



# THE SEWANEE MOUNTAIN MESSENGER

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## Easy's Dog Shelter: Hard Stories and Hope

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

Andy Wostal retired from working in the Texas oil field flatlands and moved to Sequatchie, Tenn., wanting mountains, but Wostal got more than he bargained for. "People dump and kill dogs here," Wostal said. "Our mission is to save as many live as we can."

Two months ago, Wostal officially founded Easy's Dog Shelter. The two-acre tract in Tracy City donated to the nonprofit still needs a structure. For now, Wostal operates from his eight-acre homestead. The stories Wostal tells hurt to hear: the dog lifted from the roadside with gravel and grass frozen to its fur; the abandoned dog chained to a car bumper and shot in the head with a pellet gun by a neighbor intending to put "Bumper" out of his misery.

Bumper survived and found a forever home with a Chattanooga doctor's family. Easy's \$125 adoption fee barely covers vaccinations, altering, and food, not to mention lodging and other vet bills.

Dolly, a small pit bull, recently underwent detox and is ready for a forever home. Her former owners, methamphetamine manufacturers, used Dolly to test their drugs, Wostal explained. "If the dog dies, they know the drugs are bad."

"I have a big heart for pits," Wostal said. "I guard them like my children." All prospective owners are vetted and required to sign an adoption agreement. For pit bulls, Wostal requires a second agreement allowing follow-up visits. Dogfighting is common in the Whitwell area according to Wostal. "Pits are used for bait dogs. They give them meth then throw them in the ring with a dog trained to kill, to give it the taste of blood."

Wostal attributes pit bulls' reputation as vicious to this type of treatment. "Pits are the smartest and most loyal dogs I've ever encountered," Wostal insisted. A pit bull puppy from Easy's will train as a service animal for a combat veteran with PTSD. Another former Easy's dog is now the "official greeter" at the VA hospital in Nashville. Both dogs were donated.

Wostal has accommodated as many as 30 dogs with his fenced eight acres and large doggie door admitting entrance to the house. Ninety percent of the dogs Wostal takes in find forever homes at adoption agencies in the northeast. Easy's Vice President Tim Glover is renovating a used school bus for dog transport.

In the week between Christmas and New Year's, Wostal took in 11 dogs. On Christmas Eve he accompanied the Grundy County Sheriff to a residence where a dog was tied to a tree without food or shelter, shivering in 19 degree temperatures. No one answered the door. Wostal returned with food, water, and a dog house filled with straw.

Animal rescue and care fall entirely to Wostal, who pays the bills with his retirement income and the minimal adoption fee revenue. Easy's gives away bags of dog food to those in need, offers vaccinations at a reduced rate and periodically sponsors vaccination clinics at the Grundy County Food Bank. Easy's receives frequent calls to take in puppies. But Wostal confessed, "Puppies are the worst thing I can have. Everybody's 'Oh, they're so sweet.' They never even look at the bigger dogs. A big mastiff-pit mix I'd had two years just got a forever home. I cried."

Easy, the shelter's namesake, was born in a Texas shelter and traveled with Wostal to Tennessee. Easy's will be Grundy County's first and only shelter once completed and will house 40 dogs.

How can people help? "I hate to ask for money," Wostal said, "But we need \$23,000 to build a structure." To donate send checks to Easy's Dog Shelter, P.O. Box 787, Tracy City, TN 37387. For more information phone (423) 760-7922.

Easy's treasurer Diane Glover worries "people will start dumping dogs in February when they get tired of their Christmas gift pets."

"They're just kids," Wostal said of his current 15 housemates, "kids that want a house and someone to love them."



After two years, Fluffy finally got a forever home.

## Monteagle Planning Recommends Rezoning to Allow Truck Stop

by Leslie Lytle  
Messenger Staff Writer

If the Monteagle City Council approves the recommendation of the Monteagle Planning Commission at the Monday, Feb. 22 meeting, property owned by RBT Enterprises will meet the zoning requirements necessary to proceed with securing site plan approval for a 21-acre travel center catering primarily to truck drivers. Six and one-half acres of the site will need rezoned from R-3 to C-3 for the project to proceed.

RBT Enterprises investor Brian Graber stressed RBT purchased the 21 acres in March of 2020 believing all the property was zoned C-3. Monteagle attorney Sam Elliott explained the 6.5-acre parcel had been previously rezoned from R-3 to C-3 incorrectly due to inadequate notification.

Discussion at the Zoom format planning meeting focused on how the RBT project would impact the community.

Mary Beth Best, whose home borders the proposed development, said, "The current property owners bought homes with a solid residential buffer. We expect you to honor that." Best argued her property value would decrease. She cited a letter from the American Lung Association detailing air-quality health risks and environmental impact studies. "The part R-3 should remain R-3," Best said, "and the C-3 should go back to R-3 or C-2." [Note: Monteagle's C-2 commercial zoning does not allow truck stops.]

Neighboring resident Sandra Terrill said there was no record of the proposed development site being properly rezoned to C-3.

Garret Haynes, town planner with the Southeast Tennessee Development District (SETD), said the majority of the RBT property proposed for development was rezoned from R-3 to C-3 in 2003.

Numerous residents spoke about the potential air, light, noise, and traffic pollution. A resident identified at "Jane D," referencing the Mountain Goat Trail and South Cumberland State Park, said the development was "detrimental not just to the neighbors but the whole plateau." Resident Susie Lipscomb acknowledged the need for truck stops, but asked, "Could it be somewhere other than on the plateau?" Lipscomb pointed out the historic landmarks such as Dubose Conference Center, High Point Restaurant, and the Monteagle Assembly, "can't be relocated."

Resident Lucy Keeble asked if the RBT developers would consider another project rather than a truck stop.

Graber did not address the question. He did, however, insist

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Snow greeted students on the first day of the spring semester classes.  
Photo by the University of the South

## Students Return to Campus for Spring Semester

Groups of College students returned to campus during the last week of January for the start of the spring semester. Students could sign up to return to Seawanee and be tested for COVID-19 on a specific day between Jan. 27 and 31. A negative test result was required before a student could move into their residence hall; Seawanee's new testing lab is processing the samples, generally within four hours. Classes resumed on Feb. 1.

The University completed a successful fall semester, with a low number of cases on campus. Required weekly COVID-19 testing for all students on campus, combined with a "bubble" approach, meant that about 90 percent of students came to campus in August and remained on the Mountain for the semester. The pandemic has been persistent and current infection counts in the area around the Domain are higher than in the fall. However, the University's strategy for handling the pandemic proved to be sound during the last semester, and some adjustments and improvements have been made for the spring.

For the spring semester, students were welcomed by a video from Nicole Noffsinger-Frazier, new dean of students. The flurry of "welcome back" information included a quicker new testing process, updated COVID-19 policies that will be important for a successful spring, and expanded hours at McClurg Dining Hall and other locations.

Every year, the Seawanee Career Center hosts Beyond the Gates: Preparing for Life and Work After Seawanee at the end of the winter break. The 2021 event, the 17th annual, was a virtual four-day event (Jan. 25-28) for 130 juniors and seniors. The program helps students develop career-readiness through panels, practice interviews, networking conversations, and hearing the experiences of recent graduates. The keynote speakers this year were Dr. Renia Dotson, C'88, board-certified colon and rectal surgeon in Greenville, Mississippi; Jeremie Amoroso, C'10, consultant with the strategy and operations team at the World Bank; and Theodosia Cook, C'11, chief diversity officer at the University of Colorado.

New members of the Order of the Gown will receive their gowns during a ceremony to be held at 4:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 26, in All Saints' Chapel. The gowning ceremony will be livestreamed, as it was in the fall.

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## CORRECTION

In the Jan. 29, 2021 issue of the Messenger in the “SES Students Revisit 1960s School Desegregation” article, we reported that all eight of the plaintiffs were from Sewanee. This was incorrect. Not all of the family plaintiffs were from Sewanee. We regret the error.

Doug Cameron notes, “All of the black plaintiffs in the desegregation lawsuit were not from Sewanee. Emma Hill (Juliette Taylor’s mom) was from Winchester. Juliette’s first experiences were at Clark Memorial. She was playing basketball for them when they were sent home from Tracy City.”

“Emma Hill was the most active in civil rights with the possible exception of Scott Bates. She would go to Birmingham to march each weekend, facing dogs and fire hoses from Jim Clark. A very brave woman.”

## CAC Pantry Sunday

Pantry Sunday for the Community Action Committee (CAC) is Sunday, Feb. 7. St. James (Midway), Otey Memorial Parish, Sewanee Cumberland Presbyterian, All Saints’ Chapel, and Monteagle Cumberland Presbyterian are participating churches, and all are welcome to contribute. Please bring your food offerings to your church for collection or deliver directly to the CAC located at 216 University Ave., Sewanee. The typical bag of groceries includes rice, beans, pasta, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, and cans of vegetables, fruit, and soup. The cost for a complete bag is less than \$15.

The CAC is an outreach ministry of Otey Memorial Parish, with generous support from the Sewanee Community Chest and individuals across the Mountain. For more than 47 years, the CAC has provided food, financial assistance, and educational support for persons in the greater Sewanee community. For more information contact the CAC at (931) 598-5927.

## University Job Opportunities

**Exempt Positions:** Associate Dean of Health and Wellness, Wellness Center; Deputy Title IX Coordinator, Title IX; Senior Research Associate, Roberson Project on Slavery, Race, & Reconciliation; Vice Provost, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Provost’s Office.

**Non-Exempt Positions:** Campus Security Officer, Sewanee Police Department; First Cook, Sewanee Dining; Police Officer (Part-time), Sewanee Police Department; Second Cook, Sewanee Dining; SMDL Operations Coordinator, Sewanee Molecular Diagnostics Lab.

For more information call (931) 598-1381. Apply at <jobs.sewanee.edu>.



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## County-specific Pages Simplify Use on COVID Website

The Tennessee Department of Health and Tennessee’s Unified Command Group have added new features to the COVID19.tn.gov website to make it easier for users to find county-specific information and request an appointment for COVID-19 vaccination.

The COVID19.tn.gov website provides a simple tool for Tennesseans to find their phase in Tennessee’s COVID-19 Vaccination Plan. Updates to this tool make it easier for eligible users to request a vaccination appointment with their county health department. Find the tool at <https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/eligibility/>.

The website also offers an interactive map where Tennesseans can select their county to learn the risk-based and age-based phases currently eligible for COVID-19 vaccination and how to request a vaccination appointment. New county-specific pages offer information including current local vaccine availability. Find the map at <https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/county-vaccine-information/>.

The COVID19.tn.gov website also offers dashboards and daily reports with state and county-level information including case counts, hospitalizations and tests conducted. This site serves as a resource Tennesseans can use in making decisions about activities for their families, businesses and communities as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves.

COVID-19 vaccine supplies remain limited, and availability of vaccines varies by county. Tennessee counties may progress through COVID-19 vaccination phases at different times depending on supplies of vaccines. Tennesseans can learn their phase for receiving vaccine at <https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/vaccine-phases/>.

## COVID-19 Testing Sites

The Tennessee Department of Health has COVID-19 assessment sites available across the southeast region. A full list of sites can be accessed <https://covid19.tn.gov/testing-sites/>. This information is subject to change.

There is free drive-thru testing available, Monday through Friday, at the health departments in Franklin and Grundy counties. Residents in Marion County may also call their local health department during regular business hours for assistance in getting tested. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, traditional testing is not available and only self testing is available to adults.

Franklin County Health Department, 266 Joyce Lane, Winchester (931) 967-3826, 8:30–10:30 a.m.

Grundy County Health Department, 1372 Main St., Altamont, (931) 692-3641, 8:30–10:30 a.m. Call ahead for an appointment.

Marion County Health Department, 24 East 7th St., Jasper, (423) 942-2238. Call ahead for an appointment.

Those with general questions about COVID-19 may call the COVID-19 Public Information Line at (877) 857-2945 or (833) 556-2476 between 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Monday–Friday and 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

### Letters to the Editor Policy

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

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



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6:30 am–5:30 pm Saturday, February 13  
Presenters: Tom Ward and Rebecca Paluzzi

**Turn to the Good  
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10:00 am Saturday, February 20 –  
Sunday, February 21, 3:00 pm  
Presenter: Catherine M Harris

**Gospel Contemplations for Lent  
A Philip Newell Series  
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Wednesdays through March 31**  
6:00 pm–8:00 pm  
Presenter: Dr. Cynthia S.W. Crysdale

**Living Ayurveda  
An Introduction to Holistic Wellness**  
12:00–3:30 pm Saturday, February 27  
Presenter: Jo-Jo Jackson

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1:00 pm–4:00 pm Sunday, February 28  
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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 Louise Irwin, 598-5864.

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Thursday—Production Day  
9 a.m.–noon

Friday—Circulation Day  
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## Upcoming Meetings

### Franklin County School Board

The Franklin County School Board is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Feb. 8, at the Franklin County Board of Education building, 215 S. College St., Winchester.

### Sewanee La Leche League

The La Leche League breastfeeding support meeting is at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 9. Email <LaLecheLeaguesewanee@gmail.com> for a Zoom link to the meeting.

### Rotary Club Meeting

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club will meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 11, via Zoom. John Kilkenny will present the program on the Sewanee Summer Music Festival. For the Zoom link, email Woody Deutsch <woodybike@mac.com>.

### Town of Monteagle

The Town of Monteagle will have a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, Feb. 11, at 8 a.m., via Zoom. The purpose of this meeting is to approve an expenditure for meter flow testing of water and sewer.

The Town of Monteagle is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. All meetings for the Town of Monteagle will be held virtually until further notice. To get the Zoom link, email <monteagleinfo@blomand.net> or go to Town of Monteagle - Office of Mayor Facebook page.

### Sewanee Emeritus Association Meeting

The Sewanee Emeritus Association will meet via Zoom at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 11. Scott Wilson, Assistant Provost for Global and Strategic Partnerships, will present "Sewanee's Global Engagement in a Period of Uncertainty." The public is invited. Please send an email to <rzachau@sewanee.edu> to receive an access code.

### Coffee with the Coach

Coffee with the Coach, an opportunity to learn more about Sewanee's sports teams, will live stream the meeting at 9 a.m., Monday, Feb. 15, with Brian Emerson (Men's Basketball). The live stream will be available at <https://www.facebook.com/SewaneeTigers/>. Opportunities will be available on Sunday to submit questions in advance or during the live show on the social media platforms, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @SewaneeTigers. For those unable to view the meeting live, the content will be accessible on-demand on the Facebook page. It will also be available on the website <www.sewaneetigers.com> and on the University of the South's YouTube Channel by midday on Mondays.

### Sewanee Utility District

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the utility office on Sherwood Road. If a customer is unable to attend but wishes to bring a matter to the board, call 598-5611, visit the office, or call a board member. Your board members are Doug Cameron, Randall Henley, Ronnie Hoosier, Charlie Smith and Paul Evans.

### Sewanee Community Council

The next meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for Monday, March 22, 2021, at 7 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 22, 2021, is reserved 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 March, please submit them to the Provost's office by noon on Wednesday, Feb. 10

## Food Distribution and Medical Unit

On Saturday, Feb. 13, the Morton Memorial UMC monthly curbside food distribution will begin at 8 a.m. and continue until 10 a.m. Drivers should enter the food distribution line from behind the church where they will be directed to the loading area. Wear a mask and remain in your vehicle. If you are unable to load your own vehicle, volunteers will be there to assist. All are welcome.

The St. Thomas Mobile Medical Unit will be present from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The clinic welcomes all regardless of insurance status. All visits are covered by a generous grant from the South Cumberland Community Fund. The grant also covers co-pays and deductibles for people who have insurance. All prescription costs, provided through RxOutreach, are covered by a donation from Ascension Saint Thomas.

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church is located at 322 West Main St., Monteagle.

## 55 Years of Black Alumni Events

The 55 Years of Black Alumni celebration originally planned for last fall will be held virtually during the month of February (Black History Month). For almost a year, a committee of alumni and staff has worked on planning a meaningful series of events to mark this milestone. See the event information and schedule on the 55 Years website <https://new.sewanee.edu/alumni/55-years-of-black-alumni/>. In particular, everyone is encouraged to participate in two of the events: A Roberson Project presentation, "The Untold Tales: A Conversation on the Historic St. Mark's Community," next Thursday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m.; and a celebration Thursday, Feb. 25, at 6 p.m., to honor Eric Benjamin, C'73, who retired last summer. Both events will be held virtually.

## The 37375 Campaign Applications Due

The Sewanee Civic Association and the Sewanee Business Alliance, working together to act locally and responsibly during this global pandemic, announce the final distribution from the 37375 Campaign. Applications are now available the future purchase and distribution of COVID-19 health and safety products for local Sewanee businesses and nonprofit organizations. A downloadable application is available online at <www.sewanee.org>. The applications are due by 5 p.m., Monday, March 1. To request an application or for more information, email <sewaneebusinessalliance@gmail.com>.

## REAL ID License Information

The REAL ID Act of 2005 establishes minimum security standards for license issuance and production, and prohibits Federal agencies from accepting for certain purposes driver licenses and identification cards from states not meeting the Act's minimum standards. Beginning Oct. 1, 2021, all persons must have a REAL ID license for accessing certain Federal buildings, entering nuclear facilities, and boarding commercial flights within the United States.

You do not need a REAL ID to drive; vote; purchase alcohol or cigarettes; access hospitals; visit the post office; access federal courts; or apply for or receive federal benefits such as social security or veterans' benefits.

Customers can now schedule an appointment for REAL ID at any Driver Services Center. Scheduling an appointment allows a customer to be served at a Driver Services Center on a specific day and time. Appointments are available at all Driver Services Centers for Driver Services transactions including Knowledge Tests and REAL ID.

Documents required for a REAL ID are proof of U.S. citizenship or legal presence; proof of social security number, and proof of Tennessee residence. Go to <https://www.tn.gov/safety/driver-services/real-id.html> for more information.

For more information on REAL ID and required documents, visit <www.tnrealid.gov>.

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# Church News

## Sexagesima at Christ Church

In the liturgical calendar that Christ Church follows, the name for this particular Sunday draws immediate attention. Sexagesima in Latin means 60, as in approximately 60 days before Easter Day. There are three of these Sundays before Ash Wednesday. They are intended to be a kind of “heads-up” in terms of thinking about what we should plan in order to have a more faithful Lent. Quadragesima is an older name for Ash Wednesday. This is seldom heard today, but it is still useful in terms of reminding us that it is the season of “40 days,” of special discipline, fasting, and study, and not just of a day of being marked with Ashes.

The Sunday service will be Holy Communion, preceded by shortened Morning Prayer. Our Sunday service begins at 10:45 a.m. Some people cannot stay for the time of fellowship, so we always have “snacks to go” and coffee, too. The Wednesday continues to attract some who cannot come on Sunday. On this coming Tuesday and Wednesday we will offer special services. Bishop Vince McLaughlin, who is now the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Missionary Church, and a team of clergy and laity from Virginia will be with us. Visitors are always welcome.

## Cowan First Baptist Church

On Wednesday Feb. 17 there will be a 6 p.m. Community Ash Wednesday Service.

All who are able to attend in-person are encouraged to join us for this meaningful time in prayer and preparation. Please be mindful of state and local advisories with respect to social distancing, wearing masks, etc.

Cowan First Baptist is located at 316 W. Cumberland St. For more information, please contact the host congregation at (931) 967-7506.

## Otey Memorial Parish

Morning Prayer online only at 8:30 a.m. and afterward on our Facebook page, and at 11 a.m. afterward on our YouTube channel.

Godly Play Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom: “Parable of the Mustard Seed” - told by Barbara Prunty

Sunday Forum, 9:30–10:30 a.m. via Zoom: This Sunday’s Forum will be discussing the Community Action Committee (CAC). Please join presenters Director David Goodpaster and past directors, Betty Carpenter and Laura Willis, as they discuss and take questions about the past, present, and future of CAC and the essential bond this long-serving outreach ministry has with the parishioners of Otey Memorial Parish.

Fire on the Mountain Youth Sunday School meets 4-6 p.m. in St. Mark’s Hall (with appropriate social distance) for games, snacks,

a story, and a time of reflection. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited; please wear a mask. For more information contact Jeannie at <formation@oteyparish.org>.

CAC continues its work of serving the needy with food and in other ways. Director David Goodpaster is staffing CAC, taking sensible precautions while serving people in need 9 to 11 a.m., Monday through Friday. Please call (931) 598-5927.

Parish staff members are combining in-person and remote work as best fits their duties. To meet with a staff member, please contact the staff member directly, call the office phone number (931) 598-5926, or send an email <admin@oteyparish.org>.

## Sisters to Offer Virtual Lenten Quiet Morning

The Sisters of St. Mary invite you to join them for a Lenten Quiet Morning, the next event in their ongoing Virtual Program Series. Sister Madeleine Mary, Prioress will lead the event titled: “Turning, Turning, Till We Come Round Right” via Zoom.

On a psychological and spiritual level, Moses is not so unlike us. His life journey can, in fact, help us to understand our own. By examining more closely his journey with God and his people, we will explore our own path with God and our neighbor. This journey will take us through moments of wilderness, healing and repentance, conversion and growth.

Sr. Madeleine Mary holds an M.Div. from The School of Theology as well as a certificate in Spiritual Direction from The General Seminary. She has been a Religious for 50 years, has served as a spiritual director for 31 years in New York, Virginia, New Haven, and Sewanee. She has also done retreat work and programs widely throughout the United States as well as in Europe. While living in New York, she ministered in numerous capacities, including serving as the Rev. Mother of the Community of the Holy Spirit, Program Director for the CHS Earth Ministry, Ecumenical Officer for the Episcopal Religious Orders. Since she transferred to the Community of St. Mary, she has served as Prioress and has used her preaching, reflections, photography and video skills to help people explore the connections between faith, care for creation, and Benedictine spirituality.

The virtual event will be held Saturday, Feb. 27, from 9:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m. The schedule will include addresses by Sister Madeleine Mary, time for reflection, a question and answer session, and will end with noonday prayer.

The cost of the session is \$25, and participants can register at <www.communityofstmarysouth.org>.

# Obituary

## Alma Jean Tate

Alma Jean Tate, age 82 of Tracy City, died on Dec. 17, 2020, at her home. She was on April 4, 1938, to James and Elva Nunley. She loved flowers, especially red roses, and taking long Sunday afternoon drives with her family. She was a member of Mt. Ararat Methodist Church, in the Flat Branch community. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Garry Tate, and brothers, Robert Nunley and Douglas Nunley.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Bobby Tate; daughter, Beverly (Jeff) Griggs; sisters, Antha McCarver and Betty Lou Stockton; and one grandson.

Funeral services were on Dec. 20, 2020 at Mt. Ararat Methodist Church with Bro. Ernest Lockhart and Bro. Andy Weaver officiating. Interment followed in Orange Hil Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

# Church Calendar

## Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

## All Saints’ Chapel

8 a.m. Sunday Service, online < https://new.sewanee.edu/campus-life/believing/all-saints-chapel/all-saints-chapel-services/online-services/>

11 a.m. Sunday Service, online

## Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Worship, Wednesday

## Chapman Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Pelham

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Bible study, Wednesday

## Christ Church, Alto (STEM)

10:30 a.m. Bible Study and Morning Prayer with Sermon, Sunday

12:15 p.m. Noonday Prayer, Tuesday

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

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

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## Christ Church, Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Morning Prayer, Sunday

noon Service, Wednesday

## Christ Church, Tracy City (STEM)

10:30 a.m. Bible Study and Morning Prayer with Sermon, Sunday

12:15 p.m. Noonday Prayer, Tuesday

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

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

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## Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd

9 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6:30 p.m. Healing/prayer service

## Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

## Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

## Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

## Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

## Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

## Epiphany Mission, Sherwood (STEM)

10:30 a.m. Bible Study and Morning Prayer with Sermon, Sunday

12:15 p.m. Noonday Prayer, Tuesday

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

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

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## First Baptist Church, Cowan

9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:25 a.m. Worship, Sunday

## First Church of the Nazarene, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

## Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday

2 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday

5 p.m. Mass, Saturday

## Goshen Cumberland Presbyterian Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

## Grace Fellowship Church

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

## Harrison Chapel Methodist Church, Midway (FB Live service below)

8 a.m. Radio Show, Sunday (WSGM 104.7 FM)

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday (FB Live)

## Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Wednesday

## Midway Baptist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

## Midway Church of Christ

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

## Monteagle Church of Christ

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

## Monteagle First Baptist Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

## Monteagle Seventh-Day Adventist

11 a.m. Worship, Saturday

## Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle

(service available online after noon Sunday, link is at <Mortonmemorialumc.com>)

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

6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

## Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

(online worship services via Zoom. Info: call (931) 924-5339 or go online, <www.WildfireOnTheMountain.com>)

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

## New Beginnings Church, Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Worship Service, Sunday

## New Beginnings Church, Pelham

9:45 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

## New Creations Ministries, Rayburn Chapel

4 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Sunday

## New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan

11 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

## Otey Memorial Parish Church

8:30 a.m. Sunday Service, available on Otey’s Facebook page and afterward on Otey’s YouTube channel

9:30 a.m. Godly Play, via Zoom

9:30 a.m. Sunday Forum, via Zoom

11 a.m. Sunday Service online only; available on Otey’s Facebook page and afterward on the YouTube channel

4 p.m. Fire on the Mountain, Brooks Hall

## Pelham United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

## St. Agnes’ Episcopal Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

## St. James Episcopal Church

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, in-person and via Zoom, Sunday

## St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

(meeting at Good Shepherd, Decherd)

## St. Mary’s Sewanee

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

4 p.m. Centering Prayer, via Zoom, Wednesday

## Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

## Tracy City First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

## Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester (STEM)

10:30 a.m. Bible Study and Morning Prayer with Sermon, Sunday

12:15 p.m. Noonday Prayer, Tuesday

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

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

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## United Pentecostal, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Worship, Wednesday

## Unitarian Universalist, Tullahoma

6 p.m. Tullahoma Sangha, Wednesday

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**Monteagle** (from page 1)

marketing analysis dictated the proposed location, rather than building on the east-bound side of I-24. Graber cited higher ground, the neighboring shop owned by his partner, and the existing Pilot truck stop. Having another nearby truck stop would “even out the traffic flow,” Graber said. Preliminary conversations with the Tennessee Department of Transportation did not indicate need for a wider road, Graber said.

Graber acknowledged 2.25 acres of the 6.5 acres site was wetlands. He said plans called for enhancing the beauty of the wetlands and landscaping and screening fences to buffer residential areas as stipulated by city ordinances. “We’ve met with the neighbors...and agreed they would be part of the process,” Graber said. RBT Enterprises would “bend over backwards to be good neighbors.”

According to Graber, the proposed complex would include 150 parking spaces for trucks, provide 130 jobs, and include five restaurants, a boutique, other amenities, and electric charging stations for cars and trucks, catering to both passenger and commercial vehicles. “I-24 is one of the busiest interstates in the country,” Graber noted. He expressed thanks to the “75 percent of the community that supported us.” Graber did not give a source for the statistic.

In response to a question from planning commission member Mary-Jane Flowers, Graber said Monteagle’s infrastructure—water, sewer, fire, police—was adequate to support the project. Alderman Nate Wilson said the council anticipated a sewer assessment from the city engineer. Hayes said infrastructure, landscaping, and screening fence questions would be addressed if the council approved the rezoning and the planning commission moved on to reviewing the site plan.

In support of the project, Flowers said trucks needed “to rest and refuel at the top of the mountain. It’s not an easy drive...We’re the gateway to the plateau, but we’re also on a major interstate. ...In the past, truck stops weren’t as pretty as they are today.”

Flowers, however, also expressed concern about zoning ordinances not being enforced in the past. “Are we prepared to enforce the codes, not just for the truck stop, but everything else?” Flowers asked.

Responding to accusations that planning commission members had a “vested interest” in the truck stop, Mayor Marilyn Campbell Rodman said, “I don’t have [a vested interest] or anyone else I’m aware of on the board...What we have to do is for the best of everyone, A-L-L, and to move forward.”

Hayes said the SETD staff recommended “approval of the rezoning based on the following. The rezoning will be contiguous with the entire parcel as a whole. The property is on a state route and meets the intent of the interchange parcel district.”

Graber said not having the 6.5-acre tract rezoned C-3 “would kill the project.”

“If it’s not rezoned, could the city see repercussions?” Flowers asked. “It could be challenged in court,” Elliott said.

Planning commission members Peter Beasley, Richard Black, Flowers, Dorraine Parmley, Rodman, Iva Michelle Russell, and Janet Miller-Schmidt voted unanimously to approve the rezoning.

Following the vote, Best commented, “We bought our home, our neighbors bought their homes, with a secure R-3 buffer, and you’ve stolen it from us...You have not enforced the laws that exist, and we are supposed to trust you with this 20-acre monstrous development...We are invested just as much or more than RBT. They are not voters, they are not citizens, they are not members of this community.”

**Frame Gallery Looking Towards the Future**

by Bailey Basham, Messenger Staff Writer

Three years ago this year, Harriet Runkle opened the Frame Gallery, which is situated on the left, greeting visitors as they drive up the Mountain.

She and her husband had relocated a few years before from Arlington, Va., and she was looking to start a new venture.

“I had been teaching elementary school for 15 years but I couldn’t find a teaching job here, and I tried some other things, but nothing seemed to click for me. Then, the frame shop, formerly Corners, went up for sale, and I started thinking,” she said. “My first degree had been in art history with a concentration in museum studies and gallery management. I bought it in 2018, and it was like coming around full circle to how I started my professional career.”

When she first took over the gallery, Runkle formed three goals for her shop: the first, to continue providing custom framing services to the mountain community. Her second goal was to open up the shop as a space for local artists to exhibit and sell their work. After accomplishing those goals, Runkle hopes to move onto her third once it is safe to resume in-person business — to develop arts programming for children.

“When I was a classroom teacher, I would set aside a space called Creation Station that contained recyclables we collected in our classroom like scraps of paper, glue stick tops, paper towel rolls, empty rolls of scotch tape, [and we used those for] open-ended activities. I produce lots of scraps in my shop, and I would like to have a Creation Station at the shop too, so I could provide space for children to come and work on a project,” she said.

Since the onset of COVID-19, Runkle, like many local business owners, has had to reformulate her approach to serving the community.

“The main change in my business is a switch from having regular store hours to being open only by

appointment. It’s turned out really well though because I can work with my customers one-on-one without interruptions. It allows me to keep my space safe for us. On the down side, I haven’t been able to have changing art exhibits for local artists. Before COVID, I would hold a reception in conjunction with the opening of each exhibit and have artists talk about their work,” she said. “They were popular events and lots of fun. I miss those the most since COVID came along. We have so many talented artists here and so many art enthusiasts — it was great fun to get together on a regular basis all in the name of art.”

Runkle said entering her third year in business, she hopes to resume those in-person events as soon as possible. She also has hopes of connecting with the University to get students involved with gallery programming.

“Of course, it all depends on where we stand with the virus, but I’d love to be able to exhibit their work in the gallery, teach them framing methods and how to set up an art exhibit,” she said. “I am so grateful for the support and encouragement of this community over

the past three years. My business has continued to thrive even in the face of all the limitations of the past year and I believe it will continue to grow. It’s always exciting to see the projects that my customers bring in the shop. I love the challenge and the collaboration of protecting and enhancing their art.”

The Frame Gallery is located at 12569 Sollace M Freeman Hwy., Sewanee. To make an appointment, call (931) 463-2300. Masks are required in the store.

**MARC Open House**

The Marion Animal Resource Connection (MARC) will be hosting an open house at the new office building at 225 Sequatchie Ln., Sequatchie. The event will take place on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

MARC will also be microchipping pets from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The first microchip is free, and \$15 for additional microchips for other family pets.

For more information go to <<http://www.marc4change.org>>

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## COVID-19 Vaccination Available for Adults Age 70+

Tennessee is administering COVID-19 vaccinations to Tennesseans aged 70 and older as the state has begun receiving increased allocations of COVID-19 vaccines. Tennesseans aged 70 and up may begin registering for COVID-19 vaccinations.

Tennesseans can find information on the phases eligible for vaccination in their county and, when eligible, register for vaccination through their county health department at <<https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/county-vaccine-information/>>. Due to their independent operations and larger populations, Tennessee's metropolitan counties may have different instructions, so residents in these areas should check with local authorities about their plans.

TDH estimates there are about 300,000 Tennesseans in the 70-74 year old age group. Tennessee can expand COVID-19 vaccination access to this age group after an increase in the state's allocation of COVID-19 vaccines. Tennessee is expecting about 93,000 doses of these vaccines this week, a 15 percent increase in the state's previous weekly vaccine allocations.

Tennessee's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan prioritizes those most at risk of illness and death from COVID-19. People aged 70 to 74 have a 70 percent higher rate of death and a 40 percent higher rate of hospitalization from COVID-19 as compared to those aged 65 to 69.

Tennessee will continue to move through phases of the state's COVID-19 vaccination plan as vaccine supplies increase. TDH expects the state may be able to expand vac-

cination to Phase 1b groups and those aged 65 and older as soon as March if vaccine supplies continue to increase, as expected.

It is important to note Tennessee counties may progress through vaccination phases at different times, depending on supply of the COVID-19 vaccines and demand for them. To learn what phase your county is in, visit <<https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/vaccine-phases/>>.

TDH reminds all Tennesseans that in addition to vaccination, wearing a face mask, maintaining social distance and getting tested when exposed or sick are critical to controlling the pandemic.

Tennessee's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan is available online at <[www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/COVID-19\\_Vaccination\\_Plan.pdf](http://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/COVID-19_Vaccination_Plan.pdf)>. Find answers to frequently asked questions about COVID-19 vaccination at <<https://covid19.tn.gov/data/faqs/>>.

People who are in a phase currently being vaccinated in their county can register online at <<https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/vaccine-phases/>> for an appointment time to receive a vaccination through their county health department. Click your county on the map and then click "Make an Appointment" to register. Those who register will be asked to enter their name and contact information to be notified of their appointment date, time and location as soon as vaccine becomes available. A toll-free number is also available to get information, 866-442-5301.

## Access to COVID-19 Vaccination in Rural and Underserved Areas Expanded

The Tennessee Department of Health is expanding access to COVID-19 vaccination with a particular focus on rural and underserved areas. TDH is partnering with pharmacies and community health clinics to add more than 100 new vaccination sites across the state. Tennessee's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan remains focused on equity to ensure those with limited access to health care resources will be able to receive vaccinations when they meet eligibility criteria outlined in the plan.

"We're eager to launch these partnerships to help bring the vital resource of COVID-19 vaccines to Tennesseans in communities most vulnerable to serious and lasting social and economic challenges due to the pandemic," said Tennessee Health Commissioner Lisa Piercey, MD, MBA, FAAP.

"These pharmacies and clinics are easily accessible to Tennesseans who have barriers to receiving health care, like lack of transportation or health insurance," Piercey continued. "We're bringing COVID-19 vaccines to familiar and convenient locations for residents of these communities to receive their vaccinations."

These new COVID-19 vaccination sites include 24 federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics and community health centers, 64 local pharmacies and 20 chain pharmacies with many sites in some of Tennessee's most vulnerable counties. These locations will follow the Tennessee COVID-19 Vaccination Plan, administering vaccinations to residents in current eligible phases of the county in which the clinic or pharmacy is

located. All vaccinations are to be given at no charge to the recipient.

These added COVID-19 vaccination sites are distributed across 51 counties covering every grand division of the state. COVID-19 vaccine supplies remain limited, and availability of vaccines varies by county and provider. These providers and facilities are expected to receive COVID-19 vaccines this week, and will handle their own scheduling processes for administering vaccinations.

TDH's allocation of COVID-19 vaccine to provider partners is designed to ensure the most equitable and accessible distribution of scarce vaccine resources throughout the state, with a focus on Tennesseans most at risk for serious illness and death from COVID-19. Clinics now offering COVID-19 vaccine through this expansion effort are part of the state's Safety Net serving particularly vulnerable or underserved populations, and will focus their COVID-19 vaccination efforts on their patient populations. These clinics will be reaching out to their patients as they become eligible for vaccination per Tennessee's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan.

For the current pharmacy locations, go to <<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/events/COVID-19%20Vaccination-Community%20Pharmacy%20Locations-1-28-21.pdf>>. In Franklin County, Bennett's Pharmacy, 1201 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester is a vaccination site. In Marion County, there are two sites: The Drug Store at South Pittsburg, 335 S. Cedar Ave., South Pittsburg, and Jasper Drugs, 17 Courthouse Square, Jasper.

## Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccinations

The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination is a collaboration between the federal government, states and territories, and 21 national pharmacy partners and independent pharmacy networks to increase access to COVID-19 vaccination across the United States.

Retail pharmacies in each state will be receiving vaccine through this program during the week of Feb. 8. This list is specific to the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program; some states have engaged additional pharmacies directly to assist with vaccination efforts.

Retail pharmacies participating in the program will vary by state and territory. Visit the pharmacy's website to find out if they are providing COVID-19 vaccine in your community.

Initial Federal Retail Pharmacy Partner by Jurisdiction in Tennessee will be Walmart, Inc. Go to <<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/retail-pharmacy-program/participating-pharmacies.html>> for up-to-date information.

## Red Cross Urges Blood Donations

The American Red Cross typically has a tough time keeping the blood supply strong during the winter months when inclement weather and seasonal illnesses can impact donors. This year the pandemic adds in another challenge in keeping the blood supply strong. The Red Cross is urging healthy individuals to make an appointment to give blood or platelets this month.

Make your appointment to give blood, platelets or plasma with the Red Cross by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting <[RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)>, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether an individual developed COVID-19 symptoms.



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## SAS Varsity Basketball News

The St. Andrew's-Sewanee boys' varsity basketball team played Collegedale Academy Jan. 25, losing 60-34. The Mountain Lions were led by Austin Hood with 20 points; Nathan King seven; Oliver Root four; and Spears Askew three.

On Jan. 28, the team defeated Knowledge Academy, 49-32. SAS was led by seniors Nathan King and Austin Hood each scoring 14 points; Payton Zeitler seven; Oliver Root six; Kyler Cantrell four; Spears Askew three; Reilly Tafaro one point.

The team defeated Berean Academy on Feb. 2, 53-44. Before the start of the game the seniors from the girls' and boys' teams were recognized: team captain Jenna Black

of Sewanee, daughter of Robert and Kelley Black; Tania Gonzalez Horstmann of Madrid, Spain, daughter of Christabol Gonzalez and Paloma Horstmann; Austin Hood of Isle of the Palms, S.C., son of Steven and Darla Hood; Oliver Root of Mount Pleasant, S.C., son of Harry and Nicole Root; team captain Nathan King of Sewanee, son of Issac and Barbara King; team captain Payton Zeitler of Sewanee, son of Robert and Courtney Zeitler. Hood led all scorers with 22 points; Kyler Cantrell 14; King nine; Askew five; Root three.

SAS record is 2-5. They play their final home game Friday at 7:30 p.m. against Richard Hardy Memorial School.

## Sewanee Community Chest Spotlight: Folks at Home

The 2021–21 Sewanee Community Chest (SCC) Fund Drive is underway. Sponsored by the Sewanee Civic Association, the SCC raises money yearly for local charitable organizations serving the area. This year's goal of \$98,390 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.

This week we shine the spotlight on the Folks at Home.

Folks at Home (F@H) began as a grassroots project, sponsored by Otey Memorial Parish. In 2010, the organization began its first full year of operation. Folks at Home is a local nonprofit organization developed for and dedicated to assisting its members in continuing a dignified and comfortable lifestyle in the community through coordination of services they need during their elder years.

F@H provides services including consultations, care and service coordination, medical transportation, information and referrals, as well as the pro bono Equipment Exchange of accessibility items. In addition to the 94 annual subscribing members, F@H provides pro bono services to non-members in the area. The number of pro bono clients who received services is an indication of the tremendous need for these services. Folks at Home has a long tradition of trying to provide help to anyone in need.

F@H has requested \$5,000 from the Sewanee Community Chest. Sewanee Community Chest funds offset a significant number of Folks at Home pro-bono services each year, as well as providing scholarship memberships for those in need. Pro bono services are delivered without charge to residents of Sewanee but also to the larger Plateau community. With the help of the Sewanee Community Chest, Folks at Home can continue to pursue the mission of empowering individuals to live at home.

Since 1908, the goal of the Sewanee Community Chest has been to help citizens by funding the 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. For more information or to give through PayPal, go to <www.sewaneeccivic.org>.

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## ALOOK BACK

from the pages of the Sewanee Mountain Messenger

### Anniversary of the 1985 Ice Storm

This marks the 36th anniversary of the 1985 ice storm. Annie Armour, former archivist of the University, described it this way in a Messenger column in 2012:

Anyone who has lived around Sewanee for any amount of time knows that the Mountain can have some extreme winter weather. We might see snow, and a lot of it, while Winchester gets only a dusting. Snow offers opportunities to skip studying and take a dining hall tray to the nearest hill, to make snow angels and forts and have snowball fights or to snuggle up with hot chocolate and a good book.

Ice, on the other hand, can strike terror into any sane person's soul. Ice-covered trees might glow and reflect beautifully in the sun, but too much ice causes big trouble. Sewanee has had three major ice storms in the last 50 years. One, however, on Feb. 1, 1985, made national news.

The storm struck during the night, and upon waking nothing appeared out of sorts. It was just another dreary, rainy winter's day. But schools were closed, even St. Andrew's-Sewanee School, which was odd. Unprecedented, in fact.

Soon the thrill of an unexpected holiday gave way to trepidation as ice began collecting rapidly on everything. Sewanee was having an ice storm.

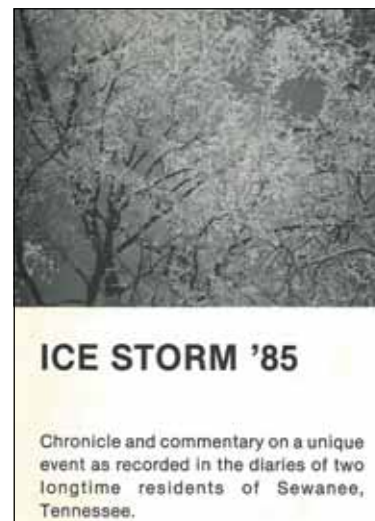
Sparks danced off electric lines in spectacular fireworks, and soon the electricity went out altogether. With it went furnaces and water pumps. The eerie silence inside was punctuated by frequent loud popping and crashing outside, as trees and branches fell in quick succession. Cars were sealed into big ice cubes. When the cold rain stopped, several inches of ice coated the Sewanee area. Nearly every electric line on the Mountain had snapped. Hundreds of trees lay across roads and on houses and cars. Temperatures plunged. Ironically, Martin Springs had no ice whatsoever.

The community rallied to put the pieces together again while millions watched on national television. The National Guard came by convoy to supply generators, trucks, water, diesel fuel and extra workers, while students lined the streets to welcome them. With classes canceled, many students escaped to more hospitable climates. The rest compacted into the few dorms with heat. The University's physical plant department worked to clear hazards and keep heat going manually in dorms.

Every resident with a four-wheel drive vehicle and a chainsaw braved the frigid temperatures to help clear trees. There were at least 50 downed trees across Jump Off Road alone.

Oaklawn Baptist Church hosted several refugees. The hospital kept others. Gailor Dining Hall served food to anyone who came in. Other folks cooked on their grills or over fireplaces. The police and others checked on the elderly. Many opened their homes to neighbors. DREMC and TVA crews came to help rewire the community, which took several days. The fire department fought three fires. The EMTs took a resident to the hospital for smoke inhalation and stayed with the firefighters to help and deliver Gatorade.

In the end, then Vice-Chancellor Bob Ayres summed it up: "The spirit of cooperation in every segment of the community was a marvel to watch and experience. People showed great care for one another. They thought of others before themselves, and this was evident everywhere I went."



Debby Stirling wrote an account of the 1985 storm. It is available in the University Archives.

## SES MENUS

Monday–Friday,  
Feb. 8–12  
LUNCH

**Monday, Feb. 8:** Chicken drumstick, barbecue rib, potato smiles, pinto beans, carrot dippers, dinner roll, fruit.

**Tuesday, Feb. 9:** Mexican pasta bake, chicken tenders, green beans, sweet potato wedges, dinner roll, fruit.

**Wednesday, Feb. 10:** Beef dippers, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, green peas, garlic breadstick, fruit.

**Thursday, Feb. 11:** Zesty orange chicken, turkey sandwich, roasted vegetables, deli roast potatoes, steamed rice, fruit.

**Friday, Feb. 12:** Pizza, yogurt/cheese stick bag, French fries, steamed broccoli, cookie, fruit.

### BREAKFAST

Each day, students select one or two items.

**Monday, Feb. 8:** Cheese stick, cereal, juice, fruit.

**Tuesday, Feb. 9:** Pancake/sausage stick, juice, fruit.

**Wednesday, Feb. 10:** Meat biscuit, juice, fruit.

**Thursday, Feb. 11:** Muffin, cheese stick, juice, fruit.

**Friday, Feb. 12:** Meat biscuit, juice, fruit.

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

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Feb. 15, No school, Presidents' Day, Franklin County, Grundy County

Feb. 17, Reading Day, School of Theology

March 3, Reading Day, University of the South

March 8–March 14, Spring Break, SAS

March 12, No school, Franklin County

March 26, Half-day, Grundy County

March 29–April 4, Spring Break, Franklin County, Grundy County

March 31, Reading Day, College

April 1–2, Spring Break, Marion County

### QUICK LINKS

Schedules subject to change.  
Franklin County <https://www.fcstn.net>  
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Marion County <https://www.marionschools.org>  
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## 'House of Leaves' at the University Art Gallery

The University Art Gallery is delighted to present Jered Sprecher's "House of Leaves," an exhibition of paintings and drawings that play with technologies of representation and the mediation of experience. Visual information fleetingly encountered is caught, mulled over, and reworked. Images of birds, plants, flowers, and natural light, glimpsed through phones and on tablet screens or in banal stock photographs, is translated into intensely vibrant, gorgeous paintings that hover "in the sliver of space between abstraction and representation" and demand attention and contemplation. "House of Leaves" will be on view in the UAG from through March 28.

To protect the health of those on and off our campus, in-person visits to the exhibition are reserved for students, faculty, and staff of the University already on campus. For those not on campus, "House of Leaves" will be shared remotely by means of a video tour and slideshow. Please visit the UAG site <<https://new.sewanee.edu/university-art-gallery/>> to access those tours as they become available.

On Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 5 p.m., UAG director Shelley

MacLaren will host the webinar "House of Leaves: A Conversation" with artist Jered Sprecher and art historian Jeff Thompson.

To attend the webinar via Zoom, please click this link: <<https://sewanee-edu.zoom.us/j/87420444568>>. A recording of the conversation will be made available on the UAG website following the event.

Jered Sprecher received his M.F.A. from The University of Iowa and his B.A. from Concordia University in Nebraska. He has had solo exhibitions at Jeff Bailey Gallery, New York; Gallery 16, San Francisco; Stephen Zevitas Gallery, Boston; Kinkead Contemporary, Los Angeles; and the Knoxville Museum of Art. His work has been exhibited at The Drawing Center, Brooklyn Academy of Music, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Des Moines Art Center, Hunter Museum, and Espai d'art Contemporani de Castelló. He is a Guggenheim recipient and was an Artist-in-Residence at the Chinati Foundation. He resides in Knoxville, Tennessee where he is a Professor of Art at The University of Tennessee.

## Virtual Book Launch of A Window to Heaven

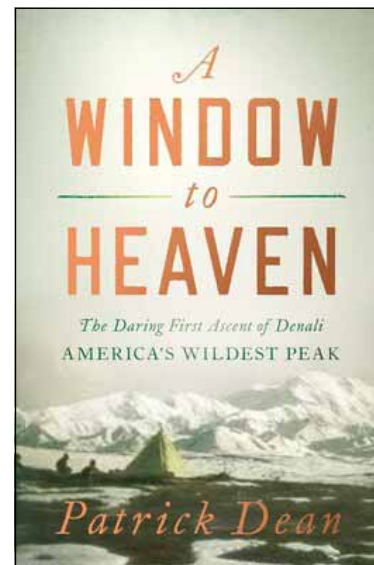
The School of Letters and School of Theology are hosting a virtual book launch of *A Window to Heaven: The Daring First Ascent of Denali*, written by Patrick Dean, T'06. The event is scheduled for noon (CST), Thursday, March 4.

*A Window to Heaven* is the captivating and heroic story of Hudson Stuck—an Episcopal priest and 1892 graduate of the School of Theology—and his team's history-making summit of Denali.

Dean brings to life this heart-pounding and spellbinding feat of this first ascent and paints a rich portrait of the frontier at the turn of the 20th century. The story of Stuck and his team will lead us through the Texas frontier and Tennessee mountains to an encounter with Jack London at the peak of the Yukon Goldrush. We experience Stuck's awe at the rich Inuit and Athabascan indigenous traditions—and his efforts to help preserve these ways of life.

During the webinar, Dean, who is affiliated with both programs, will read excerpts from the book and answer your questions. It will be an interesting and lively discussion. To watch the stunning video trailer produced by Stephen Garrett, C'01, go to <<https://vimeo.com/473576078>>. For more information about the book, please visit the publisher's site <<https://www.simonandschuster.com/books/A-Window-to-Heaven/Patrick-Dean/9781643136424>>.

To register go to <<https://urforms.wufoo.com/forms/zonioob-0fv9iox/>>. To join this Zoom webinar go to <<https://sewanee-edu.zoom.us/j/84146665045>>.



## SENIOR CENTER NEWS

The Sewanee Senior Center serves lunch at noon Monday through Friday. The suggested donation is \$4, regardless of your age. Please call 598-0771 by 9 a.m. to order lunch. Menus follow:

**Monday, Feb. 8:** Taco salad.

**Tuesday, Feb. 9:** Ham, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, roll.

**Wednesday, Feb. 10:** Chicken livers, mashed potatoes, slaw, biscuit.

**Thursday, Feb. 11:** BLT soup, grilled cheese sandwich.

**Friday, Feb. 12:** Lasagna, salad, garlic bread.

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

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.

## Two Shows at Artisan Depot

"Nature Speaks" is presented by long-time nature journalists Margie Gallagher, Mary Priestley, Teesha Tiller and Laura Blackman. This delightful and clever show is made up of art objects that are constructed from materials gathered from the wild or sometimes the semi-wild. This show will run through Feb. 28.

The Community Show "Fabric Art Postcards" presents pieces of art created and donated by Franklin County Arts Guild members and other local artists, ranging from the charmingly creative to the decidedly inventive that can be mailed as postcard in its own clear envelope. The Postcard show will be open through Feb. 7. Proceeds from postcard sales will benefit community art programs and keep the doors open to the public.

The Artisan Depot is located at 204 Cumberland St., Cowan. Gallery hours are Thursday, Friday and Sunday, noon–5 p.m., and Saturday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

## 4th Annual Downtown Chocolate Walk

The Downtown Winchester Chocolate Walk is a sweetly-inspired family-friendly inspired event, centered in the heart of historic district of Winchester. With more than 20 participating businesses, Chocolate Walks are fun, engaging events designed to build a sense of community among merchants and families. This year's event is 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13. Pre-purchased tickets are required. Go to <<https://www.eventbrite.com/>>. This event will be rain or shine. All safety precautions are being taken into consideration, details will be released closer to date.

## 'Ratified!' Extended at Tennessee State Museum

"Ratified! Tennessee Women and the Right Vote," the Tennessee State Museum's exhibition commemorating the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment will be extended through Sept. 26, 2021.

The stories of Tennesseans' roles within the women's suffrage movement – culminating with Tennessee's ratification of the 19th amendment 100 years ago – are at the heart of the 8,000 square-foot, two-gallery exhibition, which has received notice in the past year in *The New York Times*, the *Associated Press*, *USA Today*, *AAALiving*, *TN Home and Farm*, *Tennessee Crossroads*, *Talk of the Town* and more, and was a *Writer's Poll* winner for Best Historical Exhibition in the Nashville Scene.

"Ratified! Tennessee Women and the Right to Vote" explores the story of women's suffrage throughout the entire state of Tennessee in the decades leading up to

the pivotal vote – and its impact on the century that followed.

Together with the stories of those women who represented the movement on the national stage, like Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Sojourner Truth and Susan B. Anthony in its earliest days, and Ida B. Wells, Carrie Chapman Catt and Alice Paul later, the exhibition highlights the stories of suffragists throughout Tennessee. The exhibition also highlights women who served in public offices after ratification, including Willa McCord Blake Eslick the first woman from Tennessee to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1932.

"Ratified! Tennessee Women and the Right to Vote" is told through six major sections. Further information about the exhibition and archived videos of virtual events are available at the Museum's website at <[www.TN-Museum.org](http://www.TN-Museum.org)>.

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## NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried



Black locust with conks. Photo by Yolande Gottfried

### Locusts and Conks

Walking in the winter woods, as we did on the Sherwood Forest Trail last Friday, is a good time to notice signs of previous land use. One such sign is the presence of black locust trees, often dead or dying, among trees such as maples and oaks. Black locust is one of the trees that colonizes abandoned fields and other disturbed areas. It is shade-intolerant, so when other types of trees get established and shade it out, it dies. Its presence in a mixed oak-hickory woods, for example, tells us that the land was a field or a pasture or maybe a clearcut not that long ago. It is a member of the bean family, as is evident in its fruits, and as such has nitrogen-fixing bacteria in its root nodules. But how does one identify a tree, especially a dead one, as a black locust? For that, there is a helpful fungus, the cracked-cap polypore. It is a woody, brown, hoof-shaped, cracked fungus, up to a foot wide, often high up on the trunk of the tree, often on dead but also on living trees. This type of polypore is also known as a conk. This species is found almost exclusively on black locust, so, along with the tree's dark, deeply furrowed bark, it is a great identification tool. One interesting note about black locust is that after the last glaciation, it survived only in the Southern Appalachians. It is now spread through the continental United States and Canada, and even in Europe, where cultivars are planted as ornamentals.

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## State Park Offerings

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Tuesday, Feb. 9

**Grundy Day Loop Hike (\$10)**—Meet Ranger Dan Wescoat at 12:15 p.m. CST at Grundy Forest Trailhead, 131 Fiery Gizzard Rd., Tracy City, for a roughly 2-mile hike around the Grundy Day Loop, past two waterfalls and along creeks for long sections of the hike. The terrain is rocky and covered in tree roots, so strong, sturdy hiking shoes are strongly recommended. Bring along plenty of water and any snacks you may want.

Wednesday, Feb. 10

**Grundy Lakes Walk (\$5)**—Join Ranger Dan Wescoat at noon CST at Grundy Lakes main parking area (near the beach and playground), 587 Lakes Rd., Tracy City, for a peaceful, easy 2.4-mile hike around Grundy Lakes. Take in the beauty of the lake, and also see some history of Grundy County by checking out some historic Coke Ovens along the route. Be sure to wear sturdy, closed-toed shoes and bring along plenty of water and snacks.

Saturday, Feb. 13

**Savage Gulf Day Loop Hike (\$10) (Registration closes at midnight the day before the event. Please preregister.)**—Join Ranger Mark Greenwood at 8:15 a.m. CST at Savage Gulf Ranger Station, 3157 SR 399, Palmer, for a 4.3-mile (round trip, approximate) basic, introductory guided hike of Savage Gulf Day Loop, the east side of Savage Gulf. The challenge lies mostly in the overall distance. The areas around overlooks can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall exists, and extreme care is needed. Bring along water and food. Wear sturdy shoes in which to hike. Weather permitting. Cancellations must be made no later than 48 hours prior to the program's scheduled conclusion in order to receive a refund.

**Evening Hike to Savage Falls and Rattlesnake Point (\$12); (\$15 donation, not attending)**—Join Ranger Kristin Willis at 3 p.m. CST at Savage Gulf Ranger Station, 3157 SR 399, Palmer, for a 4-mile hike, with minimal elevation change hike, to Savage Falls, and then to Rattlesnake Point to view the sunset. Please be prepared with proper shoes, weather-appropriate clothing, water and snacks. A flashlight or headlamp will be useful on the way back. Dogs are welcome as long as they are on a leash. **(This program will repeat on Valentine's Day, Sunday, Feb. 14, at 3 p.m.)**

## WEATHER

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Jan 25	62	48
Tue	Jan 26	63	38
Wed	Jan 27	54	26
Thu	Jan 28	36	22
Fri	Jan 29	49	34
Sat	Jan 30	49	41
Sun	Jan 31	51	28

Week's Stats:  
Avg max temp = 52  
Avg min temp = 34  
Avg temp = 43  
Precipitation = 1.00"  
Reported by Sandy Gilliam  
Domain Ranger



Tracker



Worlygig

## Pets of the Week

### Meet Tracker & Worlygig

Tracker is a medium-sized, mixed-breed dog with such a fight to survive and overcome his past. Surrender to the local animal shelter by no fault of his own, Tracker was alone and very scared. Animal control officer Heather was smitten by Tracker, and unfortunately Tracker was positive for heartworm disease. Knowing the prognosis for Tracker at animal control wouldn't be good, Heather asked for Animal Harbor's help to provide him the treatment he desperately needed. We also fell in love with Tracker, and along with the help of many generous donors, we were able to have Tracker treated for heartworm disease. Fast forward eight long months of treatment, Tracker is finally heartworm free and beyond ready to find his forever home, far, far away from the shelter. Tracker would do well with a two member family or a family that has older children. We would love for Tracker to go into a single pet home so he can make up for lost time and be the center of attention for many years to come! Tracker is up-to-date on vaccinations, heartworm-negative, neutered, and microchipped. Can you give this sweet soul a second chance at a wonderful life? Please submit our application at <www.animalharbor.org/adoption-application> if you think Tracker may be the one for you!

Hello my name is Worlygig and I am about 5 months old with a beautiful solid black coat. I am such a playful and ready for anything kitty, I am not a shy kitty. Nothing seems to bother me, I like other cats, dogs, and kids. I sure do love to play and like to keep myself very busy helping with whatever you are doing! I love to chase squeaky and feathered toys. I have a beautiful purr and like to cuddle very much when not in full on tornadic action. I would love a home with lots of activity and attention since I have an abundance of energy and lots of love to share. I am up-to-date on my vaccinations, FIV/FelV negative, spayed, and microchipped. If you are interested in adopting me, make sure you submit an adoption application at <www.animalharbor.org>.

Call Animal Harbor at 962-4472 for more information and check out the other pets at <www.animalharbor.org>.

## Group Seeks to End Food Waste and Enrich Soils

Tennessee residents are invited to join a campaign designed to ramp up backyard composting across the state. The program, called "Come Post Your Compost," was developed by Tennessee Environmental Council (TEC) as a fun way to encourage Tennesseans to divert food waste from Tennessee's landfills, turning it into usable soil through the natural process of composting. The group seeks residents to get involved and make a difference, at no cost to participate. The program is supported by Kroger as well as the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC).

"We thank Kroger for supporting our campaign into its third year," says Jeffrey Barrie, CEO of TEC. "We have seen great success with hundreds of participants composting thousands of pounds of food waste and keeping valuable materials out of our dwindling landfills, and we welcome new participants," says Barrie.

Currently, more than 1,100 Tennesseans participate in this program and have collectively composted 81 tons of food waste since the fall of 2018. In 2021, TEC aims to add at least 250 additional participants to the program, present four "Composter of the Season" awards, and host composting workshops in collaboration with companies engaging their employees in at-home composting.

"Kroger has elevated its efforts

to address food waste through our 'Zero Hunger | Zero Waste' plan launched just over three years ago and have chosen to sponsor 'Come, Post Your Compost' for the third year because we want to be part of the solution," says Melissa Eads, Corporate Affairs Manager for the Kroger Nashville Division.

Currently, 40 percent of food produced in America goes uneaten, averaging about 20 lbs. wasted per person every month, and only 3 percent of this food waste is being composted. Food waste is the single largest occupant in U.S. landfills, which are reaching capacity. Based on TEC's program data, the average Tennessee household is trashing nine pounds of food waste every week. Composting is an effective way to reduce this problem and help restore Tennessee's topsoils with nutrient-rich soil amendment, and the process happens naturally when done properly.

Every participant in "Come, Post Your Compost" receives how-to information, has a chance to win cash for actively participating. TEC provides additional resources that include a comprehensive website showing how to get started, what can be composted, and showcasing county-specific resources and success stories, educational videos, and community stories.

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**NOTICE:** The Town of Monteagle will have a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, Feb. 11, at 8 a.m., via Zoom. The purpose of this meeting is to approve an expenditure for meter flow testing of water and sewer.



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by Phoebe Bates

### Snow Days

I

Throughout the afternoon I watched them there,  
Snow-fairies falling, falling from the sky,  
Whirling fantastic in the misty air,  
Contending fierce for space supremacy.  
And they flew down a mightier force at night,  
As though in heaven there was revolt and riot,  
And they, frail things had taken panic flight  
Down to the calm earth seeking peace and quiet.  
I went to bed and rose at early dawn  
To see them huddled together in a heap,  
Each merged into the other upon the lawn,  
Worn out by the sharp struggle, fast asleep.  
The sun shone brightly on them half the day,  
By night they stealthily had stol'n away.

II

And suddenly my thoughts then turned to you  
Who came to me upon a winter's night,  
When snow-sprites round my attic window flew,  
Your hair disheveled, eyes aglow with light.  
My heart was like the weather when you came,  
The wanton winds were blowing loud and long;  
But you, with joy and passion all aflame,  
You danced and sang a lilting summer song.  
I made room for you in my little bed,  
Took covers from the closet fresh and warm,  
A downy pillow for your scented head,  
And lay down with you resting in my arm.  
You went with Dawn. You left me ere the day,  
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--Claude McKay, *The Snow Fairy*

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# Community Calendar

### Friday, Feb. 5

Lease Agenda items due, <crfulmer@sewaneed.edu>

- 8:30 a.m. COVID testing, Franklin Co. Health Dept., 266 Joyce Lane, Winchester (931) 967-3826, until 10:30 a.m.; Grundy Co. Health Dept., 1372 Main St., Altamont, (931) 692-3641, until 10:30 a.m.; call ahead for appointment; COVID testing, Marion County Health Dept., 24 East 7th St., Jasper, (423) 942-2238; call ahead for appointment. Traditional testing on Tuesday and Thursday; self testing M-W-F.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, for Athletes, Zoom; email <elizabethsweets@gmail.com> for link
- noon Stretch/Strengthen, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

### Saturday, Feb. 6

- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, 1096 University Ave., until 2 p.m.
- 10 a.m. MARC Open House/Ribbon Cutting, 225 Sequatchie Ln., Sequatchie; micro-chipping pets, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

### Monday, Feb. 8

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Center, until 11:15 a.m.
- noon Sewanee Woman's Club, St. James Episcopal Church, Midway
- 5:30 p.m. Pilates Specialty Class for Cyclists, Bruce Manuel, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com> to register
- 6:30 p.m. FCBOE, 215 S. College St., Winchester

### Tuesday, Feb. 9

- 8 a.m. GC Food Bank, Tracy City, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, beginners, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 10:30 a.m. La Leche League, via Zoom; email <LaLecheLeaguesewanee@gmail.com> for link
- noon Pilates, intermediate, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 4:30 p.m. South Cumberland Farmers' Market, curbside pickup, Community Center, until 6:30 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Pilates, beginners, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

### Wednesday, Feb. 10

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Center, until 11:15 a.m.

- 5:30 p.m. Pilates Specialty Class for Cyclists, Bruce Manuel, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com> to register

### Thursday, Feb. 11

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, via Zoom; for link email <woodybike@mac.com>
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, beginners, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 10 a.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, via Zoom, <pip-pabrowne64@gmail.com>
- noon Pilates, intermediate, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 3:30 p.m. Sewanee Emeritus Association meeting via Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Pilates, beginners, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 6 p.m. The Untold Tales: A Conversation on the Historic St. Mark's Community in Sewanee, via Zoom; <https://sewaneed.edu.zoom.us/join/register/WN\_qhInSjDrSCGQy00\_LfHjUA>

### Friday, Feb. 12

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, for Athletes, Zoom; email <elizabethsweets@gmail.com> for link
- noon Stretch/Strengthen, Legion Hall/Zoom; <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

### 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, Morton Memorial, Wesley House porch, Monteagle

#### Monday

- 5 p.m. Women's Recovery, Otey Parish on Zoom, call (606) 275-9562 for link
- 7 p.m. AA, open, Christ Church, Tracy City

#### Tuesday

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

#### Wednesday

- 10 a.m. AA, closed, Clifftops, (931) 924-3493
- 7 p.m. NA, Decherd United Methodist
- 7:30 p.m. AA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle

#### Thursday

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

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