drop by at your convenience, have a yummy bite to eat, and see the art created right here in Franklin County.

Make Your Own Ornament Workshop

Join us on from 4:30–7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12, at Kennerly Hall, for an evening of ornament making at the Community Action Committee.

We will have all the crafting materials, hot chocolate, treats, and more for everyone. Sample ornaments and instructions will be provided, but the potential creations are endless.

This is a free event for all. Donations are accepted to support CAC.

Third Annual Nativity Exhibition

Frame Gallery Gifts and Art's third annual Nativity Exhibition is back — with a beautiful new addition: an expanded display of religious icons. The exhibition will be on display from 4–6 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 19.

Guests will enjoy a unique selection of pieces from community members' private collections, as well as nativities and icons available for purchase. The featured Christian icon writers include Sr. Elisea Papacioc, a Romanian Orthodox nun represented by Frame Gallery, and local artist Martha Keeble, who teaches icon writing in Sewanee and the surrounding area.

"Frame Gallery has been representing Sr. Elisea Papacioc for over 10 years, selling and commissioning her icons. She follows the Romanian Orthodox tradition of icon writing, and visitors will see that, along with the other icons exhibited, they serve as more than simply religious paintings, but as windows into the divine," said Frame Gallery Owner, Harriet Runkle. "It is rare to see so many unique nativities and icons from various cultures in one place, and it promises to be a meaningful and beautiful evening."

Frame Gallery invites community members to share their treasured nativities and icons for this special one-night exhibition and reception. To participate, please call Frame Gallery at (931) 463-2300 Tuesday to Saturday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., or fill out the submission form on the event page on the website <<https://framegals.com/>>.

Frame Gallery looks forward to welcoming the community to an evening of joy and wonder at the third annual Nativity & Icon Exhibition, and sharing a cherished holiday tradition.

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Holiday Cookie Decorating at The Sewanee Inn

The Holiday Cookie Decorating event will be from 2–5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14, at the Sewanee Inn. RSVP required.

Join us for a cozy little workshop of frosting, laughter, and sugar-coated creativity. For \$10 per person, you will receive a dozen freshly baked cookies to decorate however your holiday spirit desires. We'll provide the cookies, the sprinkles, and the space to simply slow down and savor the season.

This is an RSVP-only event with limited availability; call The Inn at (931) 598-3568 to make your reservation for this first-time-ever cookie collaboration.

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Community Chest Needs You

The 2025-26 Sewanee Community Chest (SCC) Fund Drive is underway. Sponsored by the Sewanee Civic Association, the SCC raises money yearly for local organizations serving the area. This year's goal of \$118,500 will help 19 local organizations that have requested basic needs funding for quality of life, community aid, children's programs, and those who are beyond Sewanee but still serve the entire community.

The Sewanee Community Chest is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and donations are tax-deductible. Send your donation to Sewanee Community Chest, P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375.

To date, 50 percent of the goal has been met. For more information go to <www.sewanee.org>. To give through PayPal Giving go to <<https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/119597>>.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Dec. 12, Reading Day, College
- Dec. 13-10, Final Examinations, College
- Dec. 19, Abbreviated Day, Franklin County, Grundy County
- Dec. 19-Jan. 5, Christmas Vacation, SAS
- Dec. 22-Jan. 2, Christmas Break, Franklin County, Grundy County, Marion County
- Jan. 5, No School, Staff Development, Franklin County, In Service Grundy County
- Jan. 12, First Day of Classes, University
- Jan. 16, Winter Convocation



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Sewanee Elementary School Students of the month: K, Ella Banta; first grade, Violet Olsen; second grade, Rylann Haney third grade, Elsie Gunzburger; fourth grade, Zeke Matson; fifth grade, Hank Bornemann.

SES MENUS

Monday-Friday
Dec. 15-19
BREAKFAST

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

Monday, Dec. 15: Chicken biscuit, juice, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, Dec. 16: Mixed breakfast: cream cheese bagel, chocolate uncrustable, chocolate chip muffin, juice, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, Dec. 17: Steak slider, juice, fruit, milk.
Thursday, Dec. 18: Breakfast bread, juice, fruit, milk.
Friday, Dec. 19: Abbreviated day.

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, Dec. 15: Barbecue sandwich, baked potato, cheesy broccoli, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, Dec. 16: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green peas, dinner roll, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, Dec. 17: Asian chicken, fried rice, roasted veggies dinner roll, fortune cookie, fruit, milk.
Thursday, Dec. 18: Grilled cheese sandwich, green beans, corn, birthday cupcake, fruit, milk.
Friday, Dec. 19: Abbreviated day.
For meal pricing, go to <<https://franklincountyttn.schoolinsites.com/menu-mealpricing>>.

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SAS Announces First Quarter Honor Roll

The following St. Andrew's-Sewanee School students from Franklin, Grundy, Marion, and Coffee counties earned academic honors in the first quarter of the 2025-26 school year. Overall, 85 students, 16 boarding and 69 day students, achieved academic distinction for the first quarter. Students who earn an average of 93 or above with no grade below 83 are named to the High Honors List for academic achievement. Students with average ranges between 83 and 92 and who have received no grade below 80 are named to the Honors List. Satisfactory completion of PEAK, SAS's co-curricular program, is required for students to be eligible for the Honor Roll.

High Honors

Bryce Archambault, Sewanee
Catherine Barnett, Sewanee
Aubrey Blosser, Whitwell
Savannah Blosser, Whitwell
Martin Brodsky, Sewanee
Dylan Bruscato, Sewanee
Kat Carpenter, Sewanee
Claire Christopher, Sewanee
Christopher Clinton, Sewanee
Meridian Cloniger, Sewanee
Lilly Crigger, Sewanee
Kira Dombrowski, Sewanee
Elwen Fain, Sewanee
Arthur Glacet, Sewanee
Sam Goodpaster, Sewanee
Eliza Griffey, Sewanee
Keely Kendrick, Decherd
Konrad Knoll, Sewanee
Nadya Kuriachaia, Sewanee
Sarah Russell Leonard, Sewanee
Jackson Mayo, Sewanee
Maggie Mayo, Sewanee
Briley Meador, Decherd
Theo Michaels, Sewanee
Arabella Mitchell, Estill Springs
Leah Moody, Sewanee
Drake Nayeem, Sewanee
Caroline Neubauer, Belvidere
Beatrice Pate, Sewanee
Elowyn Pate, Sewanee
Adeline Pond, Sewanee
Amelia Pond, Sewanee
Mark Rogers, Jasper
Maggie Lu Rudd, Sewanee
Theo Schrader, Sewanee

William Schrader, Sewanee
Annanoel Sparacio, Sewanee
Mason Sparacio, Sewanee
Trinity Sparacio, Sewanee
Annika Stefanut, Sewanee
Timi Stefanut, Sewanee
Ally Syler, Monteagle
Cabell Thompson, Sewanee
Harper Thompson, Sewanee
Rosa Thompson, Sewanee
Levana Val, Tracy City
Maddie Van de Ven, Sewanee
Vie Virkhaus, Sewanee
Griff Wilson, Sewanee

Honors

Sawyer Barry, Sewanee
Sean Bridgers-Carlos, Sewanee
Grayson Clark, Sewanee
Logan Close, Sewanee
Mirin Colbert, Sewanee
Jackson Evans, Sewanee
Porsche Haney, Sewanee
Korbin Helton, Belvidere
Lennon Kilgore, Jasper
Ben Lu, Sewanee
Seanna Mainord, Gruetli-Laager
Micah Moody, Sewanee
Eoin Pate, Sewanee
Leonora Pate, Sewanee
Will Roberts, Sewanee
Gus Sherrill, Manchester
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Collins Breaks 22-year Old School Record As Tigers Open Indoor Season at Commoore Challenge

Sewanee sent five members of its indoor track and field team to compete at the Vanderbilt Commodore Challenge on Dec. 6, in Nashville, Tenn., with the Tigers posting several top-10 finishes and a new program record.

In the 5,000 meters, Jack Collins delivered one of the day’s highlights with a ninth-place finish in 15:25.06, setting a new school record in his first collegiate indoor meet. The previous record was a 22-year-old record set in 2003.

Christian Myers turned in a strong performance in the mile, finishing ninth overall in 4:30.46—a time that now ranks sixth all-time in Sewanee history.

In the field events, Sam Leonard tied for ninth in the high jump after clearing 1.80 meters.

Freshman Gracie Schmidt opened her collegiate career with a 45.95 in the 300 meters, placing fifth in her heat.

The Tigers officially open their season on Jan. 18 at the KMS Invitational in Birmingham, Ala.

SAS MS Boys’ Basketball Team Defeats Swiss Memorial

St. Andrew’s-Sewanee School’s boys’ middle school basketball team defeated Swiss Memorial School on Dec. 9, 33-27, to record their third win of the season. Patch Wilson led all scorers with 24 points; Ian Tucker, five; and Isaiah Shelby, four. Jack Roberts, Dagen Latham, and Torrey Anderson had strong defensive games.

Head Coach Rob Zeitler said, “I was really proud of our defensive efforts tonight, especially our full court pressure. It was a great team win.”

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Carrier, Avaliani Lead Tigers to First Win Under Coach Merrell

Behind career nights from Reid Carrier and Nikolas Avaliani and a season-high 18 made threes, Sewanee powered past Asbury 106-91 on Dec. 6, inside Juhan Gymnasium, securing the first career win for Head Coach Will Merrell.

Carrier finished with 30 points and 10 assists, going a perfect 5-for-5 from beyond the arc and 13-of-15 at the free-throw line. Avaliani added 32 points, hitting seven threes, while Fletcher Bigham posted 10 points, five blocks, four assists and two steals for another all-around performance. JD Gardner added 16 points and a team-high seven rebounds while Aidan Treacy and Phillips Ryan tallied five rebounds and two assists each.

Sewanee shot 58 percent from the field and 55 percent from three while holding Asbury to 40 percent in the second half.

Sewanee opened the game on a 6-0 run, sparked by Jack Bakken, Gardner, and Bigham. The Tigers continued to push the pace early, and at the first media timeout they led 13-8 after Avaliani’s first three of the afternoon.

Both teams then traded eight back-to-back 3-pointers in a fast offensive stretch. Avaliani hit two straight threes, Bigham added one of his own, and Carrier buried his first triple to make it 27-20 midway through the half.

Asbury stayed close behind timely perimeter shooting from Cam Jones, Indred Whitaker, and Luke Imfeld. A burst from the Eagles trimmed the deficit to 29-30, but Sewanee responded with a 10-4 run as Carrier, Avaliani, and Amonett knocked down three more from deep.

The Tigers built their largest lead of the half at 51-43 after another Avaliani triple, but Asbury closed strong behind Tyler Hall, who scored six straight points. Sewanee held on to a 54-51 halftime lead after a late three by Avaliani, his sixth of the opening period.

Asbury scored the opening basket of the second half to cut the margin to one, but Sewanee immediately countered, Aidan Treacy drilled a three, Gardner converted a jumper, and Carrier scored on a driving layup to push the lead back to 61-55.

From there, the Tigers exploded offensively.

Carrier scored inside, Bigham finished in transition, and Carrier and Treacy combined for five straight points to stretch the advantage to 68-57. Moments later, Carrier buried another three, and Treacy followed with two free throws to extend the margin to 11.

Avaliani reignited from deep midway through the half, hitting two threes in a two-minute span, and Bakken and Amonett added layups as the Tigers opened up a 15-point lead with 12 minutes left.

From that point, Sewanee controlled the pace. Carrier continued to attack the rim and drew frequent fouls, hitting eight free throws in the final seven minutes. A Bigham three with 5:09 remaining pushed the lead to 93-76, and Carrier later knocked down another deep three to give Sewanee its largest lead at 102-83.

The Tigers closed out the win at the line, finishing 20-of-25 for the game and outscoring Asbury 52-40 in the second half.

Sewanee now hits the road for four straight games, traveling to Welch College and Covenant before competing in the Jack Berkshire Classic at Oglethorpe on Dec. 29-30, where the Tigers will face Brevard and LaGrange.

Falvey Leads Tigers, but Early Lead Sends Belhaven Past Sewanee

Olivia Falvey posted 26 points and 11 rebounds, but the Tigers fell to Belhaven, 81-64, on Dec. 6, in Juhan Gymnasium.

Hannah Cleveland added 11 points and five rebounds, while Janie Boyd finished with nine points, six boards, and two assists. Sewanee totalled 19 points off turnovers and went 26-for-32 at the free-throw line.

Belhaven was led by Veronica Williams, who scored 25 points on 9-of-14 shooting and knocked down five three-pointers. Katelyn Coleman added 19 points and 10 rebounds off the bench, helping the Blazers shoot 47.5 percent from the field.

Belhaven opened the game on an 11-4 run behind eight quick points from Williams, who hit two early threes and added a layup. Sewanee responded with a strong stretch of its own, Cleveland scored twice in the paint, while Brianna Keating-Rendon and Micha Lovelace combined for six straight points to cut the deficit to 15-14.

But the final two minutes belonged to the Blazers. Belhaven capitalized on Sewanee turnovers and went 7-for-8 at the line in the period, finishing on a 12-3 run to take a 27-17 lead after one. Williams paced all scorers with 11 points, and Sewanee committed eight turnovers that led to 13 Blazer points.

The Blazers continued their surge in the second quarter, opening with four straight points at the line. Falvey broke the momentum with a three from the left wing, but Belhaven answered with a pair of jumpers and another Williams triple to push the margin to 17.

Sewanee briefly cut into the deficit with free throws from Cleveland and Lovelace and another Falvey three, but Belhaven’s balanced scoring, five players scored in the quarter, kept the Blazers firmly ahead. Williams knocked down her fourth three of the half, and Coleman added eight points inside during the period to help send Belhaven into the locker room up 54-32.

Falvey opened the second half with two free throws, and Boyd added a layup to start the quarter. However, Belhaven responded with a steady offensive rhythm and held Sewanee without a field goal for stretches of three and four minutes.

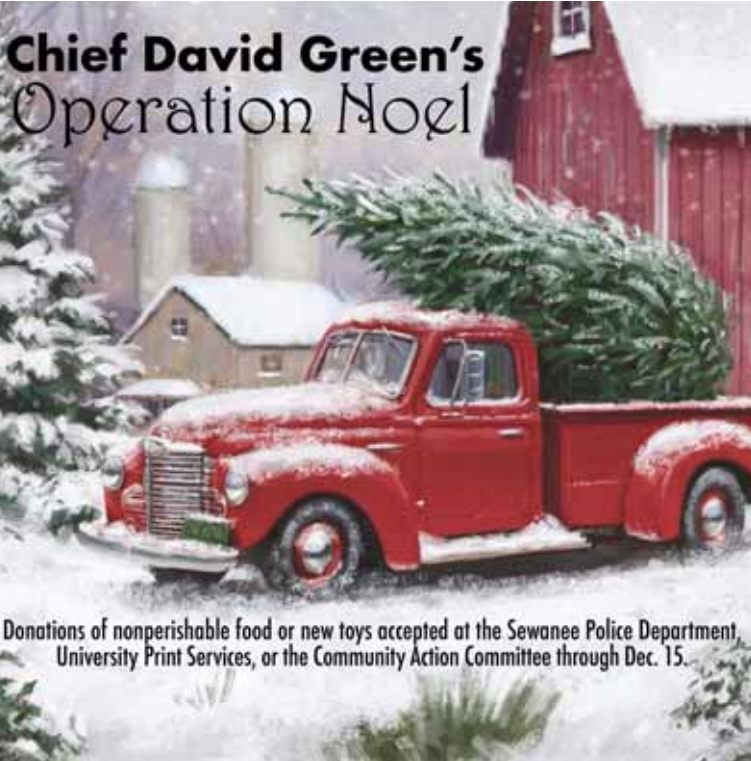
Sewanee found some late momentum with a three from Grace Gavin and another triple by Falvey in the final minute, but Belhaven still carried a commanding 70-44 advantage into the fourth.

The Tigers fourth quarter proved to be the best of the afternoon, outscoring Belhaven 20-11. Sewanee held the Blazers scoreless for nearly five minutes and used a 13-0 run fueled by free throws and defensive stops to chip into the deficit. Boyd converted a fastbreak layup, Cleveland added four points at the line, and Falvey scored nine in the frame, including going 8-for-10 at the stripe, to close the gap.

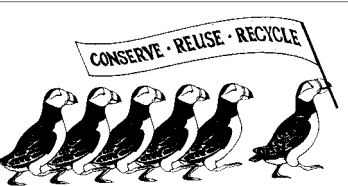


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IHSA Closes Fall Semester at Centenary Tournament of Champions

Sewanee's IHSA Equestrian Team competed at the Tournament of Champions in Long Valley, N.J., at Centenary on Dec. 6, placing 14th in a highly competitive 16-team field.

Olivia Carmuche led the way for Sewanee with two top-six rides in the Open divisions, placing fourth in Open Fences and sixth in Open Flat. She also competed in the High Medal.

Lily Carter posted three strong performances on the day, earning sixth in Intermediate Fences, fifth in Limit Flat, and finishing third in the Low Medal class.

Isabella Fioretti added a sixth-place finish in Intermediate Flat, while Elise Gierhart rode in Limit Fences. Afton Parks represented Sewanee in Novice, and Caroline Holland secured the team's highest individual placement with a second-place finish in Intro.

Sewanee will travel to Savannah, Ga., to compete in the Tournament of Champions hosted by SCAD to open the new year on Jan. 24.

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HOME GAMES

6 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 12, SAS Varsity Girls' Basketball vs. South Pittsburg

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 12, SAS Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. South Pittsburg

1 p.m./3 p.m., Monday, Dec. 29, Women's Basketball, Sewanee Classic

noon/2 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 30, Women's Basketball, Sewanee Classic

1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 3, Women's Basketball vs. Centre College

3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 3, Men's Basketball vs. Centre College

5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 9, SAS Swimming, Senior Night

6 p.m., Friday, Jan. 9, SAS MS Boys' Basketball vs. Whitwell Middle School

6 p.m., Friday, Jan. 9, Women's Basketball vs. Rhodes

8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 9, Men's Basketball vs. Rhodes

Saturday, Jan. 10, SAS Wrestling, Mountain Top Tournament

1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 10, University Swimming and Diving, Sewanee Invitational

noon, Sunday, Jan. 11, Women's Basketball vs. Millsaps

2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 11, Men's Basketball vs. Millsaps

6 p.m., Monday, Jan. 12, University Swimming and Diving vs. Asbury

5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 13, SAS Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. Silverdale Baptist

7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 13, SAS Varsity Girls' Basketball vs. Winchester Christian Academy

6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 15, SAS Wrestling vs. Silverdale Baptist, Chattanooga Charter School of Excellence

SAS Recognizes Fall Athletic Season

The SAS community gathered recently to commemorate the fall varsity athletic season by recognizing the teams' hard work and many accomplishments and honoring outstanding contributions from individual athletes.

Athletic Director Rob Zeitler introduced the ceremony by recognizing all senior athletes on the five varsity teams and the respect and grit they demonstrated.

"At SAS, we are blessed with amazing coaches who work hard and display tremendous dedication to their teams," said Rob Zeitler, director of athletics. "We show up for each other, and we celebrate with each other. We work hard, and when we win, we ring those chapel bells."

Student athletes honored as most valuable player and most improved player as well as those who received the coaches awards are pictured below. MVP and MIP honorees are selected by the team.



Coaches award recipients are (left to right) Arthur Glacet ('27), cross country; Lilly Crigger ('26), cross country; Annika Stefanut ('26), cross country; Briley Meador ('26), volleyball; Julius Froboese ('27), golf; and Harper Thompson ('27), mountain biking.



MIP award photo award recipients are (left to right) Drew Richaud ('29), cross country; Seanna Mainord ('29), cross country; Leah Moody ('28), volleyball; Arabella Mitchell ('27), soccer; Reuben Cloniger ('26), mountain biking; and Archer Ladd ('29), golf.



MVP award recipients are (left to right) William Schrader ('26), mountain biking; Annanoel Sparacio ('29), cross country; Aubrey Blosser, volleyball ('28); Caroline Neubauer ('26), soccer; Bryant Karunda ('29), golf; and Micah Moody ('26), cross country.



SAS Senior Sarah Russell Leonard

SAS Swim Team Update

The SAS middle and varsity swim teams competed in two meets last week, securing victories across the board. The SAS varsity girls' and boys' teams are 2-0 for district matches.

Senior Sarah Russell Leonard raced her way to two high school state cuts in the 200 IM and 100 fly, while freshman Archer Ladd secured a high school regions cut in the 200 IM.

Between the two meets, nine middle school swimmers made 18 middle school champs cuts, including Arabella Barry (7), Elena Brodsky (8), Kinsey Ellis (8), Jon Fino (6), Nick Fino (6), Eva Gheesling (8), Alex Glacet (8), Kam Kilgore (7), and Will Moody (8).

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NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried



Sandhill Crane. Photo by Yolande Gottfried

Sandhill Cranes

There have been recent reports of hearing (seeing?) Sandhill Cranes in our area. Their call is a distinctive, wild-sounding, rolling, bugled “garoo”. When I hear them, I usually can’t see their lines or Vs, like geese, flying low and hidden by trees. They may be flying down to Stevenson where they hang out at the City Park in the wetland areas there, for they winter in the southern U.S. and northern Mexico. They may be coming from feeding on harvested fields, for their diet is heavy on seeds and cultivated grains, but they are omnivorous, eating other plant material and small vertebrates and invertebrates. They are called Sandhill Cranes because each year they congregate by the hundreds of thousands on the Platte River on the edge of Nebraska’s Sand Hills to fatten up in the cornfields on their way north to their arctic and subarctic breeding grounds.

These cranes are large, long-legged, long-necked birds, but they are not herons. Herons fly with necks folded, while cranes fly with necks extended. They are some of the oldest birds on the planet, with fossils dating back 2.5 million years. Their closest relative in this country is the rare Whooping Crane, which is sometimes seen in flocks of Sandhill Cranes, causing much excitement to birdwatchers. They mate for life, which can be twenty years or more, and usually raise one chick a season, which stays with the parents for about a year. They are famous for their elaborate courtship “dance,” involving wing-stretching, bowing, and leaping. A good place to view the cranes is the Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge during the winter months or the Wheeler Wildlife Refuge in Alabama. At Wheeler on Nov. 26, there were 4,200 Sandhill Cranes and six Whooping Cranes on the refuge.

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DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Dec 01	47	32
Tue	Dec 02	44	25
Wed	Dec 03	41	29
Thu	Dec 04	43	32
Fri	Dec 05	38	34
Sat	Dec 06	46	31
Sun	Dec 07	38	24

Week’s Stats:
Avg max temp = 42
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Avg temp = 36
Precipitation = 1.08”
*Reported by Sandy Gilliam
Domain Ranger*

State Park Offerings

To confirm that these events will occur as listed and to register, go to Fiery Gizzard State Park <<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/fiery-gizzard>>, (931) 924-2980; Head of the Crow State Park <<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/head-of-the-crow>>, (615) 762-5917; Savage Gulf State Park <<https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/savage-gulf>>, 931-692-3887. All times are central.

The 10 Essentials of Hiking — Fiery Gizzard State Park, Sunday, Dec. 14, 9–10 a.m. Donations accepted. Register for event. Hit the trails well prepared. Join Ranger Ben to explore the 10 Essentials you need to bring on outdoor adventures. Meet Ranger Ben under the Grundy Forest Pavilion at 131 Fiery Gizzard Rd., Tracy City, on the North End of the Fiery Gizzard Trail by 9 a.m. Please dress for the weather.

Hike to Savage Falls — Savage Gulf State Park, Tuesday, Dec. 16, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$5. Register for event. Join Ranger Spencer on a hike down to Savage Falls. Meet at Savage Gulf East Trailhead, 3157 SR 399, Palmer. This is a 3 mile round-trip hike that is mostly moderate in nature. Accessing the base of the falls will be strenuous, and extreme care is needed in footing to get to the bottom of the falls. Please wear appropriate footwear and bring water and snacks of your choice, as these items will not be provided. The terrain at the park can vary based on the topography and can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall 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.

Birding Hike to Savage Falls — Savage Gulf State Park, Thursday, Dec. 18, 8:30–11:30 a.m. \$5. Register for event. Join Ranger Jamie as she observes migratory and year-round resident birds on an approximately 3-mile roundtrip hike to Savage Falls. Please meet at the Savage Gulf East Trailhead, 3157 SR 399, Palmer. Binoculars are not required but are highly recommended. Park does not supply binoculars. Please bring plenty of water and wear adequate hiking shoes. Terrain of the hike is moderate and may approach near ledges, so care is needed. Weather dependent. Please pre-register. All times listed are Central. Please cancel no later than 24 hours before the start of the hike for a full refund. New and experienced birders alike enjoy using the Merlin app for birding. The ranger will be using this tool during the program, and encourage participants to use it, too. Learn more about the app here <<https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/>>.

Leave No Trace - Responsible Outdoor Recreation — Head of the Crow State Park. Friday, Dec. 19 noon–2:30 p.m. Donations accepted. Register for event. Meet at Buggytop Trailhead, 8398 Sherwood Rd. (Hwy 56), Sherwood. Join Ranger Allen to learn about Leave No Trace principles and responsible recreation as you hike our strenuous Buggytop Trail!

Frigid Falls — Fiery Gizzard State Park, Saturday, Dec. 20, 9–11:30 a.m. Donations accepted. Register for event. Winter is still a great season for hiking. No bugs or humidity to worry about here. Come out and explore the winter wonderland of Fiery Gizzard State Park’s Denny Cove. Meet Ranger Ben by the trailhead kiosk at the Denny Cove parking lot located at 5949 US-41, Sequatchie, at 9 a.m. We will hike on a rough, natural surface with for 3 miles. Please dress for the “frigid” weather and wear appropriate hiking attire.

Tree Cookie Ornaments — Fiery Gizzard State Park, Saturday, Dec. 20, 1–2 p.m. Donations accepted. Register for event. Celebrate the holiday season at Fiery Gizzard State Park Visitor Center with a festive, hands-on crafting program. Participants will create their own Christmas tree ornament using natural tree cookies — thin slices of wood. Kids (and adults.) can paint and decorate their ornaments using the materials that will be provided by the park. Hot chocolate will be available to keep everyone warm and cozy while they craft. Come enjoy creativity, holiday cheer, and a fun way to connect with nature. Meet at 11745 US Hwy. 41 Monteagle.

Winter Solstice Hike — Fiery Gizzard State Park, Sunday, Dec. 21, 1–3:30 p.m. Donations accepted. Register for event. Meet at 498 Foster Falls Rd., Sequatchie. Join Ranger Bovee for a special Winter Solstice hike through one of Fiery Gizzard State Park’s most dramatic landscapes. As the longest night of the year approaches, we’ll take advantage of the daylight to see how the changing season shapes the plateau’s forests, cliffs, and waterfalls. This guided hike will follow the Climbers Loop to the base of Foster Falls, traveling through rocky terrain, past impressive rock faces, and up along the gorge rim before reaching the peaceful overlook at Esther Falls then returning to Foster Falls trailhead. What to expect: Distance: 2-2.5 miles (moderate to strenuous); Terrain: Rocky, uneven footing with steep sections; cold weather. Bring sturdy hiking shoes, water, warm layers, a headlamp or flashlight (we should be out before sunset but just in case), and curiosity. If trails are unsafe due to winter conditions or heavy rain, the hike may be canceled. Registrants will be notified by email the evening before.

Hike and Coffee with Ranger — Fiery Gizzard State Park, Sunday, Dec. 28, 9–11:30 a.m. Donations accepted. Register for event. Meet at 131 Fiery Gizzard Rd., Tracy City. Start your morning in one of Fiery Gizzard State Park’s most scenic areas with our Coffee and Hike with a Ranger program. We’ll meet at the pavilion at the Fiery Gizzard North Trailhead, where participants can enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee or tea while chatting with a ranger and learning about the natural and cultural history of the area. Afterward, we’ll hit the trail on the Grundy Forest Day Loop, a beautiful trail featuring flowing creeks, hemlock groves, rock formations, and rich forest scenery. Along the way, the ranger will share insights about local plants, wildlife, geology, and park history. This program is free, but registration is required and space is limited.

Winter Tree Identification Hike — Head of the Crow State Park, Tuesday, Dec. 30, 1–3:30 p.m. \$3. Register for event. Meet at Pack Hollow Trailhead, 2036 Old C C C Rd., Sewanee. Looking to improve your tree identification? Winter is the hardest time of year to ID trees because of the lack of leaves, so it is a great time to challenge yourself. If you can ID trees in the winter, you can ID them year-round. Join Ranger Allen for a 2.9-mile hike around our Sherwood Day Loop, where you will learn how to identify various tree species by their bark, buds, and twigs.



Chevy



Mabel

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FROM BARD TO VERSE

by Robin Bates

Exam Week

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FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER

3:30-5:30 p.m.
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Community Calendar

Friday, Dec. 12

Reading Day, College

Deadline to return Operation Noel applications

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 3:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Party, Rob & Phoebe Pearigen, Convocation Hall, until 5:30 p.m.; RSVP <rspv.sewanee.edu>
- 4:30 p.m. CAC Make Your Own Ornament Workshop, Kennerly Hall, St. Mark & St. Paul, until 7:30 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Santa in the Park, St. James/Midway Community Park, 898 Midway Rd., until 7 p.m.
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Nathalia, Sewanee Community Center, until 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 13

Final Examinations, College

- 8 a.m. MMUMC monthly food distribution, 322 W. Main St., Monteagle, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. American Legion Post 51 meeting, Legion Hall in Sewanee
- 9 a.m. Breakfast with the Dems, Wendy's, 1735 Decherd Blvd., Winchester, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 14

- 1 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 3 p.m.
- 2 p.m. Holiday Open House, Rob & Phoebe Pearigen, Clement Chen Hall, until 4 p.m.; RSVP <rspv.sewanee.edu>
- 2 p.m. Holiday Cookie Decoration, Sewanee Inn, until 5 p.m., RSVP required, (931) 598-3568
- 4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Monday, Dec. 15 • Hanukkah

Last day to donate to Operation Noel

- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 5 p.m. Monteagle City Council regular meeting, conference room, City Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, Sewanee Community Center, until 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 16

- 8 a.m. GC Food Bank, 114 S. Industrial Park Rd., Coalmont, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.

- 10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 11:30 a.m. Grundy County Rotary, Dutch Maid Bakery, Tracy City
- noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 4 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market pickup, Community Center, until 6 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Sewanee Utility District board, Utility office, 150 Sherwood Rd.
- 5:30 p.m. Easy Flow Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 6 p.m. FCDP meeting, Franklin County Annex, 839 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester

Wednesday, Dec. 17

- 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.
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Thursday, Dec. 18

- 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, City Hall
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 19

Abbreviated Day, FC, GC Schools

Christmas Vacation, SAS, through Jan. 5

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. YouFit, Betsy, Sewanee Community Center, also at noon
- 3 p.m. 20th year celebration, Artisan Depot, until 5 p.m.
- 4 p.m. Third Annual Nativity Exhibition, Frame Gallery, Sewanee, until 6 p.m.
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Nathalia, Sewanee Community Center, until 7 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Meet the Artists Reception, Artist Trading Cards, Artisan Depot, 204 E. Cumberland St., Cowan, until 7 p.m.

Local 12-Step Meetings

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

6:30 p.m., AA, open, the Wesley House, Morton Memorial Uniter Methodist Church

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

11a .m., Grundy Recovery Alliance Community Endeavor Open Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

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

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

7 p.m., AA, open, the Wesley House, Morton Memorial Uniter Methodist Church

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

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