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## Meet the SUD Commissioner Candidates

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

Five candidates are competing for the two open seats on the Sewanee Utility District Board of Commissioners. Read on to learn about the candidate's thoughts on what SUD should focus on and their reasons for wanting to serve on the SUD board. Voting continues through Tuesday, Jan. 25 at the SUD office during regular business hours.



Paul Evans

Paul Evan's 2012 marriage to Sewanee native Katherine Alvarez brought him to the community. Evans seeks reelection to the board after serving a four-year term. Evans has a B.A. in accounting and stresses the importance of focusing on the financial side of operations. He sees SUD's challenges as twofold: "balancing income and expense with infrastructure needs and managing the relation between the utility and the University." Evans points to the trend in rural areas losing population and coincidentally revenue and managerial expertise. For SUD, the high percentage of revenue coming from one customer, the University, further complicates the picture. "The relationship between SUD and the University needs to be nurtured and cared for," Evans insisted. Citing the example of the cost to SUD of the project to narrow Highway 41A, Evans said "if the University were not involved, we'd be in big trouble."



Brandi Henley

Brandi Henley has lived in Sewanee seven years. Many people still know her as Brandi Hargis, her name before marrying lifelong Sewanee resident Randall Henley. As a commissioner, Henley would bring three-year's experience working as a utility clerk in an office using the same program as SUD. "I want to help keep utility rates low, work on long-term strategic plans and budgeting, and manage water loss," Henley said. "Water loss is just money wasted," she insisted. "Water being produced and not

used is money lost." Henley would like to see an arrangement with the University for using water from Lake Dimmick in an emergency to help lower tap fees and argues the University should pay for the utility work needed in conjunction with narrowing Highway 41A. "They [the University] wanted it," Henley stressed.



Johnny Hughes

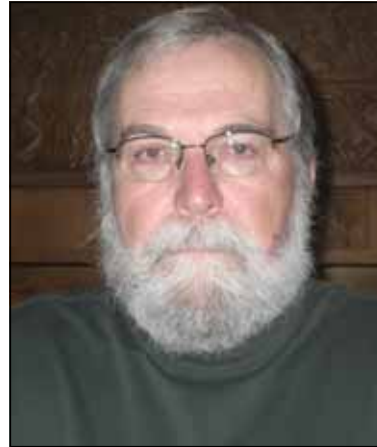
Sewanee native Johnny Hughes has lived here 54 years. "My knowledge of the community will be an asset as a SUD commissioner," Hughes said. "The biggest issue facing SUD short term is the money spent on infrastructure due to the narrowing of Highway 41A. TDOT or the University, or a combination of the two, should pay for this," he insisted, "keeping SUD customers off the hook." Looking ahead, Hughes wants to see SUD "capitalize on grants and money coming down from the federal level to help fund future projects to keep things up to date." Hughes long list of community involvement includes coaching youth baseball, serving on the University Employee Action Committee, the July 4th Committee, and 16 years on the Franklin County Commission. "Serving on the SUD board would give me another opportunity to serve the community I love," Hughes said.



Donnie McBee

Donnie McBee has lived in Sewanee his entire life. His family heritage dates to Civil War times. McBee's knowledge about water issues stems from his work as a logger and 25 years as a forester for University Facilities Management, where he holds the title Senior Forester. "I grew up in the timber industry," McBee said. "I'm savvy about water runoff and erosion." He claims first-hand knowledge of the project that brought water to the Jump Off community. "We [Jump Off residents] paid for a pipeline for SUD to bring

us water," he said, citing the 13-year payoff plan. Being a SUD commissioner "is a community service," McBee insisted. "I feel like I have something to offer in my knowledge of the area and the local people ... People have a lot of questions. I'd like to be able to give them answers."



John Moos

John Moos and his wife Brenda moved to Sewanee in 2009. A University of Louisville graduate, Moos served as a U.S. Marines officer and is retired from the U.S. Department of State, Foreign Service. Moos has experience in maintenance, logistics, administration, procurement contracting, budgeting, finance, residential construction, travel, transportation, supply, and warehousing. "SUD should focus on modernizing, as well as expanding services to meet increased demand and growing needs," Moos said. He welcomes the opportunity "to be a service to my community."

Please call the office (931)598-5611 if you have any questions about voting.

## Monteagle Planning: Mother-In-Law Suites, Agritourism, 'Forever Wild' Wish

by Leslie Lytle  
Messenger Staff Writer

At the Jan. 4 meeting, the Monteagle Planning Commission investigated strategies for accommodating mother-in-law suites in single-family residences, an agritourism project, and Cooley Rift residents' intention to purchase adjoining property to preserve the land in a "forever wild" state.

Building inspector Earl Geary introduced a question from a property owner wanting to build a residence with a mother-in-law suite on property zoned R-3. The property owner proposed connecting the mother-in-law suite to the primary dwelling by a breezeway. Geary noted Monteagle allowed single-family residences on R-3 property, but to meet the qualifica-

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## Winter Convocation Jan. 14

The University of the South's Winter Convocation will be held at 4:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 14. Two honorary degrees will be presented, and approximately 75 new members will be inducted into the Order of the Gown during the service.

Retired Major General Charles F. Bolden Jr. and poet Nikki Giovanni will be awarded honorary degrees; Bolden will give the convocation address. Please note that masks are required at indoor University events.

General Charles Bolden had a distinguished 34-year career with the Marine Corps, including 14 years as a member of NASA's Astronaut Office. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, he flew combat missions during the Vietnam War, served as a test pilot, commanded space shuttle missions, and served as commanding general of Marine expeditionary forces in Kuwait and at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar (California), before becoming NASA administrator in 2009. Only the second astronaut to hold the position of NASA administrator, he oversaw the transition from the space shuttle system to a new era focused on the International Space Station and aeronautics technology. Following his time at NASA, he served as a U.S. Department of State science envoy for space from 2018-2019.



Retired Major General Charles F. Bolden Jr.

Nikki Giovanni is one of this country's most widely read poets and is renowned worldwide. As a student at Fisk University, she reinstituted the school's chapter of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), edited the literary magazine, and graduated magna cum laude. She self-published her first poetry book in 1968, and in the late 1960s and early '70s her lectures, poetry readings, and frequent appearances on the Black entertainment show SOUL!, along with her extensive lecture tours, made her one of the most recognizable poets of the Black Arts Movement. She began teaching at Virginia Tech in 1987 and has been named a University Distinguished Professor. Since she has been at Virginia Tech, she has published two collections of essays, several illustrated children's books, and 10 volumes of poetry for adults.



Nikki Giovanni

The Convocation will be livestreamed for those unable to attend. at <<https://new.sewanee.edu/parents-families/convocation-live-stream/>>.

## Kinnara to Make Sewanee Debut, Jan. 17

by Bailey Basham, Messenger Staff Writer

The University will welcome renowned choral ensemble Kinnara next week for its Sewanee debut as a part of the Performing Arts Series on campus.

Kinnara, one of the nation's premier professional chamber choirs, is directed by J.D. Burnett, who also serves as associate director of choral activities at the University of Georgia. This concert will take place on at 4 p.m., Monday, Jan. 17, in All Saints' Chapel, and is free and open to the public.

Kinnara will perform a multi-movement work called "Southern

Dissonance: Portraits for a New South," which draws on texts from famous Georgian Civil Rights activists, including Martin Luther King, Jr., Alice Walker, John Lewis, Jimmy Carter and Stacey Abrams. The concert, which Kinnara commissioned from American composer Heather Gilligan, will open with a piece by Langston Hughes.

The ensemble consists of Chelsea Helm, soprano; Wanda Yang Temko, alto; Cory Klose, tenor; Steven Berlanga, bass; and Caleb

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# Letter

## VOLUNTEER FOR LITTLE LEAGUE

### To the Editor:

The Sewanee Parks Committee is working to facilitate a 2022 Little League season here in Sewanee. The long term Chair, Amanda Knight, has moved on after years of faithful, dedicated service. In fact, our thought now is to divide her many duties among 2 or 3 volunteers.

We will be issuing a call for volunteers (Coaches etc.) in January.

As of now, we are striving for a late January sign up day, most likely at Sewanee Elementary School.

Please be patient as the transition progresses. Covid is an issue for team athletics, to be sure. Stay tuned.

*Stephen Burnett, Chair, Sewanee Parks*

## University Job Opportunities

**Exempt Positions:** Area Coordinator, Residential Life; Assistant Chief, Sewanee Police Department; Assistant Director of Development & Alumni Relations, School of Theology, School of Theology; Assistant Farm Manager, University Farm; Associate Dean of Admission, Student Success; Associate Dean of Students, Student Success; Associate Director, Operations, Student Success; Director of Digital Presence, University Advancement; Director of Residential Life, Student Success; Director, Dialogue Across Difference Programs, Civic Engagement; Director, Economic Development Initiatives, Economic Development; Director, Publications & Media Relations, School of Theology; Foundation and Development Communications Officer, University Advancement; Post-Doctoral Fellow in Clinical Molecular Biology, Sewanee Molecular Diagnostics Lab; Student Success and Career Readiness Coach, Integrated Advising & Career Readiness; Systems Administrator, Linux, Strategic Digital Infrastructure.

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## December Lease Committee Meeting Summary

The following items were approved: November minutes; request to transfer Lease No. 800, located at 241 Louisiana Circle, to Laurel Elise Anderson and Ben Tarhan; request to transfer Lease No. 528, located at 115 University Ave., to Marie and Daniel Ferguson and Patsy and Samuel Truslow to continue to operate as Sewanee Realty; request to transfer Lease No. 840, located at 276 Tennessee Ave., to James and Heather Stacey; request to build new construction on Lease No. 1071, Lot 8 on Alabama Avenue; request from Lease No. 796, located at 187 Carruthers Rd. to approve renovation and addition to home; request from Lease No. 697, located at 210 Willie Six Rd., to install fence in rear yard; request from Lease No. 653, located at 293 Ball Park Rd., to replace and extend rear fence.

Leasehold information is available online at <[leases.sewanee.edu](http://leases.sewanee.edu)> or by calling the lease office at 598-1998.

Please be sure and contact the Franklin County Planning and Zoning for any needed permits as well as the local utility companies to ensure there are no issues before beginning your project.

Planning and Zoning office, (931) 967-0981; Duck River Electric Membership Corporation, (931) 598-5228; Sewanee Utility District, water and sewer, (931) 598-5611; Elk River Public Utility District, natural gas, (931) 967-2110.

Agenda items are due by the fifth of each month for Lease Committee meetings. If the fifth falls on a weekend, then items are due the following Monday. Lease Committee meetings are normally the third Tuesday of the month.



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The Hospitality Shop is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, and is located at 1096 University Ave., Sewanee. Masks are required to enter the shop.

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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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Phone: 598-9949

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## SWC to Meet in February

The next Sewanee Woman's Club luncheon and program will be on Monday, Feb. 8, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Social time will start at 11:30 a.m., lunch will begin at noon, and the program and a short business meeting will follow the lunch.

The speaker will be Gail Castle, a Licensed Professional Counselor—Mental Health Service Provider (LPC-MHSP). Castle's presentation on "Rising Up, Doing It a Thousand Times Again," will provide helpful tips for staying on the right side of the mental health spectrum.

Castle practices counseling in Middle Tennessee, mostly in Winchester. Before starting her own practice in the fall of 2019, she served at The Next Door, Inc., a treatment facility for women recovering from addiction and other crises. Her specialty areas include PTSD and other issues, including anxiety, loss and grief, depression, life transitions and addiction/substance dependency. She currently serves as President of the Board of Directors of Animal Harbor.

Reservations for the February meeting and lunch must be made by Monday, Jan. 31. Contact Susan Peek, (615) 504-5404, email <Susan.Peek@gmail.com> or Martha Ann Pilcher, (615) 517-1659, email <maspilcher@gmail.com>.

## Call for SCA Board Nominations

The Sewanee Civic Association invites nominations for open positions on the 2022-23 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. Specifically, the board position of treasurer will be open in April.

Nominations are due by Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022. The slate will be presented at the Feb. 22 membership meeting. Voting will occur at the annual membership meeting on April 26. For more information, email at <sewaneecommunitychest@gmail.com>.

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Opportunities will be available on Sunday for fans to submit questions in advance or during the live show on the social media platforms. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages @SewaneeTigers.

For those unable to make it live, the content will be accessible on-demand on our Facebook page. Additionally, it will also be available on our website, <sewanee.tigers.com> and on the University of the South's YouTube Channel by midday on Mondays.

### Franklin County Commission

The Franklin County Commission is scheduled to meet at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 18, at the Franklin County Court House.

### EQB Club

Members of the EQB Club will gather at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 19, at St. Mary's Sewanee. Lunch will be served at noon. Following lunch, approximately 12:30 p.m., we will have the pleasure of a Lead, titled "CAC—Past, Present, and Future" from the Director of the Community Action Committee, the Reverend David Goodpaster. Interested vaccinated non-members are welcome to arrive at 12:30 p.m. and sit in on the presentation.

### Rotary Club Meeting

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club is scheduled to meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 20, at LaBella Pearl's. The guest speaker is Rick Byrd, former Belmont University basketball coach.

### Franklin County Democratic Party

The Franklin County Democratic Party is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Franklin County Annex in the small meeting room, 839 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester.

### Sewanee Utility District

The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 25, 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 Doug Cameron, Randall Henley, Ronnie Hoosier, Charlie Smith and Paul Evans.

### Sewanee Community Council

The January Sewanee Community Council meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 24.

### Town of Monteagle

The regular Monteagle City Council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., Monday, Jan. 31, in the conference room at City Hall.

There will be a Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 31, to discuss Ordinance 21-23, an ordinance to amend section 501 of the zoning ordinance to include additional residential land uses in the R-3 zoning; Ordinance 21-24, an ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone parcels 010.00 Marion County tax map 022 from C-3 to R-3; Ordinance 21-25, an ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone parcels 011.02 Marion County tax map 022 from C-3 to R-3; Ordinance 21-26, an ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone parcels 021.06, 021.05, 021.00 Grundy County tax map 107 from C-2 to R-1; and Ordinance 21-27, an ordinance to amend section 401 of the zoning Ordinance to include provisions for increased building height in commercial and industrial zoning districts.

## Annual MLK Day Celebration

Sewanee's annual MLK Day Celebration will be at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 17, in Cravens Hall. The public is invited to commemorate the life, legacy, and vision of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Vice-Chancellor pro tem Nancy Berner will have opening remarks. The university's Chief Diversity Officer, Sibby Anderson-Thompkins, and several student leaders will share uplifting messages reflective of this year's national theme, "It Starts with Me: Shifting Priorities to Create the Beloved Community." There will also be song selections from a number of the university choirs and a special performance by the Sewanee Step team.

Food will be provided by the University to best adhere to safety the precautions of COVID-19. There will not be a potluck this year.

All attendees are asked to wear masks and take the necessary measures to remain safe in the event that they are feeling unwell.

The program is sponsored by the Division of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the School of Theology, and the Black Student Union.

## Community Council Special Election

The Sewanee Community Council will be conducting a special election to fill a Council Representative position for District 4, the boundaries of which are Tennessee Avenue, University Avenue, Texas Avenue, and down Alto Road/Roarks Cove Road to the edge of the Domain. The term will run until December 2022.

To be a candidate, residents must reside in or on a boundary of District 4, be a registered voter in Sewanee, and turn in a petition with the signatures of 10 resident voters in District 4 to the Provost's Office by noon on Thursday, Feb. 3. Petitions are available at the Office of Leases and Community Relations (Blue House). If there is more than one eligible candidate, District 4 resident voters will be able to vote from Monday, Feb. 7 to Friday, Feb. 25 during business hours at the Office of Leases and Community Relations (Blue House).

More information about the Sewanee Community Council and a map of the districts can be found at: <<https://new.sewanee.edu/offices/university-offices/leases-and-community-relations/community-council/>>.

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# Obituaries

## Silas Lafayette Custer

Silas Lafayette Custer, age 80, died on Dec. 18, 2021. He was born on May 20, 1940, in Sewanee, to Silas Lafayette Sr. and Nora Custer. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother James Anderson Custer. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1961-1965. The Air Force trained Silas in appliance repair and he would often solicit “dead” appliances to see if he could revive them. He returned to the mountains and started his own business, Eagle Appliance Service and remained there until his retirement in 2003 when his son Bryan took over the business.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Custer; sons, Silas Lafayette (Lisa) Custer III and Bryan (Amy) Custer; sister, Daisy Jo (David) Ellis; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were on Dec. 21, 2021 from the Chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home with Pastor Arnold Schnell officiating. Interment followed in Monteagle Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

## Sarah Barnwell Elliott Howe Hay

Sarah Barnwell Elliott Howe Hay, age 78, died on Dec.10, 2021. She was born in Charlotte, N.C. and raised on Lookout Mountain, Tenn. The daughter of Raymond Reed Howe and Isabelle McKeldon Gettys Puckette Howe, she is preceded in death by her husband Robert Donald Hay, and her end-of-life partner John Eberly Cremeans. She graduated high school from St. Mary’s School for Girls in Sewanee, and college with a philosophy degree from Duke University in Durham, N.C. In adulthood, Sarah lived in Laytonsville, Clarksburg, Braddock Heights, and Sykesville, Md. Sarah was descended from a long heritage of authors and journalists and was a self-described grammar hound. Over the course of her career she was a contributing journalist to the County Courier and Gaithersburg Gazette in Montgomery County, Md., and authored or edited technical documents for a variety of Federal agencies and private sector businesses. She was also passionate about painting and was active in the local art community. Sarah and her husband moved to the Fairhaven retirement community in 2010 where she remained active as a Resident Association Board Member, the art exhibit coordinator, and Executive Editor of the Inkling, a juried literary journal published by the Fairhaven community residents.

She is survived by her sons Tom, John, and Stephen, and her grandchildren Charlotte and Nathan.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Glenwood, Md., the National Kidney Foundation, and Bridging Life (Carroll Hospice). Services in Maryland will be held in January 2022. Services in Tennessee will be scheduled for the summer of 2022.

## Jean McKee Jervis

Jean McKee Jervis, age 84, of Monteagle, died on Dec. 29, 2021, at her home. She was born on Sept. 18, 1937, in Des Moines, Iowa, to Wallace F. and Ruth Pohlman McKee. She was preceded in death by her parents; and brother Robert McKee. Although historically she had been Presbyterian, since living in Monteagle she was a member of Morton Memorial United Methodist Church. She was also a

member of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly, PEO Sisterhood, Sewanee Woman’s Club, Sewanee Garden Club, South Cumberland Recreation Area Board for several years, and a prior Head Resident at The University of the South, serving first at Benedict Hall and later at Cleveland, Quintard and McCrady Halls. In every phase of her life she was always deeply involved in the leadership of every organization of which she was part. Her credentials are far too numerous to list here.

She is survived by her husband, Oliver Wheeler, J.D.; children, Oliver (Lisa, M.D.) Wheeler, Jr. M.D., Bruce (Jim Kowalski) Scott, and Jennifer Jean; siblings Margaret McKee Hickman, Miriam McKee Cervený, and Beverly McKee Newell; and two grandchildren.

Services and interment are at 10 a.m. today, January 14, 2022, at Monteagle Sunday School Assembly Cemetery or alternatively, in the event of inclement weather, at Morton Memorial United Methodist Church in Monteagle. Reception will follow interment at Morton Memorial United Methodist Church. Donations in lieu of flowers should be made to Wayne and Virginia Jervis Bible Week Fund of Monteagle Sunday School Assembly Endowment or to Morton Memorial United Methodist Church. For complete obituary to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

## Ina May Myers

Ina May Myers , age 94, of Sewanee, died on Dec. 22, 2021. She was the daughter of William Cecil Myers and Elsie Campbell Myers. She attended college at Louisiana Tech University and the University of Tennessee, as well as summer school at Sewanee before it officially went coed many years later. After college, she kept the books at the Sewanee Steam Laundry, where her father was the manager. After taking a course on dry cleaning in Silver Spring, Md., she came back to Sewanee and established her own dry-cleaning shop, Myers Cleaners. After retiring from this business, she went on to manage the University Supply Store until she retired in 1988.

Ina was one of the first board members for the Sewanee Utility District and was the first woman to be elected to the Franklin County Commission. She was a charter member of the American Legion Auxiliary and a member of the Civil Service Board of the Franklin County Sheriff’s Department. She believed strongly in the election process and worked the polls for many years. She also worked on the Sewanee Fourth of July committee for years and was always visible making the rounds of the festivities in a golf cart. Though she did not get out much in her last few years, she was always working on various projects at home. When people came to her with questions about the past in Sewanee, she would always dig through her personal archives and find the answers. She was also very adept at researching legal matters for a number of people. She was always willing to lend a hand, even repairing and constructing buildings. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Ernest Cecil Myers; and sister, Elise Ann Myers Medford.

She is survived by her two nieces, Marcia Medford and Linda Medford Evans.

A memorial gathering will take place in the spring. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

## E. Michael Powers

E. Michael Powers, age 79, died on Dec. 7, 2021 in Savannah, Ga. He was born in Chattanooga, to Ernest Brooks Powers and Martha Burl Cherry. He attended Georgia Tech, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of the South, and a Master’s Degree from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton Business School.

Graveside services were on Dec. 10, 2021, in Bonaventure Cemetery, Savannah. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the SCAD Student Relief Fund, P.O. Box 3146, Savannah, GA 31402. For complete obituary go to <www.foxandweeks.com>.

## Billy Mack Smartt

Billy Mack Smartt, age 75, of Tracy City, died on Dec. 15,

2021. He was born on Nov. 24, 1946, to Marvin and Beccie Parsons Smartt. He was preceded in death by brothers, Jack Smartt, Leroy Smartt, Marvin Smartt, and Vernon Smartt; sisters, Susie Layne, Juanita Ashley, and Hassie Meeks; and step-daughter, Kathy Frederick.

He is survived by his wife, Janice Smartt; step-children, Bobby Smartt, Fonda Geary, Renee Reid, and Michael Smartt; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were on Dec. 16, 2021, at Plainview Cemetery, with Bro. Bobby Winton and Bro. Clayton Jones officiating. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

## Mary Ruth Tate

Mary Ruth Smalley Tate, age

87, of Sewanee, died on Dec. 24, 2021. She was born on June 14, 1934, in Chattanooga, to Ules Lester Smalley and Maggie Powell Smalley. She was an enrolled member of the United Cherokee Aniyunwiya Nation. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John D. (Dink) Tate; and son John R. (Dennis) Tate; siblings Jimmy Smalley, Linda Garrett, Norma Carroll, Connie Roach, Elizabeth Painter, Willard (Buddy) Smalley, and Bobby Smalley.

She is survived by her children Jim (Mary Jane) Tate, Doris (Lee) Trevino, Sandy (Jim) Yokley, and Carol (Phillip) Anderson; siblings Dreva (Johnny) Ladd, Ronnie Little, Doug Little, Linda Gregory, Kay Smalley, Louise Cooper, Shirley Day, Joyce Stalvey, Charles

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# Church Calendar

## 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

<https://www.mortonmemorialumc.com> on FB

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

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 Episcopal Church

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

Zoom, Sunday

## St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

## St. Mark & St. Paul

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, indoors (for those fully

vaccinated, masks required), livestream

Facebook, YouTube later

9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, Kennerly Hall

9:45 a.m. Godly Play

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

upstairs porch

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Kennerly Hall (masks

required ages 2 and up)

## St. Mary’s Sewanee

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

4 p.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom, Wednesday

## Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

## Sisters of St. Mary Convent Chapel

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Tuesday–Friday;

(7 a.m., feast days; 8 a.m., Saturdays)

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sundays, sign up online

<https://www.communityofstmarysouth.org>

5 p.m. Evening Prayer, Tuesday–Sunday

## Tracy City First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

## Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester (STEM)

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sunday, Service is broad-

cast live via Zoom

12:30 p.m. Noonday Prayer and Lectionary Bible

Study, Tuesday

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## Unitarian Universalist Church, Tullahoma

10 a.m. Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Tullahoma Sangha, Wednesday

## United Pentecostal, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Worship, Wednesday

## Valley Home Community Church, Pelham

10 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday



## Obituaries (from page 4)

Smalley, Larry Smalley, and Andy Beason; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren, five great-great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were on Dec. 28, 2021 from the Chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home, Monteagle. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

### Johnnie Gene Walker

Johnnie Gene Walker, age 75, of Tullahoma died on Dec. 16, 2021. She was born on Oct. 7, 1946, in Sewanee, to John and Dixie Smith Beene. She was an educator for 50 years with Franklin County Schools, and also played and coached softball. She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her children, Becky (James) Cowan, Josh (Laura) Hornaday and Julie (Chris) Watkins; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild, special friend, Rosemary Vaughan, and adopted sisters, Elaine V. Weaver, Susan D'Angelo, Teddy Corbin, Bettie Copeland, Jeannie Rymer and Karen Vaughan.

Funeral Services were on Dec. 19, 2021 from the Chapel of Moore-Cortner Funeral Home. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

### Velma Inez Willis

Velma Inez Willis, age 76 of Tracy City, died on Dec. 14, 2021. She was born on Jan. 20, 1942, in Tracy City, to Clarence Edward Church and Jenny Annie Lee Lawson Church. She attended Shook Elementary School, Tracy City, for grades 1-8, and graduated in 1960 from Grundy County High School, and attended Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro. She held a variety of positions during her adult work experiences, including banking, management, government, hospitality, and small business owner/operator. She was employed at the Grundy County Courthouse, as Deputy Trustee for tax collection and bookkeeping, then as Deputy Registrar of Deeds; and last as Registrar-at-Large (voting records). From 1983-85 she was administrative assistant in the county's executive office, when she moved to the private industry Council of the Greater Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce. She was an avid reader of history, and discovered her tribal ancestry in multiple lines to her family's tree.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph Houston Willis; daughters, Jennie Ann (George) DeMotta and Bobbie White (Jared) Buckner; four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were on Dec. 19, 2021 from the Foster and Lay Chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home, Tracy City, with Bro. Danny Coffelt officiating. Interment followed in Hunerwadel Community Cemetery, Beersheba Springs. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions in her name be made to Grundy County Historical Society Heritage Center, PO Box 1422, 465 Railroad Ave., Tracy City TN 37387. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.



# Church News

## All Saints' Chapel

All Saints' Chapel Holy Eucharist will occur at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday mornings. You can livestream the 11 a.m. service at <https://new.sewanee.edu/campus-life/believing/all-saints-chapel/>.

Growing in Grace continues at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 16, in All Saints' Chapel. The semester-long theme is "Fruits of Our Labor." Growing in Grace is an informal worship service that is designed for students and community members, featuring student-led acoustic music, a different speaker each week, and Holy Communion.

The Catechumenate continues at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 19. The Catechumenate is a brave, safe space to explore the Christian faith or go deeper into your own spirituality. If you are looking for a small group setting that offers a place to question, share, or simply be present, we encourage you to join us. All are welcome to attend. Meetings are held in the Bairnwick Women's Center.

## St. Mark and St. Paul

The 8:30 a.m. Sunday Holy Eucharist is in the church for those fully vaccinated for at least 2 weeks. Masking is required indoors. The 8:30 a.m. service is also livestreamed on our Facebook page. It is available there and on our YouTube channel at 11 a.m. and afterward.

The 11 a.m. Sunday Holy Eucharist for all is in Kennerly Hall with curtailed singing. Masking required for ages 2 and up.

Godly Play for Children: Two Montessori-based classes meet 9:45-10:45 a.m. inside with open windows and masks. We will go to the playground, weather permitting.

Nursery: Sunday mornings 9:45 a.m. until noon. Infants and small children are invited to gather downstairs to form relationships and have fun! The new nursery room is in the basement of the parish hall (in Sewanee Children's Center). Masks are required indoors for those age 2 and above. The children will be taken outside in nice weather.

Sunday's Forum, 9:45-10:45 a.m. is in Kennerly Hall. Masking required. The forum also streams on our Facebook Page. Our theme is "A Year with St. Mark & St. Paul" and explores Christian life in light of our previous and present/future patrons. This Sunday, Wallace Benton will present on "Antiracism Work at All Saints."

## Tullahoma Sangha

Tullahoma Sangha, a Zen Buddhist meditation and study group, meets each Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Tullahoma. The service will consist of zazen (meditation), a short lesson, and discussion. Newcomers are welcome; please call ahead and we will have a short orientation at 5:45 p.m. The church is located at 3536 New Manchester Hwy., Tullahoma. For more information call (931) 588-8935.

## Unitarian Universalist Church

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Tullahoma has resumed in-person services. This Sunday's speaker will be Robin Dunn. The title of the talk is, "Lessons from a Salamander." Masks are required. The service begins Sunday at 10:00, followed by refreshments and a discussion period. The church is located at 3536 New Manchester Hwy in Tullahoma. For more information, call (931) 455-8626, or visit the church's web site at www.tullahomauu.org.

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This will be an exciting year for programming at St. Mary's Sewanee: Ayres Center for Spiritual Development. Along with honoring the traditional programs, we are adding diverse and new retreats both onsite and online.

Since many are not quite ready for in person group gatherings, St. Mary's Sewanee plans to continue its online presence throughout the year to stay connected to our guests seeking "Rest, Renewal, and Reconnection" while staying safe at home. In addition, the onsite retreats are scheduled with extra safety policies in place to protect our guests and staff.

New presenter, Janka Livoncova, will be offering several programs, beginning with a four-week online series, Mindfulness 101 at 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 18. Janka is an Insight Meditation Teacher as well as a Yoga Instructor and Somatic Movement Educator.

We welcome back to our online programming Rebecca Impello who will lead a Saturday workshop on Feb. 5, "Beyond the Five Senses: A Mindful Exploration of Physical Awareness." Becca is a physical therapist and yoga instructor who has incorporated mindfulness practices in healing both mind and body.

During this season of Lent, Tom Ward, an SMS favorite, will lead an onsite traditional Centering Prayer Retreat the weekend of Feb. 25-27. Guests are asked to be fully vaccinated and adhere to all CDC safety guidelines throughout the program.

To find out more about 2022 sponsored programs visit our website event calendar, <www.stmaryssewanee.org> or call Reservations at (931) 598-5342.

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tion of a single-family dwelling, separate living quarters must not have separate entrances.

“That would make a duplex out of a single-family residence,” Geary said.

Planning Commission Chair Iva Michelle Russell acknowledged “The dignity of separate domicile ... [as] an important part of the culture.”

The planning commission will revisit the question at a workshop on R-3 and R-4 zoning prior to the Feb. 1 meeting.

Matt Sparacio, owner of an approximate 150-acre tract, presented an overview of his plan for an agritourism complex at a site between the Country Mart and Dollar General. Sparacio’s plan calls for raising pigs, goats, cattle and chickens, and selling the meat raised. The venue would offer hiking, educational and holiday theme tours, a petting zoo and include a large event building with restrooms and play areas featuring a “pretend” farmers market and veterinary clinic. Town planner Annaya Shalun said Monteagle commercial zoning allowed agriculture uses. With agricultural uses in mind, Geary approved a pole barn, but Sparacio wanted to add restrooms and other amenities not consistent with agricultural use.

Rather than amending rules governing agricultural uses, Shalun recommended the town consider an Agricultural Overlay District, a solution adopted by other municipalities.

“It sounds almost too liberal to me,” said Mayor Marilyn Campbell Rodman, expressing concern neighboring property owners might object to livestock being raised.

Shalun stressed the “flexibility” of the Agricultural Overlay District model. “You can tailor it to exactly what you want.”

Shalun will provide the commission with examples of Agricultural Overlay Districts in other communities as a possible strategy for Sparacio to move forward.

Mike Henning addressed the commission on behalf of a coalition of 38 Cooley’s Rift residents who want to purchase a 350-acre tract of land adjoining Cooley’s Rift, offered for sale by the developers for hunting and timbering. Henning said the group had money in escrow to purchase the property and intended to attach restrictive covenants to the tract “to protect it and leave it forever wild.” Problems arose, Shalun explained, because regulations required an access easement built to construction standards, which was not possible on the bluff tract. Subdividing the tract with the impacted adjacent landowners assuming ownership allowed access, except for one landlocked parcel. For the sale to proceed, the planning commission needed to approve the subdivided plat, Shalun said.

The prospective buyers will work with Shalun to resolve the landlocked issue. The planning commission will hold a special called meeting at 10 a.m., Friday, Jan. 21, to approve the subdivided plat so the sale can move forward on the contracted Jan. 30 closing date. Henning expressed concern if the sale did not go forward, a timber company could purchase the land.

Resident Dean Lay spoke in support of keeping property highly visible from the interstate in a natural state and suggested the commission consider regulations to curtail timber harvest on highly visible bluff tracts within its regional zoning authority.

## Franklin County Schools: Addressing Teacher Retention

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

Responding to input received at the December workshop on teacher retention, at the Jan. 10 meeting the Franklin County School Board voted to provide term life insurance with a \$20,000 benefit to all full-time school system employees. The board also recognized teacher of the year awardees.

Human Resources Supervisor Linda Foster presented two life insurance options: a policy paying a \$10,000 benefit costing the school system \$14,710 annually and a policy with \$20,000 benefit costing \$28,565 annually. Foster pointed out Franklin County Schools currently provided long-term disability insurance for noncertified employees, at a cost of \$48,495 annually, but no one had ever used the benefit. County Finance Director Andrea Smith said the county formerly offered long-term disability to county employees but dropped the policy in favor of offering term life with a \$10,000 benefit. Only two employees had received long-term disability benefits, Smith explained.

Offering term life insurance “could be life changing for families,” board member Sara Liechty said.

Board Vice Chair Lance Williams suggested dropping the long-term disability policy and providing term life with a \$10,000 benefit, possibly revisiting the benefit amount in the future. The board decided, instead, to provide employees with the \$20,000 benefit. Board member Sarah Marhevsky noted the \$48,000 savings from dropping the long-term disability insurance would more than pay the premium for the \$20,000 benefit.

Following up on another issue raised at the teacher retention workshop, Director of Schools Stanley Bean said the committees formed to address teacher dissatisfaction would likely report to the board in March. The teacher retention workshop reflected a need to address five issues: sup-

port, apathy, and morale; getting students up to reading level; social and mental health; pay; and community perception. The committees were charged with investigating why there was a problem, how to make improvements, and how to measure the success of changes made. “They may go in a different direction than we’re even thinking about,” Bean observed.

Bean announced the teachers selected by their schools as teacher of the year. The awardees will be the county’s nominees for recognition at the state level. Liechty suggested the recognized teachers receive a monetary gift, noting some school systems gave teacher of the year awardees \$1,000 or more. The board will take up the suggestion at a February 7 workshop. The following educators were selected as “Teacher of the Year”: Beverly Smith (Broadview); Deborah Harris (Clark Memorial); Tammy Condra (Cowan); Sue Heaton (Decherd); Dana Knight (North Lake); Janelle Sullivan (Rock Creek); Donna Barnes (Sewanee); Paula Watts (North Middle); Jessica Allen (South Middle); Brittney Butner (Franklin County High School); Leslie Jones, Brook Davis, Karen Mathews (Huntland Elementary, Middle, and High School).

Reporting on federal Elementary and Secondary School Extended Relief (ESSER) funding, Bean said the school system was required to seek public input on the ESSER 3 Plan every six months. Going forward, Bean will include the invitation to offer input on the board meeting agenda and asked to be advised in advance of discussion topics so he could provide information if needed. Liechty requested additional information on plans for spending funds designated for teacher retention.

The board will meet at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 7, for a workshop on School District Goals and the Code of Conduct. The regular February board meeting will follow the workshop.

**Debut** (from page 1)

Herron, percussion. Gilligan said it is the aim of this work to comment and invite further discussion on the social issues facing the current and new America.

“This work is about progress and persistence, about standing firm... it weaves together themes that are as relevant now as they were then. The song cycle begins and ends with the question of a dream deferred, offering a musical setting of the 1951 poem by Langston Hughes. It visits a reworking of the civil rights song, “We Shall Not Be Moved,” words that were sung on the Edmund Pettis Bridge in 1965 during the March from Selma to Montgomery,” Gilligan said. “Passages from [activists] explore issues of voter rights and the idea of standing one’s ground. Lewis asks, ‘How long can we be patient?’ and King reminds us that freedom is ‘in our hands’ as we march toward justice. In the end, we return to the question, what happens to a dream deferred? And we hope that, with each struggle, with each fight, when we stand our ground, when we make measured progress while refusing to retreat, maybe we’ll come closer to realizing that dream.”

Kerry Ginger, assistant professor of music at the University, performed with the ensemble in 2019 for their Rachmaninoff Vespers concert series and again for a recording project this October. She said that it is particularly special to have an ensemble like Kinnara representing the South in the world of choral music.

“Southern Dissonance’ in particular is such a powerful work because it illuminates and enhances mighty voices from the civil rights struggle in our neighboring state. I think “Southern Dissonance” is important at this moment because the issues of voting rights, racial justice, and fair, equitable democratic institutions are being urgently and hotly contested in American society,” Ginger said. “The writers and speakers in the piece remind us that freedom is incremental and hard-won, that disillusionment and distrust always loom, and that there is hope for change where there is a will to dismantle violence and hatred.”

Reverend Peter Gray, University chaplain, echoed Ginger’s sentiments, saying that Kinnara’s performance of “Southern Dissonance” will be a poignant way of honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“One of the University’s values is courage. [And we know that] our heroes – the people we love to tell stories about at Sewanee – were the courageous among us. As we celebrate Dr. King this year, my hope is that this performance will inspire each of us to be courageous as we strive for justice, equity and sustainability in Sewanee and in the broader society,” Gray said.

Sewanee’s Kinnara performance will be one of four world-premiere performances of Gilligan’s work and will be premiered alongside David Lang’s Pulitzer Prize winning composition, “the little match girl passion,” based on the 1845 Hans Christian Andersen story.

Masks are required for all who attend per the University’s masking mandate. Kinnara will also be giving masterclasses with University students during the day of their concert.



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**Bodyworks You University** is currently located at the American Legion Hall, 36 University Ave., Sewanee BUT will be moving to its new, permanent location at 293 Ball Park Road, Sewanee in February! Check our website [www.bodyworksyouniversity.com](http://www.bodyworksyouniversity.com) for more information and pricing. Zoom link listed on the website.

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## Community Chest Spotlight: Little Bellas

The 2021-22 Sewanee Community Chest Fund Drive is underway. Sponsored by the Sewanee Civic Association, the Sewanee Community Chest raises money yearly for local charitable organizations serving the area. This year's goal of \$102,291 will help 20 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 our entire community.

This week we shine the spotlight on Little Bellas.

Little Bellas is a national organization, with an active chapter in Sewanee. Little Bellas is a mentoring on mountain bikes program that is open to girls of all abilities. The goal is to create an environment where learning mountain biking skills, building confidence, and growing the camaraderie among young girls is centered around having fun. The focus is getting families out into nature and onto the trails.

The Little Bellas program enables girls who may not be as active to try cycling as a method to get out in to nature and have fun, thus creating a habit about getting kids outside. The program is non-competitive, but more about forming relationships between girls, and between girls and volunteer women mentors.

Little Bellas will receive \$250 from the Sewanee Community Chest for program/project-based support in the children's program funding area. This grant will be used to help with tuition assistance and loaner equipment for girls to go to summer camp. The camp will work with 12 to 20 girls between the age of 7-13. Four women in the community will be volunteering to mentor the girls during the camp. The camp will offer games, working on biking skills, riding the trails, and having fun.

Since 1908, the goal of the Sewanee Community Chest has been to help citizens by funding the community. With Community Chest donations, local organizations provide for basic needs such as books, food, animal care, housing, scholarships, recreational spaces, elder care, children's educational needs and more. 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. Go to <<http://sewaneeccivic.org>> for more information or to donate online.

## Local Businesses Support South Cumberland Community Fund

The South Cumberland Community Fund (SCCF) shared results from a pilot project to create partnerships with local businesses. Seven local businesses, five in Sewanee and two in Monteagle, combined forces to raise over \$3,800 to support community philanthropy on the Mountain. Participating were Blue Chair Café, Bakery, and Tavern, Bodyworks Youniversity, Taylor's Mercantile, Shenanigans, Oakes & Oliver's Modern Mercantile, Tower Bank, and Lynn Stubblefield with University Realty.

The project was organized and launched by SCCF board member Eddie Krenson, of Monteagle, with the able guidance of Jimmy Wilson, proprietor of the Blue Chair and a member of the Sewanee Business Alliance.

"Look, my dad taught me to give back 10 fold," said Wilson. "When times are bad, be the widow who gives her small amount. At other times, be more generous. I've seen the good that SCCF has done, and I wanted to be part of something productive on the Mountain, and I wanted to help launch this effort."

Participating businesses contributed to the fundraiser by either collecting donations at point of sale or contributing a percentage of net revenue over a defined period of time. For the pilot, that span was the week of Sewanee's Homecoming.

"We are thrilled with the results of the pilot," said Krenson. "The generosity of the participants was really inspiring, and we also learned a lot about how to organize an effort that will help build our community of donors."

Contributions to the South Cumberland Community Fund provide a foundation for a competitive grant program, and nonprofit organizations on the South Cumberland Plateau are eligible to apply. The program has two rounds: a spring round assessed by a grants committee made up of local residents, and a fall round that is part of an innovative philanthropy internship program where Sewanee students learn the basic operations of philanthropy by shadowing the grants committee and studying philanthropic theory.

In 2021, SCCF made grants of approximately \$120,000 to 14 local nonprofits.

SCCF also supports a Community Development Program in partnership with the University of the South, working alongside community partners to build the capacity of the local government and nonprofit community. SCCF supports the costs of training and strategic planning to strengthen nonprofits and both the University and SCCF support a Community Development Director and a VISTA program that provides local organizations with capacity building support.

"We are really hoping to build our community of business partners in shaping really important community development work on the Mountain," said Krenson. "We are deeply grateful to the businesses that helped us in 2021 on this proof of concept. We learned a great deal, and are eager to build on the project in 2022." Krenson plans to have an annual business outreach and plans to expand it to other communities on the Plateau.

For information about the South Cumberland Community Fund or the business outreach initiative, call (931) 598-1821.

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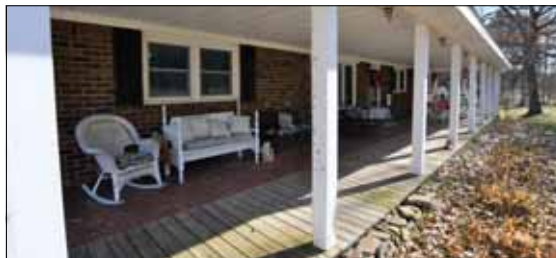
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## SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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, Jan. 17:** Philly steak sandwich, chips.

**Tuesday, Jan. 18:** Lasagna, salad, garlic bread.

**Wednesday, Jan. 19:** Chicken livers, mashed potatoes slaw, biscuit.

**Thursday, Jan. 20:** Pork chop, fried apples, green beans, roll.

**Friday, Jan. 21:** Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, roll.

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

Chair exercise with Ruth is from 10:30–11:45 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

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.

## Met Live in HD Tickets Available

The Sewanee Music Department is excited to continue the Met Live in HD broadcasts this year.

The upcoming operas will be broadcasted at the The William Ralston Music Listening Library & Archive, 178 Georgia Ave., Sewanee. Ticket prices are \$25 with a \$10 ticket for Sewanee students with student IDs.

At 11:45 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 29, the Met Live in HD opera will be “Rigoletto” (206 minutes). Buy tickets here: <https://buytickets.at/sewaneesummermusicfestival/625575>

Bartlett Sher's bold new take on Verdi's timeless tragedy arrives in cinemas on Jan. 29. The Tony Award-winning director resets the opera's action in 1920s Europe, with Art Deco sets by Michael Yeargan and elegant costumes by Catherine Zuber, themselves boasting a combined 11 Tony Awards. Baritone Quinn Kelsey, a commanding artist at the height of his powers, brings his searing portrayal of the title role to the Met for the first time, starring alongside soprano Rosa Feola as Gilda and tenor Piotr Beczala as the Duke of Mantua, with leading maestro Daniele Rustioni on the podium. This live cinema transmission is part of the Met's award-winning Live in HD series, bringing opera to movie theaters across the globe.

Upcoming broadcasts include:

11 a.m., Saturday, March 26, Don Carlos, Verdi Met Live in HD (314 minutes). Tickets: <https://buytickets.at/sewaneesummermusicfestival/625585>.

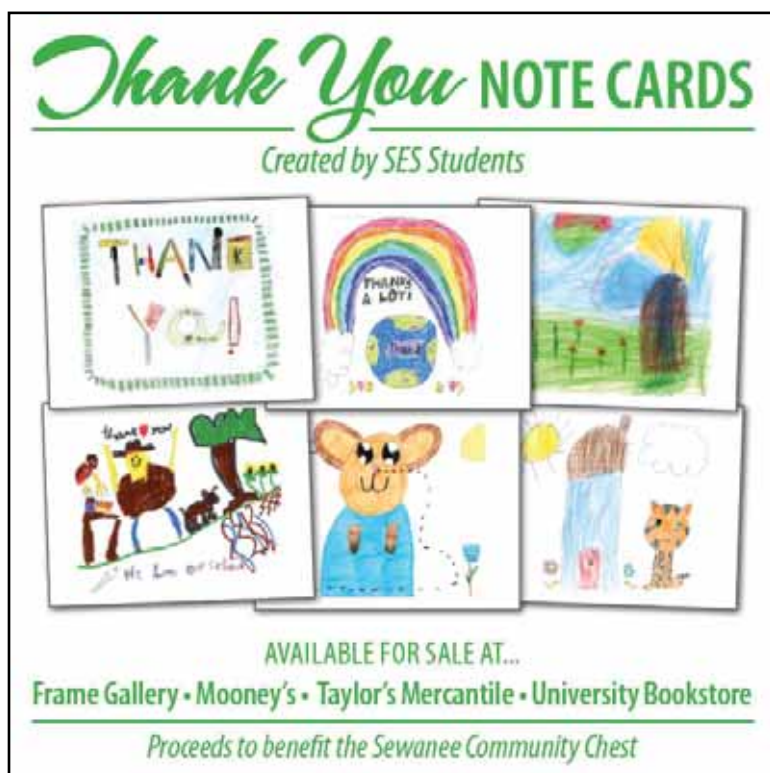
11:45 a.m., Saturday, May 7, Turandot, Puccini Met Live in HD (206 minutes). Tickets: <https://buytickets.at/sewaneesummermusicfestival/627455>.



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## ‘Behind the SEEN’ at UAG

The University Art Gallery is delighted to present Behind the SEEN: Process, Performance, and Practice in the Work of Fahamu Pecou.

Performance, specifically the performance of Black masculinity, is at the heart of Atlanta-based artist Fahamu Pecou's artistic practice, from inhabiting and toying with hip-hop personas to reimagining and performing Egungun masquerade - an Ifa religious ritual from West Africa.

Throughout his work, Pecou manipulates roles and stereotypes in order to question how Black masculinity and identity are imagined, circumscribed, and read. Associations of high and low are reversed, and the conventions and symbols of pop culture, of Trap music, of Yoruba culture, of academia, are combined to thwart expectations. Pecou's compelling images invite and challenge the viewer, and work, in his words, “to subvert the gaze,” that is, to make us think about our own act of looking.

Carefully orchestrated photo sessions, planned in collaboration with photographers, stylists, make-up artists, and models, are the starting point for each of his projects. Pecou performs the central role. His face is most often averted or obscured - with cotton, or sunglasses, or the crown of an

oba. The artist is not the subject of the photographs. Instead, he uses his body to make visible the role he plays. These photo sessions yield hundreds of source images that become the foundation for Pecou's drawings and paintings. Each rendering of an image in paint and graphite becomes another performance.

“Behind the SEEN: Process, Performance, and Practice in the Work of Fahamu Pecou” includes images from multiple bodies of work, including Trapademia, Trapademia II: Lit, Memory, and Praise Songs. It is the first public exhibition of reference images from Pecou's studio sessions, featuring never-before-seen photographs alongside paintings, and offering a glimpse into the artist's process.

Pecou will present his work in conversation with Emmanuel Asiedu-Acquah at 5 p.m., Monday, Jan. 20, in Guerry Auditorium.

Sewanee's University Art Gallery is located at 68 Georgia Ave., on the campus of the University of the South. It is free, open to the public, and accessible. For more information go to [gallery.sewanee.edu](http://gallery.sewanee.edu). Please note that the gallery is closed during the University of the South's academic breaks. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and noon to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

## Foster is the Babson Center's 2022 Humphreys Entrepreneur-in-Residence

Nashville singer, songwriter, author, and actor, Radney Foster, C'82, will be the Babson Center's Humphreys Entrepreneur-in-Residence for the 2022 Easter semester. Navigating the fluid nature of the music industry, Foster will share insights of his journey from West Texas to Sewanee to the Music City and will offer wisdom to his success.

During his visit, Foster will meet with students and faculty and deliver a campus presentation titled, “The Business of Creativity,” at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 20, in Convocation Hall. All are welcome to attend. Masks required.

A legendary singer/songwriter, Radney Foster first earned national attention with Foster & Lloyd, the first duo in history to top the Country charts with a debut single, “Crazy Over You.” In the early 1990's, Mr. Foster released his first solo album, Del Rio, Texas 1959, with five singles on the Billboard country charts. His latest album, For You to See the Stars, is a two-part project: a book and a CD. Foster expanded his lyrical prose in this collection of short stories and displays the strong imagery found in his songwriting.

The Sewanee alumnus has written eight number one hit singles, including his own “Nobody Wins,” and “Crazy Over You” with duo Foster & Lloyd. His discography contains countless cuts by artists ranging anywhere from country (Keith Urban, The Chicks, Luke Bryan, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) to contemporary (Marc Broussard, Hootie & The Blowfish, Kenny Loggins, Los Lonely Boys).

After taking acting lessons in 2014 to explore another form of storytelling, Mr. Foster landed the starring role in Troubadour, a country music musical, and appeared in the feature film, Beauty Mark, in 2017. Currently, he is producing the Randy Rogers Band next record, working on another book, writing a screenplay, and preparing for the 30th anniversary tour for Del Rio, Texas 1959. He also participates in weekend retreats and workshops with the nonprofit organization, Songwriting with Soldiers.

Join us for a fascinating discussion with a singer and songwriter who “made it” in Music City with hard work, business savvy, and a constant flow of creativity while adapting to the ever-changing music industry. This event is co-sponsored by the Department of Music and the Department of English.

The Humphreys Entrepreneur-in-Residence program is made possible by a gift from Debra and David Humphreys, C'79. For more information about the Babson Center for Global Commerce and our events, please visit: [babsoncg.sewanee.edu](http://babsoncg.sewanee.edu).



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### LUNCH

**Monday, Jan. 17:** No School

**Tuesday, Jan. 18:** Hamburger/cheeseburger, French fries, baked beans, carrot dip-pers, fruit, milk.

**Wednesday, Jan. 19:** Spaghetti, meat sauce, battered potato bites, garden salad, beadstick, fruit, milk.

**Thursday, Jan. 20:** Oven-roasted chicken or chef salad, cheesy broccoli, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, fruit, milk.

**Friday, Jan. 21:** Pizza, green beans, buttered corn, fruit, milk.

### BREAKFAST

Each day, students select one or two items.

**Monday, Jan. 17:** No School

**Tuesday, Jan. 18:** Meat biscuit, fruit.

**Wednesday, Jan. 19:** Mini donuts, fruit, juice, fruit; Pre-K: cereal, cheese stick, fruit.

**Thursday, Jan. 20:** Meat biscuit, fruit, juice.

**Friday, Jan. 21:** Breakfast bread slice, fruit, juice.

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

## Vote for South Cumberland State Park

Tennessee State Parks are accepting donations throughout January for the annual My TN State Park fundraiser, where state park enthusiasts can “vote” for their favorite state park by making contributions.

Each dollar donated to a state park of choice will count as one vote for that park. The funds will go toward projects identified by park staff as an ideal use of the funds. Those interested in voting for their favorite parks may donate at the Tennessee State Parks website <https://tnstateparks.com/donate>. Signs about the fundraiser are up at every park.

Each park will receive 100 percent of the funds donated for it. This year's voting will continue until Jan. 31 at 11:59 p.m.

The Friends group of the South Cumberland State Park (SCSP) is encouraging park visitors to make their support known through votes and donations.

All donations to the park will go toward the following 2022 planned projects:

A new aviary for park headquarters—With support from the fundraiser and the Friends, SCSP is seeking to raise \$5,000 to construct a new, larger aviary located at the park headquarters in Monteagle.

A new trail bridge at Grundy Forest—With support from the fundraiser and the Friends, the park is hoping to raise \$50,000 to replace the aging wooden trail bridge and stairs at Blue Hole Falls on the Grundy Forest Day Loop trail.

New staircases for easier access to Greeter Falls—The park is also seeking to raise \$50,000 for two new staircases to provide better and easier access to both the upper and lower falls at Greeter Falls.

To learn more about the Friends of South Cumberland go to [www.friendsofsouthcumberland.org](http://www.friendsofsouthcumberland.org).



## Women's Basketball Falls Short to Fast-Paced BSC Squad

The University of the South women's basketball team played a run-and-gun game with the Panthers of Birmingham-Southern College, but it was the visitors who secured the 113-105 victory in a Southern Athletic Association (SAA) contest, Jan. 9, inside Juhan Gymnasium.

Sewanee was able to stay on point in the first period with the visitors, as they held a 25-24 lead after one quarter of play.

BSC used a strong second quarter with a 35-20 frame to push the lead back in their favor at the break. The Panthers posted a 14-point lead, 59-45.

Sewanee did outscore BSC in the second half, 60-54, to cut in. The Tigers secured many superlatives on Sunday despite the setback. Keisha Phillips earned career-bests in points (34), rebounds (15) and field goals made (14). The 34 points are the fourth-most in program history, according to acquired records.

Abby Young matched her personal bests in points and rebounds with 16 and eight, respectively.

Kayla Antoine also had a banner day with 19 points on 8-of-13 shooting and crashed the boards 10 times.

Ellie Treanton also contributed 16 points and added seven rebounds.

## Men's Basketball Opens 2022 Schedule with OT Win

The University of the South men's basketball team went back and forth with the Majors of Millsaps College on Jan. 7 from Juhan Gymnasium. With Sewanee not having played in over a month, the team was forced to play 45 minutes of basketball in the Southern Athletic Association (SAA) affair, and it was the Tigers who made clutch free throws down the stretch to earn the 86-83 victory.

The teams traded points back-and-forth, but it was the visitors who had the lead for 18:14 of the frame and held on to a 37-34 lead at the break.

Sewanee would reclaim the lead for the first time since an early 5-2 score less than a minute into the second half, but the seesaw battle in the first 20 minutes continued into the final 20 minutes of regulation.

Millsaps, after a 3-pointer by Cameron Williams, made it a seven-point affair, 73-66, with two minutes left in regulation. Sewanee used a John Crump three-pointer and a Russ Marr jumper to make it a two-point game.

Following a timeout, the visitors posted a crucial layup with 25 seconds remaining to push the deficit for the Purple and White to two possessions, 75-71. The Majors decide to foul and put Luka Avaliani on the charity stripe, where he entered the game converting eight of 18 shots from that part of the floor. The freshman knocked down both free throws to push the deficit back to two points, 75-73.

On their next possession, Sewanee fouls to send Bryce Brown to the line for a 1-and-1. However, he fails on converting the front-end, and a Blake Bouldin rebound gave Sewanee the ball with 12 seconds left. However, with Sewanee still in the 1-and-1, Millsaps fouls Avaliani again in the backcourt. Once again, he drained both shots to even the score at 75. After a desperation shot from Millsaps on the other end, the game was forced to overtime.

After the teams traded buckets early in the extra period, Tre Corrigan knocked two key free throws with 2:34 left to give Sewanee the lead for good. Despite the Purple and White converting one field goal in OT, they did go a perfect 8-of-8 from the charity stripe.

Russ Marr posted a 7-of-15 mark from the floor and finished with 23 points. The freshman also added seven boards.

Luka Avaliani knocked down four key free throws late in regulation to force the game to overtime. The freshman finished with his first career double-double, earning a personal-best 18 points and 10 boards.

Colin Kahl, despite playing into foul trouble, posted 17 points on 7-of-9 from the floor in 21 minutes, while Tre Corrigan added 11 points in the second half and overtime.

## Women's Basketball Falls Apart Late to Majors

The University of the South women's basketball team saw a 16-point lead erased by the Majors of Millsaps College, as the visitors took the victory, 57-51, Jan. 7 inside Juhan Gymnasium in a Southern Athletic Association (SAA) tilt.

The Purple and White had a great start, as they opened the game on a 7-0 run en route to a 14-8 lead after 10 minutes.

Sewanee posted an 8-of-13 mark from the field in the second stanza to extend its lead to 33-20.

The Tigers would get the lead up to 16 points, 36-20, with 8:43 left in the third quarter, but the Majors held the hosts to a six-minute drought and posted a 15-0 run at one point to claim their first lead in the fourth quarter. The visitors would not relinquish the lead the rest of the way.

Ellie Treanton posted a team-high 10 points and added seven boards and six dimes.

Keisha Phillips recorded 10 rebounds to lead all players. She also contributed eight points and two blocks.

## Keisha Phillips Wins SAA Player of the Week Award

The Southern Athletic Association (SAA) announced that Keisha Phillips of the University of the South women's basketball team was awarded the SAA Women's Basketball Player of the Week award after her career efforts last weekend against Millsaps and Birmingham-Southern.

After posting an eight-point, 10-rebound performance on Friday night against the Majors, Phillips posted new career-bests in points (34), rebounds (15) and field goals made (14) against the Panthers on Sunday.

Shooting 14-of-24 from the floor, the senior dropped the fourth-best point total in program history, according to acquired records.

The Clarksville Academy product finished the weekend with 42 points on 17-of-38 from the field and 8-of-11 from the charity stripe. On ball control, she grabbed 25 rebounds and blocked three shots.

So far this season, Phillips is shooting 42.8 percent from the floor and averaging 12.5 points and 8.2 rebounds per game.

## Men's Basketball Downs Birmingham-Southern

The University of the South men's basketball team recorded a 79-74 victory over Birmingham-Southern College in a Southern Athletic Association (SAA) contest, Jan. 9, inside Juhan Gymnasium.

Sewanee had a strong first half from the floor with a 62 percent mark (18-of-29) from the floor, including 7-of-14 from downtown to lead 44-30 at the break.

The Purple and White had an 18-point lead with 5:42 left in the game. However, BSC would rally to cut that deficit to one point, 75-74, with 21 seconds remaining in the game. However, Russ Marr knocked free throws on the last two possessions to secure the victory.

Colin Kahl led all scorers with 23 points, posting his sixth 20-point game this season. The junior drained 10-of-16 from the field.

Russ Marr posted back-to-back 20-point performances with 20 points on 6-of-13 shooting.

Eli Holland posted 10 boards and eight points in 17 minutes off the bench.

## HOME GAMES

1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 15, University Swimming and Diving vs. Transylvania

5 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 18, SAS Boys' Varsity Basketball vs. Lookout Valley

6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 18, Women's Basketball vs. Welch

6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 20, SAS Varsity Wrestling vs. Franklin County

10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 22, SAS Swimming, Snowball Invitational

6 p.m., Friday, Jan. 28, Women's Basketball vs. Rhodes

8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 28, Men's Basketball vs. Rhodes

8:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 29, University Track and Field, Tiger Indoor Invitational

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### Friday, Jan. 14

**Day Loop Trail Run (\$10/adults; \$5/12+under) (Please pre-register at the link above.)**—Meet Park Ranger Mark Greenwood at 10:45 a.m. CST at Savage Gulf Ranger Station, 3157 S.R. 399, Palmer, for a 4.3-mile roundtrip run on Savage Gulf Day Loop. Bring water and snacks. Weather permitting. Note: area around overlooks can be treacherous. Signing up indicates you are aware of and accept the risks associated with trail running.

### Saturday, Jan. 15

**Day Loop Hike (\$10/adults; \$5/12+under) Please pre-register at the link above.)**—Meet Park Ranger Mark Greenwood at 10:45 a.m. CST at Savage Gulf Ranger Station, 3157 S.R. 399, Palmer, for a 5-mile roundtrip basic, introductory hike on the east side of Savage Gulf, on the Savage Day Loop. Note: area around overlooks can be treacherous. Signing up indicates you are aware of and accept the risks associated.

**Full Moon Night Hike to the Great Stone Door (\$10) (Hike is limited to the first 10 people to pre-register. Please pre-register at the link above. Registration closes at midnight the day before the event)**—Meet Park Ranger Spencer Baxter at 6:15 p.m. CST at Stone Door Ranger Station, 1183 Stone Door Rd., Beersheba Springs, for a 2-mile roundtrip hike to Stone Door Overlook, to experience the night sky and full moon in beautiful Savage Gulf State Natural Area. You'll pass several overlooks on the way. Bring your own headlamp, sturdy hiking boots, and appropriate clothing for the weather, along with your spirit of adventure.

### Sunday, Jan. 16

**Night Hike to Suter Falls (\$8/adults; \$5/kids) (Please pre-register at the link above.)**—Meet Park Ranger Kristin Willis at 3:45 p.m. CST at Collins West/Savage South Parking Lot, 2689 55th Ave. North, Gruetli-Laager, for a 2-mile roundtrip strenuous night hike to Suter Falls. The terrain is steep and rocky. Be prepared with headlamps or flashlights (don't use the flashlight on your cellphone!) If there is ice and/or snow the hike will be canceled.

### Tuesday, Jan. 18

**Grundy Day Loop Nature Hike (\$5)**—Meet Park Ranger Daniel Wescoat at 8 a.m. CST at Fiery Gizzard Parking Lot, 131 Fiery Gizzard Rd., Tracy City, for a guided 2-mile hike around the Grundy Forest Day Loop. You'll see two waterfalls and several cascades. The terrain is uneven so wear sturdy shoes or boots, and bring snacks and water.

The South Cumberland State Park Visitors' Center is located on Highway 41 South between Monteagle and Tracy City and is open 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. seven days a week. For more information call (931) 924-2980.

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by Yolande Gottfried

### Hooded Merganser

We had a male Hooded Merganser on our small pond from the week before Christmas until this past week, when the pond started freezing over. We have never had a passing waterfowl spend so much time on the pond and we greatly enjoyed watching his behavior. At first we thought he was a Bufflehead, because with his crest up, the two heads do look similar. Later we could see the rusty-colored sides of the merganser and the black stripes on his breast, where the Bufflehead is white. The merganser also has a more pointed bill. He spent most of his time on the bank of the pond, right at the water's edge, resting or preening. He would launch into the water to feed, perhaps once in the morning and once in the afternoon, diving and staying under water for at least 10 seconds and popping up at some distance. They hunt underwater by sight, with eyes specially adapted for this, and catch their prey in the serrated bill. We are not sure what he was eating because we have no fish in our pond. He may have been after tadpoles and frogs, salamanders, and aquatic insects such as dragonfly nymphs. Maybe once a day he would swim to the middle of the pond and take a bath, raising up and flapping his wings, working on his breast, and generally flinging water around. They are not uncommon in our area. George Burress saw a small flock of them on Woods Reservoir on Jan. 8 of this year, along with many other species of waterfowl, as reported to eBird for Franklin County. The male Hooded Merganser is a most handsome bird and it was an unexpected pleasure to be able to watch one so closely for so long. We miss him.



Spunky



Polly

## Marion County Master Gardener Application Deadline, Jan. 17

Do you have a passion for gardening? Do you want to share that passion with your local community while you learn? The Tennessee Master Gardener Program might be right up your alley. The Master Gardener program is a volunteer service program that serves state citizens with home horticulture information while training, certifying, and equipping volunteers to provide community service through their passion of gardening.

The Marion County Master Gardener (MCMG) program begins Jan. 25 and continues each Tuesday from 9–11 a.m. through May 3, with three of those Tuesdays including 2-hour, hands-on labs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The program, open to residents of Marion and Grundy counties, will consist of group meetings at the Marion County UT Extension office where specialists and experts from the University of Tennessee will 'Zoom' in live to offices across the state to cover topics such as environmental stewardship, botany, soils, landscape design, woody ornaments, backyard fruits, insect pests, plant diseases, turf and weed management, vegetable gardening, and pollinators and wildlife.

Applications and more information can be found at <<https://marion.tennessee.edu/MG>>. Applications are due at the Marion County Extension Office by the extended deadline of Jan. 17. Applicants will be notified of acceptance to the program by Jan. 19. The cost of the program, including educational materials, refreshments, etc., is \$150 for the entire program. Deadline for payment (online, mail or in person) is Jan. 21.

Email <[mdeist@utk.edu](mailto:mdeist@utk.edu)> or phone (423) 942-2656 with questions or concerns.

## MARC's Mountain Adoptables Meet Spunky & Polly

Spunky is around 16 weeks old and lives up to his name. He has endeared himself with each and every animal (including dogs) at his foster home fearlessly coaxing the big cats to play which is no easy feat. If they won't play he will play with anything he can find or chase his shadow. Spunky has a loud purr-box he uses liberally and likes to take naps on laps. He will be an excellent kitty for some lucky family. Will you be his forever family?

Polly is around one year old. She is a sweetheart just wanting to be loved and petted. Polly is more than ready to have her very own family and forever home. If you are looking for a faithful companion, look no further.

If you would like to learn more about Spunky or Polly, please fill out an Adoption Application on the MARC website <[www.marc4change.org](http://www.marc4change.org)> or contact Sue Scruggs, cell phone (423) 619-3845. These pets are fostering on the Sewanee-Monteagle Mountain and are easy to meet. All MARC animals ready for adoption are spayed or neutered and up-to-date on their vaccines and preventatives.

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

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## WEATHER

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Dec. 13	59	36
Tue	Dec. 14	57	46
Wed	Dec. 15	60	51
Thu	Dec. 16	66	57
Fri	Dec. 17	62	58
Sat	Dec. 18	65	36
Sun	Dec. 19	58	34

Week's Stats:  
Avg max temp = 61  
Avg min temp = 45  
Avg temp = 53  
Precipitation = 1.73"

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Dec. 20	47	37
Tue	Dec. 21	54	28
Wed	Dec. 22	59	43
Thu	Dec. 23	63	38
Fri	Dec. 24	69	57
Sat	Dec. 25	70	61
Sun	Dec. 26	63	59

Week's Stats:  
Avg max temp = 61  
Avg min temp = 46  
Avg temp = 53  
Precipitation = 0.2"

Reported by Sandy Gilliam  
Domain Ranger



### CONVENIENCE/RECYCLING CENTER HOURS

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**NOTICE:** The Town of Monteagle will have the regular monthly meeting on January 31, 2022 in the Conference Room at City Hall at 6 p.m.

**NOTICE:** There will be a Public Hearing January 31, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. for the Town of Monteagle, to discuss Ordinance 21-23 an ordinance to amend section 501 of the zoning ordinance to include additional residential land uses in the R-3 zoning, Ordinance 21-24 an ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone parcels 010.00 Marion County tax map 022 from C-3 to R-3, Ordinance 21-25 an ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone parcels 011.02 Marion County tax map 022 from C-3 to R-3, Ordinance 21-26 an ordinance to amend the zoning map to rezone parcels 021.06, 021.05, 021.00 Grundy County tax map 107 from C-2 to R-1, and Ordinance 21-27 an ordinance to amend section 401 of the zoning Ordinance to include provisions for increased building height in commercial and industrial zoning districts.

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## BARDTOVERSE

by Phoebe Bates

### New Year 2022

I leant upon a coppice gate  
When Frost was spectre-grey,  
And Winter's dregs made desolate  
The weakening eye of day.  
The tangled bine-stems scored the sky  
Like strings of broken lyres,  
And all mankind that haunted nigh  
Had sought their household fires.

The land's sharp features seemed to be  
The Century's corpse outleant,  
His crypt the cloudy canopy,  
The wind his death-lament.  
The ancient pulse of germ and birth  
Was shrunken hard and dry,  
And every spirit upon earth  
Seemed fervourless as I.

At once a voice arose among  
The bleak twigs overhead  
In a full-hearted evensong  
Of joy illimited;  
An aged thrush, frail, gaunt, and small,  
In blast-beruffled plume,  
Had chosen thus to fling his soul  
Upon the growing gloom.

So little cause for carolings  
Of such ecstatic sound  
Was written on terrestrial things  
Afar or nigh around,  
That I could think there trembled through  
His happy good-night air  
Some blessed Hope, whereof he knew  
And I was unaware.

—Thomas Hardy, *The Darkling Thrush*  
(Written on Dec. 31, 1899)



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# Community Calendar

### Friday, Jan. 14

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Yin Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Center, until 11:15 a.m.
- 12:30 p.m. Vinyasa Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 1:45 p.m.
- 4 p.m. University of the South Winter Convocation, All Saints' Chapel

### Saturday, Jan. 15

- 8:30 a.m. Calming Yoga, Robie, Community Center
- 9:30 a.m. Flow Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:45 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 2 p.m.

### Sunday, Jan. 16

### Monday, Jan. 17

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day*
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Coffee with Coach, Jetmundsen, in person, Blue Chair; live stream at <facebook.com/SewaneeTigers>
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Kim, Legion Hall
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi, Shaonian, High Vibes Studio, Country Mart, Monteagle
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Center, until 11:15 a.m.
- noon Pilates, Stretch & Straighten, Kim, Legion Hall
- 4 p.m. Flow Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 5:15 p.m.
- 4 p.m. Performing Arts, Kinnara, (free) All Saints' Chapel
- 5:30 p.m. Pilates, intermediate, Bruce, Legion Hall
- 5:30 p.m. MLK Day Celebration, Cravens Hall

### Tuesday, Jan. 18

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, beginners, Kim, Legion Hall
- 8 a.m. GC Food Bank, Tracy City, drive-through pick-up only, until 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 10:30 a.m. Flow Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 11:45 a.m.
- noon Pilates, intermediate, Kim, Legion Hall
- 4:30 p.m. S. Cumberland Farmers' Market, pickup, Community Center, until 6:30 p.m.
- 5 p.m. Vinyasa Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, 6:15 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Pilates, beginners, Kim, Legion Hall
- 7 p.m. Ecstatic Dance, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 8 p.m.
- 7 p.m. Franklin County Commission, Courthouse, Winchester

### Wednesday, Jan. 19

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Kim, Legion Hall
- 9 a.m. Tai Chi, Shaonian, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10 a.m.

- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Center, until 11:15 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. EQB Club, St. Mary's Sewanee; lunch at noon; lead, Goodpaster, at 12:30 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Pilates, intermediate, Bruce, Legion Hall

### Thursday, Jan. 20

- 8 a.m. Flow Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 9:15 a.m.
- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, La Bella Pearl's
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, beginners, Kim, Legion Hall
- 10 a.m. Hospitality Shop open, until 1 p.m.
- 10 a.m. Kundalini Yoga Pippa, Zoom, <pippa-brown64@gmail.com>
- noon Pilates, intermediate, Liza, Legion Hall
- 1:30 p.m. Folks@Home Caregivers' Group, St. James outdoor pavilion, Midway Road
- 4:30 p.m. Presentation, "The Business of Creativity," Foster, Convocation Hall
- 5 p.m. Conversation, Dr. Pecou/Dr. Emmanuel Asiedu-Acquah, Guerry
- 5:30 p.m. Pilates, beginners, Kim, Legion Hall
- 6 p.m. FCDP, small meeting room, 839 Dinah Shore Blvd., Winchester
- 7 p.m. Ecstatic Dance, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 8 p.m.

### Friday, Jan. 21

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Yin Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 10:15 a.m.
- 12:30 p.m. Vinyasa Yoga, Anneli, High Vibes, Country Mart, Monteagle, until 1:45 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, Morton Memorial, Wesley House porch, Monteagle

#### Monday

- 5 p.m. Women's Recovery, Brooks Hall
- 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

#### Thursday

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

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