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Monteagle First Steps: Veterans Memorial, Waterline Extension

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the Feb. 2 meeting the Monteagle Council selected a location for a Veterans Memorial, the first step toward a long-discussed project becoming a reality. The council also passed a resolution to apply for a Community Development Block Grant for waterline extension and improvements, the first step in a process that could yield up to \$1 million in federal funding. Other first steps taken at the meeting put Monteagle on the path to becoming a Tree City and to reducing costs at the sewer plant.

Arguing for selecting a site for a Veterans Memorial to jumpstart the process, Alderman Dean Lay suggested a vacant tract on the east side of the library. Compared to other proposed sites, the library location has "the best visibility coming from I-24 Exit 135 or coming through town," Lay said. "The site has not been used for anything since it's been there." Alderman Grant Fletcher agreed, "The site matches well with plans for neighboring property." Plans call for display of the American flag and the flags from the six branches of service displayed in the order in which they were established: army, marine corps, navy, air force, space force, and coast guard. Alderman Nate Wilson is investigating acquiring military equipment for display at the memorial.

On Jan. 8 Southeast Tennessee Development (SETD) hosted a public hearing familiarizing Monteagle residents and officials with CDBG funding options. With a March 20 application deadline, SETD stressed the importance of a quick decision so SETD could move forward with the grant writing process. Approving Mayor Greg Maloofs' recommendation to apply for a grant to facilitate waterline improvement and extension, Lay said, "There are many areas underserved by line size and pressure." If received, the grant requires the town to supply up to 15 percent in matching funds.

The council approved a new ordinance creating a Tree Advisory Council, a requirement for receiving Tree City designation from the National Arbor Day Foundation. The Monteagle Community Council will appoint the Tree Advisory Council members. The council is charged with creating a tree list for planting trees on public property. "Becoming a Tree City opens us up to a whole series of grant opportunities," Wilson said.

The Task Order for Sludge Removal approved by the council allocates \$58,500 for design and specification for sludge removal equipment at the sewer plant. "We have an outside contractor who removes sludge. That is getting more

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Dan Barry with three of his children, Hannah Barry Hughes, Nick Barry and Evan Barry, at the St. Andrew's-Sewanee wrestling room.

When Love Won't Let You Quit

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"Retiring is doing what you want to do," said Dan Barry about his plans to start a youth wrestling program at Winchester Christian Academy following his decision to retire from coordinating the Mountain Top Wrestling Tournament at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School, a 20-year commitment that began in 2006. But there is a problem with Barry's definition of retirement. Talking with Barry, it quickly becomes apparent he has been doing what he loves for the past 40 years: coaching.

Barry started wrestling when he was a sophomore at St. Andrew's School. "Before I got to high school the only sport to play around here was baseball," Barry said. "My older brother had wrestled at St. Andrew's and my cousins. When I got there, the coach said, 'You're a Barry. You're gonna wrestle.'" Barry chuckled, "I didn't know any different." He graduated in 1972, earned a master's degree in psychology from Middle Tennessee State University, and worked at Vanderbilt in the neuropsychiatry department testing new drugs. But by the 80s, Barry was back on the mountain with two familiar blips on his radar screen. His wife Arlene started a catering business which evolved into the legendary Four Seasons Restaurant located on the Barry family farm in Midway. The eighth generation of Barrys now lives on that farm. "I cut the timber for the restaurant from that land," Barry said.

The other homing pigeon instinct that called to Barry was wrestling. He volunteered to help out with the Mountain Top Wrestling Tournament started by St. Andrew's athletic director Brian McDowell in 1980 and with the Amateur Athletic Union youth wrestling program, likewise initiated by McDowell. "Brian talked Tracy City Elementary School into letting them put wrestling mats in the gym and practice there," Barry said. His son Nick began wrestling at the age of six.

Asked when he started coaching

wrestling at SAS, Barry hesitated, "It's hard to remember exactly because I was helping out all the time." Barry officially signed on as assistant coach in 1999 and moved into the head coach role in 2006, a position he held until 2014. During Barry's coaching tenure, 23 wrestlers earned recognition placing in the state championships. Not surprisingly, Barry's kids were among those making history. Between them, his sons Nick and Evan placed seven times in the state finals. Barry's daughter Hannah wrestled in the first state tournament with a separate division for girls, placing second in the state. SAS's Lucia Krcmeryova placed first.

It was the first year SAS had a girls' wrestling team, and Hannah's senior year, 2010. "I asked her if she wanted to do it, and she said, yes," Barry said. He explained prior to that when girls wrestled they wrestled against boys. AAU youth wrestling groups wrestle by age, not weight class. "In the youth program years, girls develop a little faster than the boys, and they have a lot of success. But by the time they get to their sophomore or junior year, the boys overpower them with their muscle strength."

Barry's most memorable coaching event was when SAS won the 2008 Mountain Top Tournament and at the same tournament his son Evan received the Outstanding Wrestler award. Barry will be following his grandkids to WCA just like he followed his kids to SAS. Together with Evan as assistant coach, Barry plans to start the school's first wrestling program, beginning with ages 5-13. In a few years, Barry hopes to move into Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association wrestling. "We've got to get people interested," he said. "We don't want to get the socks beat off of us the first year."

Among the challenges of coordinating the SAS Mountaintop Wrestling Tournament, Barry cited finding a balance in terms of both

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Monteagle Planning Resolves Site Plan Change Issues

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

"There were a lot of mistakes. Changes were made that nobody knew anything about," said Monteagle Planning Commission Chair Richard Black preliminary to the vote at the Feb. 3 commission meeting to approve the revised site plan for the Misty Market on West Main. The commission questioned the developer Jay Patel extensively before granting approval. The commission also approved the site plan for the Townhouse Suites, a project the commission tabled in January.

The commission initially approved the Misty Market site plan in February 2023 conditionally upon the Board of Zoning Appeals granting a variance. The site plan never came back to the commission for final approval after the variance was granted. In addition, Building Inspector Travis Lawyer allowed project modifications not consistent with the site plan. Alderman Nate Wilson cited Monteagle ordinance which assigns site plan enforce-

ment to the building inspector. "You cannot alter the site plan," N. Wilson said. "[The ordinance] does allow for modification through the enforcement officer."

"There were concerns from day one about it being too big a building for the footprint," Black said. In questioning Patel, the commission confirmed the project met the 20 percent landscaping requirement and minimum parking space requirement provided the market did not contain a restaurant. "Parking is classified [differently] at a restaurant and a convenience store," Black stressed. Patel said the market would sell only "cooked on site pack-and-go food." There was no dining room, only a small seating area. To meet the landscaping requirement, the project will landscape the right of way.

Alderman Grant Fletcher suggested the commission consider revising the ordinance governing

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What Memories Do You Have of Sewanee Elementary?

Mmm, mmm, good! Do you remember the homemade yeast rolls baked by Mrs. Christine Ricketts? The tradition continued with Mrs.

Doris Gilliam and her sister Mrs. Ann Pack. According to Janice Nunley (and echoed by others!), "those rolls melted in your mouth. The whole school would smell so good. Having one of her rolls would absolutely make your day." While the days of homemade cooking in the school cafeteria are gone, the love and attention given by the current Sewanee Elementary School cafeteria staff (Chasity Williams and Crystal Thakerson) is still alive and felt by each student every day. What memories do you have of Sewanee Elementary? Share your stories at <1926ses@gmail.com> or follow the link on the school's website <https://sewanee.fcstn.net>.

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Letters

A DIFFERENT VIEW OF ICE

To the Editor:

Using “immigrant” to conflate illegal aliens (the legal term) with legal immigrants is far too common and is analogous to calling a home invader a guest; it’s obfuscation.

There are three groups of non-citizens involved: legal immigrants, illegal aliens (entered illegally, over-stayed a visa, visa canceled, or TPS revoked), and criminal illegal aliens, (committed crimes beyond entering or remaining illegally).

Bear in mind, ICE agents are enforcing laws passed by Congress and on behalf of an administration elected by the voters of the United States.

Sanctuary city and state governments refuse to honor detainer requests by ICE. Instead of notifying ICE when a criminal illegal alien with a deportation order is released from custody, they release them directly into society. ICE must now go into neighborhoods to recapture them.

Organized anti-ICE groups work to interfere with these operations, using vehicles to block and sometimes ram law enforcement vehicles or even officers. These actors have been trained to “de-arrest” detainees. Honking horns and blowing whistles (from behind masks) in the faces of ICE agents is meant to disorient and stress the agents in hopes of freeing the criminal detainee or having the agents react and supply a tragedy for use. The whistles are loud enough to damage the agents’ hearing. These violent protests are rare in states that cooperate with ICE.

Since illegal aliens are counted in the U.S. census, the resultant higher population of sanctuary states gives them (while taking from other states) more Congressional representation, electoral votes, and federal taxpayers’ dollars with more opportunity for fraud. This is a driving force of sanctuary policies.

There were 41 homicides by illegal aliens in Tennessee alone in 2025. Source: <<https://www.tndagc.org/>>.

William Kershner, Sewanee

THANKS, COMMISSIONER HOSH

To the Editor:

At the Feb. 2 meeting of the Franklin County Commission, we had the sad duty of accepting the resignation of our District 5 Commissioner, Spike Hosh. As his colleague and friend I just wanted to say a very public thanks! to Spike for three-and-a-half years of stellar public service and the thoughtful, reasoned, intelligent, and compassionate work that he brought to his work as one of our two representatives on that body. It has been my privilege to work and serve the people of District 5 including Sherwood, Keith Springs, and Sewanee with Spike and I know I speak for the entire community when I wish him well in his new home in Monteagle and continued success in his business and all facets of his professional and private life to come. Thank you, Spike. You will be sorely missed, but we know you will always be in our corner here in District 5.

*Bruce D. McMillan, County Commissioner
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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. 9, at 215 S. College St., in Winchester.

Coffee with the Coach

Coffee with the Coach, an opportunity to learn more about Sewanee's sports teams, will meet at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 10, with Football coach, Joe Freitag, at the McGriff Alumni House. Coffee with the Coach will be livestreamed every week on <sewaneetigers.com/watch/>.

Ecce Quam Bonum Club

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

The Sewanee EQB Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 11, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at St. Mary's Sewanee. A social half hour begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by a delicious lunch at noon. At about 12:25 p.m., the Lead will be given by Parker Lowndes, Chairman of the Sam H. Werner Military Museum in Monteagle. Lowndes was instrumental in founding the museum and he actively volunteers his time and effort to honor all Veterans, share history, and teach younger generations about past events. The museum showcases approximately 90 vehicles, starting with World War I through to the present-day. Most of the museum's mannequins depict local area Veterans, and the museum highlights key local history that includes Camp Forrest, the Tennessee Maneuvers, and the Sewanee Military Academy. Please join us to hear this fascinating story.

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

Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club will meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 12, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Ethan Sherer with the LIFT Grundy rideshare program will present the program.

American Legion

American Legion Post 51 is scheduled to meet at 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Legion Hall in Sewanee. This is weather permitting.

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. 24, at the utility office on Sherwood Road. If a customer is unable to attend but wishes to bring a matter to the board, call (931) 598-5611, visit the office, or call a board member. The board members are Amanda Bailey, Chris McBee, Donnie McBee, Charlie Smith, and Clay Yeatman.

Town of Monteagle

The Town of Monteagle will have a public hearing at 9 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2026, at Monteagle Town Hall located at 16 Dixie Lee Avenue, Monteagle. The purpose of the hearing is to present and discuss the accomplishments of the 2023 Monteagle CDBG Fire Equipment Project. Individuals with disabilities who require special accommodation to participate in the meeting are encouraged to contact the town at (931) 924-226 in advance. Monteagle is an equal opportunity provider and employer and does not discriminate based on race, sex, age, national origin, or physical disability.

Sewanee Civic Association

The Sewanee Civic Association will meet at 6 p.m., Monday, March 2, in Kennerly Hall, St. Mark and St. Paul. Social time with wine begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and a brief business meeting. The program will be on "SES Celebrates 100 Years," presented by Kathryn Bruce and Allison Dietz.

Items for the business meeting include the proposed SCA budget, call for community service nominations, and the slate of officers announced. Reservations for dinner are due by Friday, Feb. 27, via email <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>.

This year, the SCA is celebrating 117 years of social and service opportunities for the community. Any adult who resides in the area and shares concerns of the community is invited to participate and become a member. For more information go to <https://sewaneecivic.org>.

Sewanee Community Council

The next meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2026, at 7 p.m. We have reserved Monday, Feb. 23, 2026, 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. 11.

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 <sewaneecomcommunitychest@gmail.com>.

Donations Needed for Sewanee Fourth of July

In preparation for the 40th Sewanee Fourth of July Celebration, the committee is starting to rebuild the children's games. The Sewanee Fourth of July Committee seeks donations of lumber, such as 2x4s, plywood, wooden dowel pegs, or any scrap lumber. Please contact Savannah McClure at <savpaigeg728@gmail.com>.

Volunteers are also needed to help plan the celebration. Planning meetings will start in mid-March. If you would like to be involved with planning for the parade, children's games, Almost World Famous Mutt Show and more, please email <sewaneejuly4th@gmail.com>.



MMUMC Food Distribution

Morton Memorial United Methodist Church located at 322 W. Main St., in Monteagle, will be distributing food on Saturday, Feb. 14, 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.

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>.

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. There is a half-price sale continuing throughout the store.

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Church News

All Saints’ Chapel

Services during the Academic Year: Sunday, All Saints’ Chapel, 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1; 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 2; and 6:30 p.m. Growing in Grace.

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

Wednesday, Meditation Chapel, 7 a.m., Christian Meditation. All Saints’ Chapel, 6 p.m., Choral Evensong, sung by The School of Theology Schola Cantorum.

Christ Church Monteagle

Christ Church Monteagle keeps a little liturgical a season that is sometimes called Pre Lent. It began last Sunday with the name Septua-

gesima which translates “Seventy.”

It means we were about seventy days before Easter Day. Most of the other churches which keep a liturgical year are still in Epiphany.

Orthodox Churches are growing in The United States and they have a very long Lent. They are getting ready for keeping “Hypapate” which translates “The meeting.” This refers to the story in The Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 2, when Mary and Joseph take Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem in accordance with “the Law of Moses.” When we read the story we are introduced to Simeon and Anna. Luke provides the words of Simeon which we know as “Nunc Dimittis” or The Song of Simeon. I wish we had the words of Anna, but there is no doubt that she too was

in 1982. She was an educator until retiring at age 81. She was part of many professional memberships and awards, including: Franklin County Education Association, Tennessee Education Association, long standing member of Franklin County Democrats, the Tennessee Democratic Party, Executive Democratic Committeewoman, Tennessee Business Education Association, Southern Business Education Association, Legislative Board of the Tennessee Retired Teachers’ Association, Chair of the Franklin County Retired Teachers’ Legislative Committee, Helping Teachers Teach, Teacher of the Year, Outstanding Young Women of America, Who’s Who Among American High School Teachers, Outstanding Service Award, Outstanding Educator Award, Honorary Member of Tennessee General assembly, State Adult Basic Education Teacher of the Year Nominee, and Level III Career Ladder Teacher. She had a major impact on community projects that she initiated and was involved with including Franklin County Education Association, Governor’s Alliance for a Drug-Free Tennessee, Tennessee Farm Bureau Women, serving as Secretary; Daughters of the American Revolution, serving on the scholarship committee, Tennessee Executive, Jaycees serving as President, DAR Chapter Chair of the National Literacy Challenge Committee, and Franklin County Prevention Coalition. Other community service and extracurricular activities she was involved with include Vacation Bible School, sponsor of the Young Democrats, sponsor of Just Say No, chairperson of American Education Week, served on a State Committee to set guidelines for Career evaluations, and evaluated schools for Southern Association of Colleges and Schools for the State of Tennessee. She was a member of Winchester Church of Christ, member of Senior Saints, Wings of Hope, and DAR. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, George W. Fraley; and siblings Charles H. Newman, Willie Ruth Zavatchen, William C. Newman Jr., Mildred Casteel, and Nell Pedigo.

She is survived by her children, Beri N. (Kelly) Fraley and Beth Fraley; brother George W. Newman; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. today, Feb. 6, 2026, at Moore-Cortner Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026, at Winchester Church of Christ. Interment will follow in Franklin Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to The Fraley Foundation at First Bank. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

Betty Marie Newman Fraley

Betty Marie Newman Fraley, age 91 of Winchester, died on Jan. 31, 2026, at Highpoint Health Hospital, Winchester. She was born on Aug. 11, 1934, in Prairie Plains, Tenn., to William Calvin Newman and Sallie Harris Newman. She graduated from Coffee County High School, then from Middle Tennessee State University in 1955 with a major in business education and minor in social science. She received a Master’s degree in administration and supervision from Tennessee State University

key to “the meeting.” This year’s February may be a challenge to us, but is also an opportunity.

Our Sunday service begins at 10:45 a.m. We also have service on Wednesday at noon.

Christ Episcopal Church

Christ Episcopal Church of Tracy City is beginning a study of the Lectionary readings for each Sunday before the service. The study is at 10 a.m., Sundays, in the Parish Hall which is next door to the Church. The study will be hosted by the Rev. Marion Rectenwald. Marion is a retired priest who served for many years on a Lakota Indian reservation in South Dakota. Our regular service hour is 11 a.m. each Sunday with Eucharist and organ music.

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, and offer services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sundays. 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. Come as you are and experience authentic worship

at 10 a.m., Sunday. Classes for 2 years through fifth grade.

Morton Memorial United Methodist

Rev. Rachael Jorstad will deliver the message this Sunday. As Matthew reminds us, we are to be the salt of the earth and the light to the world. In Isaiah 58:11 the prophet tells us that the actions to which we are called may entail risks, but “The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.”

Children are welcome at Morton! In All God’s Children this

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Church Calendar

Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

All Saints’ Chapel

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, Sunday

11 a.m. Holy eucharist, Rite 2, Sunday

Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Worship, Wednesday

Calvary Baptist Church, Winchester

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

4 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday

Chapman Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Pelham

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Bible study, Wednesday

Christ Church Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, Sunday

Christ Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd

9 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6:30 p.m. Healing/prayer service

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Winchester

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

City Light Church, Monteagle

9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

Decherd Presbyterian Church

11 a.m. Worship (Sunday)

Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Draw Near (non-denominational), Cowan

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Epiphany Mission, Sherwood

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Sunday

First Baptist Church, Cowan

9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:25 a.m. Worship, Sunday

First Church of the Nazarene, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

5 p.m. Mass, Saturday

10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday

12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday

Goshen C. P. Church, Winchester

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Grace Fellowship Church

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

Harrison Chapel Methodist Church, Midway

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Sunday Morning Service

5 p.m. Sunday Evening Service

Highpointe Apostolic Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Worship, Wednesday

Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Wednesday

Marble Plains Baptist Church, Winchester

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:30 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

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

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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 livestream Facebook

St. Mary’s Sewanee Retreat Center

4 p.m. Centering Prayer Group, Thursday

Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Sewanee Zen, Stone Nest Dojo

7 a.m. Zazen, Tuesday-Thursday

10 a.m. Zazen and Ceremony, Sunday

Sisters of St. Mary Convent Chapel

7 a.m. Morning Prayer, Tuesday–Friday

5 p.m. Evening Prayer, Tuesday–Friday

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Saturday

5 p.m. Evensong, Saturday

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

5 p.m. Evensong, Sunday

Tracy City First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday

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

Unitarian Universalist Church, Tullahoma

10 a.m. Service, Sunday

Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

Winchester First United Methodist

10 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Church (from page 4)

Sunday, Rev. Melisa Derseweh will share with our students about names of God. Following that sharing, children will have time in activities with Ms. Margaret in Children's Church.

To learn more about life in our community of faith, accept this invitation to worship. Morton is located at 322 West Main St., in Monteagle. Our service begins at 11 a.m., following coffee and refreshments in our Fellowship Center. If you are unable to attend but want to sample worship at Morton, the service is live streamed at Morton's Facebook page and is available on YouTube in the week following the service.

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.

Sunday Forum from 9:45–10:45 a.m., in Kennerly Hall. On Feb. 8 Abby Colbert, Sewanee's Assistant Counsel for International Affairs, will speak on "Justice and Transforming the Immigration System."

Ash Wednesday: The Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes will be celebrated on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

During Lent, Holy Eucharist will be celebrated every Thursday at 12:15 p.m. in the church. Services will begin Thursday, Feb. 19.

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: Adult choir practice is Sundays 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>.

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.

Young people in grades 6-10 are invited to participate in Rite-13 and Journey to Adulthood (J2A) on Sunday afternoons. Please contact Hilary Bogert Winkler <hbw-church@gmail.com> for details.

Social Fabric: A new, weekly, crafting circle will begin on Saturday, Feb. 7, at 2 p.m., in Brooks Hall. Knitting/crochet/sewing/mending, etc. No experience or supplies necessary! Come ready to craft, learn or teach. Everyone is welcome.

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and more costly," explained Maloof. Originally only once annual sludge removal was needed at the sewer plant, but now twice a year removal is necessary. "Some recommendations call for three times a year," Maloof said. "It becomes economically feasible to buy the machine to do it ourselves." Fletcher passed along concern from sewer plant operators about whether the equipment "would match up well with Monteagle's system." Maloof reassured the council, "I will not sign the task order until we coordinate the demonstration [of the equipment] and meet with the plant operators." The anticipated cost of the project including design, purchase, and installation is \$1 million.

Andy Baggettoss, Vice President of the South Cumberland Chamber of Commerce, asked for a commitment from the council to allow the chamber to host the annual Monteagle Mountain Market at Hannah Pickett Park. The chamber proposes calling the event the Mountain Market, in keeping with the chamber's name change from the Monteagle Mountain Chamber of Commerce to the South Cumberland Chamber of Commerce to reflect the chamber's all-encompassing vision for the plateau. Although the chamber has hosted the event in the recent past, Fletcher pointed out the market began 67 years ago as an event hosted by the town. The council approved the Hannah Pickett Park location for the 2026 event. Fletcher hopes going forward for "coordination" between the chamber and the town's Imagine Monteagle planning initiative. A chamber representative serves on the Imagine Monteagle committee. The council appointed Monteagle resident Linda Brookhart to serve as the town's representative on the chamber.

Maloof announced the town was experimenting with wrapping trees with a reflective band on Laurel Lake Road to aid motorists during foggy conditions. The tree reflective bands "are more stable than road reflectors," Maloof pointed out. Monteagle will consider purchasing more reflective bands if they prove effective. Maloof urged residents to contact City Hall to suggest possible locations.

Monteagle Planning (continued from page 1)

site plan enforcement to "tighten up the language that allows the building inspector to approve minor changes." "I agree 100 percent," Black said.

TownePlace Suites project engineer Christian Sawyer confirmed Monteagle engineer Travis Wilson had given written approval of the stormwater plan, a requirement for site plan approval stipulated by the commission at the January meeting. Sawyer had provided the Tennessee Department of Transportation with the utility infrastructure plan, but had received no reply. "They [TDOT] needed town approval first," Sawyer said. A possible issue is the upcoming TDOT bridge project. "If you approve it and TDOT were to say, 'this does not work,' we would have to bring it back to you. That would be a significant construction change in the sewer layout," Sawyer stressed. TownePlace Suites will be located at 301 Monteagle Square next to the Sonic.

Resident Dean Lay asked the commission to rezone property he owned on the north side of Fourth Street, so the three adjacent small lots would all have R-3 residential rezoning, rather than a mix of R-2 and R-3. The commission granted the request and will send the zoning change to the Monteagle Council for final approval. Town planner Jonathan Rush reassured the commission the rezoning did not constitute spot zoning since the property was in the center of a mixed R-2 and R-3 zoning area. Rules require posting a notice on the property announcing the proposed rezoning.

The commission revisited a request by the council to clarify an

ordinance amendment stipulating when a site plan was needed. Rush's proposed revision eliminates language excluding a building less than 1,000 square-feet from requiring a site plan. Fletcher had raised a concern about the language, arguing commercial buildings less than 1,000 square feet, which would be allowed by new zoning rules, should require a site plan. By Rush's revision, all new construction requires a site plan; alterations to existing structures are allowed if the alteration is less than 350 square feet. The commission approved the revision and will forward the suggested change to the council.

Alderman Wilson introduced a discussion about allowing homes as small as 650 square feet on residential property adjacent to the C-1 downtown zoning area. Wilson argued small homes allowed median income families in the \$40,000-\$60,000 income range to create generational wealth by becoming first-time homeowners. Commissioner Katie Trahan observed the strategy was common in large metropolitan areas. "It didn't always bring great things," Trahan said. Monteagle has engaged the consulting firm Inc Codes to modify zoning ordinance applicable to downtown Monteagle and the adjacent residential area. In response to the lack of enthusiasm for his proposal, Wilson suggested "separating the C-1 from the adjacent residential" and focusing on the C-1 component for now. "I like that idea," said both Trahan and Commission Alec Mosley. "You'll have a better chance of getting us to listen if they're separate," Black agreed.

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the number of schools competing, the number of wrestlers, and the skill level. "Mountain Top is all midlevel schools," he insisted. "No heavy weights. Everybody has a chance to win."

During the time his kids attended SAS Barry also served as head coach for middle school soccer and varsity girls' softball and as an assistant coach for baseball and football. "Now I'm coaching my grandkids with my kids," he said. He and his son Ryan pair up to coach community soccer and baseball.

Four Seasons Restaurant closed in 2008, but has since become a family gathering place. The walls are lined with photographs boasting on the generations of young people Barry coached. Abby Mainzer, who ranked first in the state in girls wrestling, went on to earn a full scholarship to wrestle for Oklahoma City University. Seth Burns who ranked twice in the state finals came back to SAS to serve as Barry's assistant coach.

"It's hard to walk away from it, because you've always got some coming up, and they're like your kids," Barry confessed. "I'm such a blessed man to be able to do what I've done, that the lord's let me do this."

By Barry's definition of retired, he's been retired most of his adult life. What he loves just won't let him quit.



Taking a bow, these actors represent only a small number of the cast and crew of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at SAS.

Midsummer Night's 'Mishap' Entertains Audiences at SAS

The SAS Players, comprised of 45 students representing grades 6-12, presented three performances of Shakespeare's enchanting "A Midsummer Night's Dream" last weekend at McCrory Hall for the Performing Arts. With costumes and music reflecting 1960s America, as well as traditional costumes for the immortal lead fairy characters and players, the students dazzled their audiences with humor, song, and superb stage presence. SAS will present the musical "Bright Star" by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell May 1-3.



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Enjoy a 3 mile loop from the farm to Mooney's and back along the Mountain Goat Trail. Walk, run, bike, skateboard, etc., and make sure to bring the kids.

Your support helps us reach at-risk children throughout Franklin and Grundy Counties. With the help of 18 Sewanee college students, we are offering before and after school reading groups at Sewanee Elementary and Tracy City Elementary, story time at both Grundy County Head Start centers, and story time and intervention support at Cowan Elementary. Our programs are free.

If you would like to sponsor the event or find out more about our 501(c)(3) organization, please go to our website: <www.earlyliteracyambassadors.com>. Our goal is to raise \$10,000.

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Free Income Tax Prep Available to Bedford, Cannon, Coffee, Franklin, Grundy, Lincoln, Marion, and Warren Residents

Beginning on Feb. 6, the IRS-certified BetterFi and Sewanee Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program will begin processing and filing qualifying residents' income taxes for its 12th year in a row. This year the students and local community volunteers are working with the University of the South's Office of Civic Engagement and financial nonprofit BetterFi.

Additionally, United Way of South Central Tennessee has expanded to assist filers in Bedford, Cannon, Coffee, Lincoln, and Warren counties. The Urban League of Chattanooga is also hosting tax filing sites in Marion County.

Grundy residents will be able to sign up online to schedule appointments Mondays and Thursdays during February at BetterFi in Coalmont (9933 State Route 56) at <www.betterfi.co/vita>. Appointment availability in March and April will be forthcoming.

Other BetterFi tax sessions will be at partner sites – filers should contact the site to sign up for an appointment time slot. The current schedule is as follows: Franklin County Senior Center (931) 967-9853) Fridays Feb. 6 and Feb. 13, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Coffee-Lannom Library (931) 455-2460) Saturday Feb. 28, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with another date to be determined; Manchester Library (931) 723-5143) Saturday March 21 and Friday March 27, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Sewanee Senior Center will host a site Friday Feb. 27, 12:30–3:30 p.m., but sign-ups must be done in person. Two sessions for Sewanee staff and faculty

will be on Tuesday Feb. 24 and Thursday Feb. 26 noon to 3 p.m. at the Social Lodge on campus – sign-ups available at the McClurg front desk.

Appointments in Fayetteville, McMinnville, Shelbyville, Tullahoma, Woodbury counties can be arranged with the United Way of South Central Tennessee at <www.yourlocaluw.org/vita>.

Appointments in Marion County can be arranged with the Orena Humphreys Public Library by phone at (423) 320-0484.

Any household that makes less than \$70,000 a year, is disabled, or is elderly qualifies for a free tax return.

Please note that unfortunately the BetterFi volunteers will be unable to assist with 1099-Bs.

Each resident interested in filing must bring proof of identification (a photo ID), social security cards (if filing jointly with another person then bring BOTH social security cards and BOTH individuals must be present), wage and earning statements (W-2, 1099, etc.), dividend and interest statements (if this applies to the resident filing), birth dates of the resident(s) and dependent(s), and banking account and routing numbers for direct deposit (found on a blank check).

If a resident filing does not have a social security card, then he/she must bring an IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) assignment letter.

If your organization would like to host a tax session or if a filer cannot make any of the tax sessions, please email BetterFi at <hello@betterfi.co> and BetterFi will try to accommodate.

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SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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

Monday, Feb. 9: Catfish, white beans, okara, hush puppies.

Tuesday, Feb. 10: Country fried steak, mashed potato, green pea salad, rolls.

Wednesday, Feb. 11: Bacon cheeseburger soup, ciabatta roll.

Thursday, Feb. 12: Barbecue sandwich, baked beans.

Friday, Feb. 13: Cracked chicken and rice, salad.

Menus may vary. For information call the center at (931) 598-0771.

Chair Exercise Class is 10:30–11:30 a.m., every Monday and Wednesday at the Community Center. Contact Susan Roberson at (516) 987-8440.

The Sewanee Senior Center does not charge any membership fee. All persons 50 or older who take part in any of the activities are considered members.

Presidents' Day Spelling Bee and Trivia Challenge

The Franklin County Democratic Party invites you to a night of food, fun, and friendly competition on Presidents' Day, Monday, Feb. 16, at 5:30 p.m. at the St. Mark's Community Center, 481 Alabama Ave., Sewanee. Enjoy an all-you-can-eat soup/salad/sandwich buffet. Enter your child to win a \$50 cash prize in one of two Spelling Bees. Adults can enter the American History Bee to win dinner for two at Judith. Spelling lists will be age-appropriate. Fifth-graders will be spelling from a fifth grade list, while first-graders will be spelling from a first grade list. Registration will take place the night of the contest. We will be collecting donations for the Annual FCDDP College Scholarship available to Franklin County High School seniors. If you are unable to make it, you may donate here: secure.actblue.com/donate/fcscholarship. For more information, please contact Helen Stapleton at <hfstaple@yahoo.com>.

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SES MENUS

**Monday–Friday
Feb. 9–13
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, Feb. 9 : Banana bread, juice, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 10: Steak slider, juice, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 11: Pancake on stick, juice, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Feb. 12: Sausage bagel, juice, fruit, milk.

Friday, Feb. 13: Package item, juice, fruit, milk.

LUNCH

All reimbursable meals must include a fruit or vegetable on the tray. Students may decline 2 of the 5 meal components – meat/meat alternative; grain; fruit; vegetable; milk. Daily offerings may include Yogurt Fun Packs and/or PB&J Power Packs.

Monday, Feb. 9: Chicken sandwich, waffle fries, whole pickle, steamed broccoli, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 10: Taco soup, tortilla chips, potato smiles, veggie cup, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 11: Cheesy pull-apart, marinara sauce, green beans, French fries, fruit, milk.

Thursday, Feb. 12: Lasagna, side salad, pinto beans, cheesy breadstick, fruit, milk.

Friday, Feb. 13: Pizza cruncher, potato wedges, fresh carrots, fruit, milk, fruit sorbet.

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

Sewanee Fire Department News

As the temperature continues to drop, remember to continue to practice fire safety when staying warm. Heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fires in the U.S., accounting for 14 percent of all home fires (NFPA). Follow these tips to stay warm and safe!

To prevent home heating fires:
Safe Distance: Keep anything that can burn at least three feet from all heat sources including fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, portable heaters or candles.

Monitor Outlet Conditions: Always plug space heaters directly into an outlet, and make sure its cord isn't damaged or frayed.

Maintain Heating Equipment: Maintain equipment and chimneys by having them clean and inspected each year by a professional.

Further Tips and Recommendations: Visit the U.S. Fire Administration Home Fires website to learn about how to prepare for and prevent home fires including tips for individuals with disabilities and older adults.

Federal Emergency Management Agency Tips for Winter Weather. Things to have in your vehicle: jumper cables; flares or reflective triangle; ice scraper; car cell phone charger; blanket; map; cat litter or sand (for better tire traction).

Things to carry: extra socks; gloves; hats; jacket; blankets; a change of clothes; thermos of hot liquid.

Did you know in December the Sewanee Fire Department responded to 21 calls?

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One outside fire: Violation due to no burn permit

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

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

If you're interested in learning more about becoming a firefighter, please contact Nathan Stewart at <ncstewart@sewanee.edu>. The Fire Department trains at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesdays at Sewanee Station 1 (111 Alabama Avenue), and potential new members are invited to attend before making a commitment to join.

Don't forget: If you need help with smoke alarm installation or checks, the Sewanee Fire Department is here to assist.

Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday at St. Mark and St. Paul

Come one come all and let the good times roll for a New Orleans-themed Mardi Gras celebration at St. Mark and St. Paul Church, in Kennerly Hall, from 5–6:30 p.m., Tuesday Feb. 17. You won't want to miss the Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday festivities and feast hosted by Parish Life! Everyone and every age is welcome, so invite all your friends and neighbors.

The menu will delight your taste buds with Cajun red beans and rice. There will be less spicy fare of pancakes and sausage. Lemonade and coffee will be provided but please feel free to bring your own beverage of choice.

Entertainment will include musical talents of several pillars of our community (dancing and beads are encouraged). Donations are optional but always welcome with cash and non-cash donations accepted.

Cheryl Lankhaar <cheryllankhaar@gmail.com> is coordinating volunteer efforts for the event. Please contact Cheryl if you are willing to help or have any questions. Costumes of all kinds are welcomed but not required. Please join us for an evening you are sure to never forget.

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Grief Recovery Group

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Meetings will be in the Wesley House at Morton Memorial United Methodist Church, 322 W. Main St., Monteagle. It is the house between the CVS and the main Church building.

To find out more and to sign up, contact: Tracey Weibert at (423) 309-0818, email at <twiebertlaw@gmail.com> or Rev. Melisa Derseweh (615) 418-0559, email at <melisa.derseweh@twkumc.org>.

Round Up for Project Help

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

Please consider rounding up your bill for this worthy cause – it really makes a difference in our community. Call the office at (931) 598-5611 to enroll or if you have any questions.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Feb. 13, Grundy County, Abbreviated Day

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‘Share the Love’ at Frame Gallery’s 8th Anniversary Arty Party

Join Frame Gallery Gifts and Art for a special anniversary celebration featuring hands-on art activities and live art demonstrations with local artists Randa Wells and Connie Keetle in Sewanee, on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Themed “Share the Love,” Frame Gallery’s eighth Anniversary Arty Party is a free event designed for all ages. Art supplies, party favors, and refreshments will be provided for guests and party participants.

During the celebration, make a Valentine or two with artist Randa Wells using her collage and cardmaking techniques — just in time for Valentine’s Day. Fellow artist and Frame Gallery’s own Connie Keetle will share her fascinating, unique painting process, using acrylic paints and walnut ink that she makes by hand. Both artists will have their original art, prints, cards, and Keetle’s walnut ink available for purchase on the day of the event.

Guests will also have opportunities to sign up for upcoming workshops and art projects at Frame Gallery’s new Community Table initiative with these artists, as well as Carole Foret and Linda Kerlin, among others.

“Since opening our doors in 2018, Frame Gallery has been honored to not only frame this community’s treasured pieces but also to celebrate local and regional artists, support fair-trade artisans, and host a wide variety of art, workshops, and events,” said Frame Gallery owner Harriet Runkle.

“I want to thank the artists, customers, collectors, teachers, students, and staff for supporting Frame Gallery for the past eight years — we truly couldn’t do this without you,” said Runkle. “We want to share our love and gratitude with everyone in the community on this fun day, celebrating this milestone by creating art.”

Runkle recommends following Frame Gallery on Facebook or Instagram to stay up-to-date on the eighth Anniversary Arty Party activities, or visit <www.framegals.com/events> to learn more.

‘Falls the Shadow’ at the UAG

The University Art Gallery is delighted to present “Falls the Shadow” by artist Kate Teale, on view in the University Art Gallery through March 30, 2026.

Teale’s graphite and charcoal drawings — however simple their means, and however stripped down their subject matter — are laden with meaning.

These drawings do not render objects, but voids, doorways filled with tactile shadow. They are controlled and careful, and perfectly quiet. They wait.

Representing doorways, tunnels, and windows, Teale manipulates architectural space, making walls disappear. She distills meaning in the representation and experience of thresholds, points of transition between shelter and destruction, between confinement and escape. Doorways “make visual the transition from darkness into light — or the reverse.” A doorway divides two worlds, and requires a choice.

More than metaphor or representation, these drawings require embodied understanding. Drawing, for Teale, “[should] be something we experience in our bodies and process in our sub-conscious.”

The drawings included in “Falls the Shadow” are the result of the artist’s 2023 residency at Christ Church College, Oxford, U.K. Their gothic forms echo, and are echoed by, the architecture of the University of the South’s campus, deliberately designed to recall that of its English predecessors.

New York-based artist Kate Teale received her M.A. from Oxford University, England, her Art Diploma from City and Guilds of London Art School and her M.F.A. from Hunter College, C.U.N.Y. She teaches at the Parsons School of Design, New York, NY.

Teale will present her work at 5 p.m., Feb. 12, in Convocation Hall. Reception to follow.

The UAG will be closed for the University of the South’s Spring Break, March 5–15, 2026.

Square Dance at the Littell-Partin Center

Please join us for another lively square dance at the Littell-Partin Center in Tracy City on Friday, Feb. 6. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., and the dancing is from 5-7 p.m. There will be live music from local fiddler Bob Townsend and his band, The Cumberland Mountain Music Makers. The dances will be led by caller Earle Eames.

From 4:30-5 p.m. we are inviting the public to bring an instrument for an informal old-time jam. All instruments and musicians of every level are welcome.

There will be light snacks sponsored by the Junior Appalachian Musicians.

There will be a suggested donation at the door. Your support makes these dances possible.

Cumberland Community Dance is a part of, and receives support from, the Grundy Area Arts Council. We have a great slate of Spring dances planned, so if you’d like to keep up-to-date please sign up for our newsletter here <https://www.grundyarea.art/community-dance> and follow us on instagram by searching Cumberland Community Dance.

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Community Art Show at Artisan Depot


The Franklin County Arts Guild announces the theme for the first Community Art Show of 2026 at the Artisan Depot located at 204 Cumberland Street in Cowan. Participation is free and open to all residents of Franklin County and surrounding area regardless of age skill level, or media used to prepare art piece. Contributing artists should use the theme of the show for inspiration.

With Valentine day coming up the theme of this upcoming show is “Is Love Free?” The show will be up through March 29. Submitting artists and their families and friends are invited to an opening reception from 5-7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 20, at the Artisan Depot.

If you have questions or want to know about other community shows scheduled later this year, please check out our website at <www.franklincoarts.org> or call (931) 313-5686.

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Men's Hoops Drops Late Decision to Southwestern

Sewanee trailed but 10 points in the first half but battled back and had chance to take the lead twice in the final minutes before dropping a 71-67 decision to Southwestern University in men's basketball action on Feb. 1, at Juhan Gymnasium.

The Pirates (10-10, 4-5) jumped out to a 16-6 advantage just over seven minutes into the game, with the Tigers (8-12, 4-5 SAA) making 2-of-8 shots and recording six turnovers. Aeden Lewis netted six of his game-high 21 points and Shobby Enakpene collected four points as well for the visitors.

Sewanee reeled off 10 of the next 12 points to get within two behind field goals from Fletcher Bigham and Jack Bakken, two free throws by Philip Ryan and a 3-pointer from JD Gardner.

The teams went back-and-forth the rest of the half, with Sawyer Bartz and Luke Hatcher each making triples for the Pirates, but Reid Carrier converted an old-fashioned 3-point play and then made a three with just over a minute to play, knotting the game at 29.

Enakpene made a midrange jumper and Lewis connected on 1-of-2 foul shots for a 32-31 Southwestern edge at the half.

The Pirates started the second half with a 14-5 run for a 10-point advantage again behind 3-pointers from Zach Gomez and Hatcher along with six points by Enakpene. The Tigers cut into the deficit with a 7-0 spurt thanks to a triple by Gardner and field goals from Ryan and Nikolas Avaliani.

Hatcher added another three and a putback from Lewis stretched the Southwestern lead to 53-45 with 12 minutes to play. Two baskets from Avaliani and a layup by Aidan Treacy made it a three-point game again before consecutive field goals by Luke Mills pushed the advantage back to seven.

Another 7-0 run by Sewanee knotted the game at 63 with 4:28 to play, with Bakken and Bigham each netting buckets along with two free throws by Bakken and 1-of-2 from Carrier. The Tigers got a defensive stop but Carrier's pass deflected and stolen near midcourt, with Lewis slamming home the dunk for the Pirates.

Bigham evened the game again with two foul shots, but Gomez nailed a huge 3-pointer that put the Pirates ahead for good with three minutes remaining. Bigham's field goal with 90 seconds to play cut the deficit to one, but Enakpene converted two free throws with 1:08 on the clock.

Sewanee had two offensive possessions to score or tie the game, but Bigham and Carrier each missed shots. Lewis, who was 2-for-8 at the foul line entering the final minute, added 1-of-2 with 7.5 seconds remaining, sealing the win for Southwestern.

Bigham paced the Tigers with 16 points and nine rebounds but was limited to just six shots and 5-for-6 at the foul line. Bakken finished with 10 points and eight boards while Avaliani scored 13. Sewanee made 16-of-25 at the foul line, missing opportunities in both halves.

Enakpene posted 16 points and Mills collected 11 points and seven rebounds.



St. Andrew's-Sewanee School middle school swim team: (left to right) Will Reynolds, Sam Ramirez, Jon Fino, Davey Allen*, Daniel Comoretto*, Kam Kilgore*, Alex Glacet*, Will Moody*, Kinsey Ellis*, Eva Gheesling*, Arabella Barry*, Elena Brodsky*, Will Mahler*, Nick Fino*. (* denotes championship qualifier)*

SAS Middle School Swimmers Host End-of-Season Meet, Finish Strongly

When the middle school championship meet scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 31, was cancelled on Thursday because of inclement weather, the SAS swim community came together and built a meet in just 36 hours, hosting 18 middle school teams, big and small, from all over Middle Tennessee.

The SAS girls' team took second overall, with wins in both relays composed of seventh grader Arabella Barry and eighth graders Kinsey Ellis, Elena Brodsky, and Eva Gheesling. Barry led the scoring, taking third in the 50 freestyle with a time of 28.35 and first in the 100 freestyle with a time of 1:03.57.

Other amazing performances included a 30.80 50 free split in the medley relay by Ellis, a second-and-a-half drop in the 50 free and a 2 second drop in the 100 breaststroke from Gheesling, and a season best in the 100 backstroke by Brodsky.

The boys' team took third place, narrowly missing second by just three points. The boys' medley relay, composed of Kam Kilgore, Will Moody, Nick Fino, and Daniel Comoretto placed third overall. Eighth grader Will Moody led the scoring and took third in the 100 free with a time of 58.8 and first in the 100 breast with a time of 1:16.27, dropping 7 seconds in both events and performing well beyond his seeded place.

Other strong performances include Daniel Comoretto, dropping a second and a half in his 50 free; Alex Glacet, dropping four seconds in his 100 breast; Nick Fino, dropping a second in his 100 free and stepping up to swim the fly leg in the A relay; and best times or fast relay splits from Jacob Rozell and Davey Allen.

"I'm so grateful to the swim program at the University, Coach Mark Fino, and every parent that stepped up to volunteer to make this meet happen," said SAS Swim Coach Lucy Rudman. "Because of the community at SAS and in Sewanee, we were able to give 115 middle school swimmers from all over Middle Tennessee a chance to celebrate their hard work with a championship meet."

Carter Earns Low Medal Honors, IHSA Finishes Sixth at Tournament of Champions

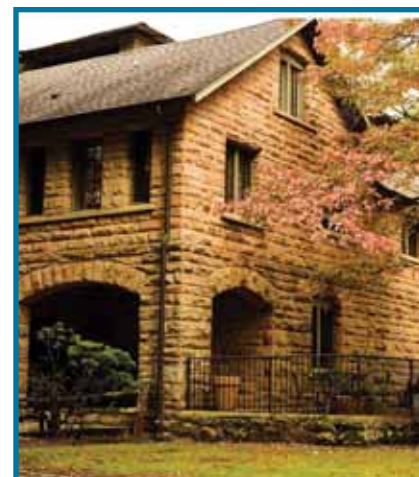
Lily Carter took home low medal honors for Sewanee's IHSA Equestrian team as the Tigers competed in the Tournament of Champions in Savannah, Ga., hosted by the Savannah School of Art and Design on Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Ronald C. Waranch Equestrian Center.

The Tigers finished the competition in sixth place with a score of 30 points, while Carter was the champion in the Low Medal class.

Carter added a second place finish in the limit flat and fifth place result in intermediate fences.

Emma Sameth added a second place finish in open flat and fifth in open fences. In intermediate flat, Elise Gierhart took home second and fifth in limit fences.

Abdul Madalhi took home third in novice, while Caroline Holland added another first place finish for the Tigers in the introduction division.



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Women's Hoops Cannot Overcome First Quarter Hole in Home Loss

Janie Boyd netted a career-best 22 points but Sewanee fell behind early and was unable to climb out of the hole, dropping a 71-54 decision to Southwestern University in women's basketball action on Feb. 1, at Juhan Gymnasium.

The Pirates (12-8, 3-6) scored the first 14 points of the game thanks to seven missed shots and five turnovers in the first five minutes by the Tigers (8-12, 1-8 SAA). Sewanee battled uphill for the remainder of the contest, pulling within eight in the second quarter and nine on two occasions in the third period.

Boyd was the only bright spot offensively for the Tigers, connecting on 8-of-14 shots overall, 3-for-5 from 3-point range and 3-for-4 at the foul line. The rest of the team shot just 28 percent (11-for-39) from the field. Hannah Cleveland was the only other player in double figures with 12 points.

Trinity Benitez led the Pirates with 24 points and 13 rebounds, with 21 of those points in the second half. Nella Castillo netted 13 points and four other Southwestern players posted between six and nine points.

The Tigers started slowly for the second straight game, falling behind 14-0 in the first five minutes. Cleveland's putback finally got the home team on the board.

Castillo was fouled on a 3-pointer and made all three attempts and Layla Tovar hit a triple for the Pirates. Two baskets by Emma Flores and one apiece for Kylee Symons and Benitez gave Southwestern the early advantage.

Adrianna McCoy answered Cleveland's field goal with a 3-pointer before six straight points by the Tigers that included baskets by Cleveland and Boyd and two free throws from Cleveland. Eliza Everett connected on 1-of-2 free throws, cutting the deficit to eight, but Castillo posted a 3-point play and Lauren Stevens made a 15-footer for a 23-10 Southwestern lead after one quarter.

Adison Howard's triple started the second period for Sewanee, but the Pirates then registered a 10-0 run. Stevens made two foul shots and a layup before baskets from Castillo, Symons and McCoy. Brianna Keating-Rendon's 3-pointer ended the spurt, but Flores answered with a three for Southwestern, though the visitors did not score for more than four minutes.

The Tigers netted seven consecutive points and ended the half with an 11-2 run. Boyd connected on a triple and a short jumper from Boyd and two free throws by Micha Lovelace. Boyd added two foul shots and Olivia Falvey made a layup for a 38-27 deficit at intermission.

Cleveland posted a 3-pointer two minutes into the third quarter, making it a nine-point lead for Southwestern, but the Pirates answered with eight straight points – four free throws by Benitez and field goals from Castillo and Symons. The Tigers came back with eight consecutive points as well after Cleveland and Lovelace each netted layups and Boyd collected two baskets.

Benitez ended the period with a 3-point play for a 12-point lead headed to the final 10 minutes.

Sewanee trailed, 61-48, with just over four minutes remaining after a Boyd jumper, but the Pirates registered a 10-0 run to put the game away. Castillo made a 3-pointer and Benitez scored underneath twice before her own triple.

HOME GAMES

4/5/6:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 6, SAS Boys' JV, Varsity Girls', and Varsity Boys' Basketball vs. Lookout Valley
6 p.m., Friday, Feb. 6, Women's Basketball vs. Oglethorpe
8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 6, Men's Basketball vs. Oglethorpe
10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 7, Men's Tennis vs. Garner-Webb
1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 7, Women's Tennis vs. Cumberland University
noon, Sunday, Feb. 8, Women's Basketball vs. Berry
2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 8, Men's Basketball vs. Berry
5:15 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 17, SAS MS Girls' Volleyball vs. Tracy City
4 p.m., Friday, Feb. 20, SAS Varsity Tennis vs. University School of Nashville

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NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried

Crows

There are few birdsongs or calls around our place these days but the crows are always with us. I think there is a family of them living on the property next to ours. They certainly “talk” among themselves a lot and I have always wished I knew what they were saying. Besides the well-known “caw” they make other sounds such as a rattle, a kowlp, and a click. They are in the same taxonomic group as jays and magpies, all large and noisy and omnivorous. Crows can be seen on the side of the road eating roadkill but that is just a small part of their diet, which includes insects and other small animals, seeds and fruit, and, of course, garbage. I remember David Haskell speaking about crows on a bird walk and teaching us not to be dismissive of them, even though they are common and widespread and have no lovely songs. Sometimes called the Common Crow, Peterson and others call it the American Crow and the Cornell site calls it “anything but common.” The more they are studied, the more complex and fascinating they are learned to be. For example, they sometimes make and use tools, can imitate human speech, and can be ingenious in solving problems. They have a social structure, living in family groups where the one- or two-year olds aid the parents in caring for the new brood, and at other times gathering and roosting in large flocks in the hundreds or thousands, especially in the winter. They will also gather to mob a predator such as an owl or a hawk, to chase it away. Perhaps this winter, with fewer other birds to observe, I can learn more about and grow in my appreciation of the American Crow.

Get Ahead of Emergencies with Regular Maintenance

Even if you had a tech come to your home for a pre-season heating check, you should keep on top of simple HVAC maintenance to up your chances of making it through the winter without any emergency repairs.

Cold snaps in February put heavy demand on heating systems, and small issues can quickly become big emergencies. Following a brief maintenance checklist can save money and prevent expensive, late-night calls.

Begin with filters. Replace disposable filters or clean reusable ones. A clean filter reduces strain and improves airflow.

Check vents and registers to make sure furniture or curtains aren't blocking airflow. Restricted airflow makes the system run longer and increases wear.

Inspect visible ductwork where you can access it. Seal loose connections with foil HVAC tape or mastic. Leaky ducts waste heated air and force the furnace to run more to maintain temperature.

Clear any snow or ice from outdoor heat-pump units and keep a three-foot clearance around them. Unusual noises or persistent burning smells are early signs of trouble. Call a licensed HVAC technician before a minor issue becomes a failure.

As we move through the coldest part of winter, a little attention now can make a big difference later. Taking a few minutes to check filters, airflow and outdoor units can help your system run more efficiently, lower the risk of unexpected breakdowns, and keep your home safer and more comfortable. At Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative, we care about the reliability of our system — but we also care about what's happening on your side of the meter. Simple, routine maintenance is one of the easiest ways to protect your investment, manage energy use, and avoid emergency situations when temperatures drop. Staying ahead today can help ensure a warmer, less stressful tomorrow.

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Trail Run — Savage Gulf State Park. Thursday, Feb. 12, 8:30–9:30 a.m. \$5. Register for event. Registration closes the day before the event. Join us on a 3(ish) mile (round trip, approximate) trail run on the Savage Day Loop. We will be doing a combo of running/walking. The anticipated pace will be between 10-15 minute miles. We may go slower as needed, but not faster (typically towards the slow end of the pace scale). Bring along desired water and food, as these are not provided. Wear sturdy shoes that can handle running off road! Weather permitting. The areas around overlooks and waterfalls can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall still exists, and extreme care is needed. Attendee cancellations must be made no later than 24 hours prior to the program's scheduled start in order to receive a refund. Events outside the park's control may necessitate program cancellation (weather, illness, park emergencies, etc). You will receive a text, email, or call with as much advance notice as possible, depending on the situation. Refunds will be processed for such canceled programs. Allow up to 7 business days for refunds. Event repeats on Friday, Feb. 13.

For the Love of Nature: Guided Hike — Fiery Gizzard State Park Saturday, Feb. 14, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Donations accepted. Register for event. Join Ranger Hannah at the Fiery Gizzard North trailhead, 131 Fiery Gizzard Rd., Tracy City, for a lovely hike on the Grundy Forest Day Loop celebrating the natural beauty of the Fiery Gizzard — waterfalls, forests, and all of the many reasons we love the park! Hikers should dress accordingly for the weather, wear sturdy hiking boots, and bring water. The Grundy Forest Day Loop is a moderate 2-mile loop with rocky terrain and slight elevation gains. Hikers should review the EEC (Essential Eligibility Criteria) at <https://reserve.tnstateparks.com/gallery/tsp_masterg/451/items/06FB1546-1297-47E8-A1612BC6EBEB1838.pdf> for this hike prior to signing up. Hikers will be emailed 24hrs prior to the hike should it need to be cancelled due to inclement weather.

Valentine's Day Hike — Head of the Crow State Park, Saturday, Feb. 14, 10–11:30 a.m. Donations accepted. Register for the event. Meet at Pack Hollow Trailhead, 2036 Old CCC Rd., Sewanee. Join us for this Valentine's Day Hike! Bring yourself, bring a friend, bring that special someone, or load everyone up and bring the whole family! This hike is free to attend. We will primarily be talking about the geology and formation of the Cumberland Plateau, which includes the beautiful Head of the Crow State Park. This hike is weather-dependent. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

Sewanee Herbarium Winter Calendar of Events

Art Exhibit, Stirling's Coffee-house, through mid-February — This year, the herbarium-sponsored nature journaling group's annual "All Things Bright and Beautiful" show at Stirling's Coffee House will feature works done in pigments derived from fruits and flowers, including but not limited to pokeberry, dahlia, goldenrod, and avocado. Besides the nature journalers, other groups represented are the college Green House students, seminary students in the "Ethics for Christians and Other Aliens" class, and possibly chemistry students at St. Andrew's-Sewanee. Look for news of a workshop on using natural pigments, sponsored by the Green House, which will be held in conjunction with the show.

Winter Green — an Introduction to Mosses and Lichens, Saturday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m. to noon, Yolande Gottfried. Whether the groundhog told us that winter is here to stay or that spring is just around the corner, winter is a great time to take a look at mosses, lichens, and maybe some ferns and other non-flowering plants. Herbarium Associate Yolande Gottfried will introduce interested participants to some of the “lower plants”. Do mosses freeze? What is an Irish valentine? Are lichens really plants? Come with your questions and specimens, if you like! We will meet indoors with specimens provided to examine and, weather permitting, take a short walk out-

doors to see them in the field. Meet next to the Sewanee Herbarium on the first floor of Spencer Hall, Room 173, on the campus of the University of the South. The main entrance is across from duPont Library and there is parking behind the library. Bring a hand lens or a magnifying glass if you have one.

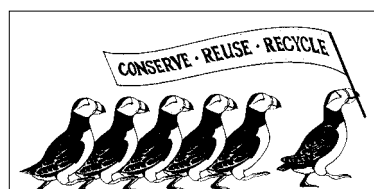
Botanical Drawing Workshop — Leaves!, Saturday, Feb. 28, 9:30–11:30 a.m., Spencer Room 173, Mary Priestley. Leaves are some of the most fun, and challenging, botanical structures to draw. For this workshop, we will bring some plants from the greenhouses at the University Farm to draw. We will look closely at leaf function, structure, and arrangement, then move on to drawing leaves, plants, and possibly flowers, depending on what is available. Participants will do a pen and ink illustration with the option of adding color. Bring your cell phone; other materials will be provided. There is no cost, but please reserve so we know how many people to expect. Email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com>.

WEATHER

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Fri	Jan 30	40	25
Sat	Jan 31	38	10
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Avg temp = 23
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MARC's Mountain Adoptables: Meet Bandit & Chevy

Bandit is such a happy, fun-loving boy! He likes to play with other large dogs and with people. And he is learning good obedience skills with his trainer and foster mom. Bandit just wants a forever family to call his own. He looks like an English Pointer mix, dark chocolate and white color, is around five years old, and weighs about 60 pounds. Bandit likes to run to stretch his legs and to go on fun adventures to do errands with his foster mom. If you like large active dogs who have already learned good house manners, Bandit may be just the guy for you.

Chevy is a party girl, ready to be your playmate or to entertain you with her antics. She is a true survivor, riding under a car 40 miles when she was just a tiny little girl. Chevy is going to get every ounce of fun out of life and would really like to find her forever family with whom to do that. She is skittish when first meeting new people but will warm up when she learns you might play with her. Chevy is around 9 months old, is a gorgeous Tortoise shell Domestic Shorthair kitty who weighs around eleven pounds. She gets along well with dogs and other cats. Brighten up your days with Miss Chevy.

If you would like to learn more about Bandit and Chevy, please fill out an Adoption Application found on our MARC website <www.marc4change.org> and/or contact Sue Scruggs, cell phone (423) 619-3845. All MARC animals ready for adoption are spayed or neutered and up-to-date on their vaccines and preventatives. MARC has a trainer available to work with dog adopters and dog fosters as needed.

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FULL-TIME PRESCHOOL TEACHER: The Sewanee Children's Center seeks a caring, joyful full-time teacher for ages 1-5. Join our mission-driven, play-based program that values curiosity, kindness, and lifelong learning. Must be 18+ with HS diploma; childcare experience preferred. Contact us at <sewaneechildrenscenter@gmail.com> or (931) 598-5928.

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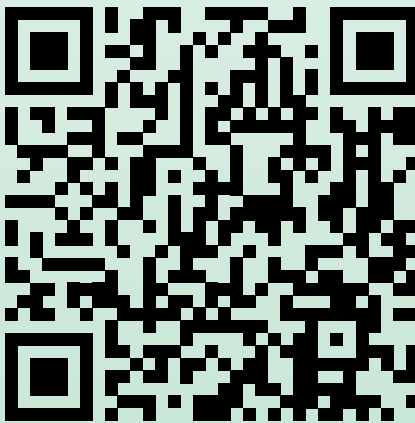
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16 Dixie Lee Avenue
Monteagle, TN 37356

The Town of Monteagle will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 9:00AM CST. The hearing will take place at Monteagle Town Hall located at 16 Dixie Lee Avenue, Monteagle, TN 37356. The purpose of the hearing is to present and discuss the accomplishments of the 2023 Monteagle CDBG Fire Equipment Project. Individuals with disabilities who require special accommodation to participate in the meeting are encouraged to contact the town at 931-924-226 in advance. Monteagle is an equal opportunity provider and employer and does not discriminate based on race, sex, age, national origin, or physical disability.



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WED	3:00 - 6:00	2:00 - 5:00
THU	3:00 - 6:00	2:00 - 5:00
FRI	3:00 - 6:00	2:00 - 5:00
SAT	8:00 - 4:00	8:00 - 4:00
SUN	CLOSED	CLOSED

FROMBARDTOVERSE

by Robin Bates

Black History Month

The Negro
With the trumpet at his lips
Has dark moons of weariness
Beneath his eyes
Where the smoldering memory
Of slave ships
Blazed to the crack of whips
About his thighs.

The Negro
With the trumpet at his lips
Has a head of vibrant hair
Tamed down,
Patent-leathered now
Until it gleams
Like jet--
Were jet a crown.

The music
From the trumpet at his lips
Is honey
Mixed with liquid fire.
The rhythm
From the trumpet at his lips
Is ecstasy
Distilled from old desire--

Desire
That is longing for the moon
Where the moonlight's but a spotlight
In his eyes,
Desire
That is longing for the sea
Where the sea's a bar-glass
Sucker size.

The Negro
With the trumpet at his lips
Whose jacket
Has a fine one-button roll,
Does not know
Upon what riff the music slips
Its hypodermic needle
To his soul--

But softly
As the tune comes from his throat
Trouble
Mellows to a golden note.

--Langston Hughes, The Trumpet Player

Community Calendar

Friday, Feb. 6

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Nathalia, Sewanee Community Center, until 7 p.m.
- 4:30 p.m. Cumberland Community Square Dance, (donation), Littell-Partin Center, Tracy City, until 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7

- 9 a.m. Grief Recovery Group, Wesley House, Morton Memorial UMC, 322 W. Main St., Monteagle
- 10 a.m. Herbarium "Winter Green--An Introduction to Mosses & Lichens," Yolande Gottfried, U of S Spencer Hall, first floor, Room 173 (across from duPont Library), until noon
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.
- 10 a.m. "Share the Love" at Frame Gallery's eighth Anniversary Arty Party, until noon

Sunday, Feb. 8

- 1 p.m. Knitting Circle, Mooney's, until 3 p.m.
- 4 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Monday, Feb. 9

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. Sewanee Woman's Club, lunch at 11:50 a.m.; program, Aaron Reid, Savage Gulf State Park Manager, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 6 p.m. Franklin County School Board, 215 S. College St., Winchester
- 6:30 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, Sewanee Community Center, until 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 10

- 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.
- 9 a.m. Coffee w/ Football Coach Joe Freitag, McGriff Alumni House; livestream <sewaneetigers.com/watch/>
- 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.
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga, Pippa, 293 Ball Park Rd.

Wednesday, Feb. 11

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 10 a.m. Art Wednesday, (free), Artisan Depot, 204 E. Cumberland St., until noon
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Susan, Sewanee Community Center, until 11:30 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. EQB Club, lunch @ noon; lead at 12:30 p.m., St. Mary's Sewanee
- 5:30 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Helen, Community Center

Thursday, Feb. 12

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, St. Mary's Sewanee
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Nature Journaling, email <mpriestley0150@gmail.com> for details/meeting location
- 9:30 a.m. Body Recall, Judy, conference room, Monteagle City Hall
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Pilates, beginner, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- noon Pilates, intermed, Kim, 293 Ball Park Rd.
- 5 p.m. Kate Teale artist presentation, Convocation Hall. Reception to follow

Friday, Feb. 13

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 5:45 p.m. Kundalini Yoga, Nathalia, Sewanee Community Center, 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 United 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

11 a.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 United 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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