



# — THE SEWANEE MOUNTAIN — MESSENGER

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## Sewanee Council Considers Representing All of 37375

by Leslie Lytle  
Messenger Staff Writer

At the Jan. 11 Zoom-format meeting, the Sewanee Community Council decided to investigate extending council representation to the entire 37375 zip code. Also precedent setting, Woody Register, director of the Roberson Project on Slavery, Race and Reconciliation, offered a historical perspective on Sewanee's African-American residents. In regular business, the council heard updates on the cell tower, and garbage and recycling.

Provost Nancy Berner welcomed new council members Bruce Manuel (District 2), Lynn Stubblefield (District 3), and at-large representatives Bill Harper and John Solomon. The council appointed Spike Hosch to fill the seat vacated by Paul Schutz, who moved to California.

Former council representative Theresa Shackelford raised the issue about expanding the council's representation in September. Given time constraints, the agenda committee deferred the discussion until after the November council election. Expanding the area of representation to the entire 37375 zip code would include communities in Roarks Cove, Alto Road, along Highway 56 toward Sherwood, and the highly populated Jump Off community. "Important people in the community live there," Shackelford said, "people who want to run for the council but can't...[the 37375 zip code] is already part of the greater Sewanee area." Serving with Shackelford on the committee investigating the change are council representatives Sallie Green, Mary Priestley, Lynn Stubblefield, and June Weber.

History professor Register took the council back in time to glimpse Sewanee's thriving African-American community. Earlier in the year the council committed to make itself better informed about Sewanee's African-American roots. Register stressed the University archive and local documents contained virtually no record of African-American community members. Roberson Project researchers gleaned information about the community from African-American newspapers as distant as Nashville and Baltimore. In 1946, the council decided to include a representative chosen by the African-American community, but the name of the man selected to hold the office does not appear in the historical record of the University. Yet, in the San Antonio Register, an African-American newspaper, the story made the front page crediting Rayford L. Bailey, a WWII veteran, with being selected as the first African-American council representative in Sewanee.

"You won't learn about these people or their lives from [the University] archive," Register said.

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## TDH County Health Departments Offer COVID-19 Vaccination by Appointment

*Health Departments Scheduling by Phase as Vaccine Supplies Arrive*

Tennessee county health departments are now booking appointments for people in Phase 1 populations of the Tennessee COVID-19 Vaccination Plan and those aged 75 and up who wish to receive COVID-19 vaccinations.

Tennesseans can follow a simple, three-step process to learn when they're eligible for vaccination and register for a vaccination appointment:

**Find Your Phase**—Tennesseans can find out what phase of the vaccination plan they're in by visiting <<https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/eligibility/>>.

**Find the Phase Your County is Vaccinating**—To learn what phase your county is vaccinating, visit <<https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/vaccine-phases/>>.

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

The COVID-19 vaccines currently in use require two doses for the best protection against the virus. People who receive their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine at a county health department will be contacted to make an appointment to receive their second dose of vaccine.

The COVID-19 vaccine supply is still limited, and Tennessee counties may progress through COVID-19 vaccination phases at different times, depending on supplies of COVID-19 vaccines. Tennessee county health departments will announce additional opportunities for residents to receive vaccinations as vaccine supplies become available, and as the county moves to new phases of the vaccination plan.

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

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

The Tennessee Department of Health updated the Tennessee COVID-19 Vaccination Plan on Dec. 30. COVID-19 vaccines remain limited at this time, and Tennessee's allocation plan prioritizes those most at risk of illness and death from COVID-19. Tennessee's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan is available online at <[www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/COVID-19\\_Vaccination\\_Plan.pdf](https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/COVID-19_Vaccination_Plan.pdf)>. Find answers to frequently asked questions about COVID-19 vaccination at <[www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/COVID-19\\_Vaccine\\_FAQ.pdf](https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/COVID-19_Vaccine_FAQ.pdf)>.



Monteagle resident Lane Beaumont received the first of two doses of the new COVID vaccine on Dec. 19. Beaumont, who commutes to Houston, Texas for her work as a nurse practitioner, was excited and relieved to be among the first group of frontline workers who received the vaccine. She encourages everyone to get the vaccine, as it becomes available to the general public.



Library Director Karen Tittle. Photo by Christi Teasley

## May Justus Library Named a Star Library

May Justus Memorial Library in Monteagle was named one of America's Star Libraries in Library Journal's December publication. The ratings are based on fiscal year 2018 data from the Public Library Survey annually filled out for the state. The survey measured successful retrievals of electronic information, physical circulation, library visits, program attendance, public internet computer use, and Wi-Fi sessions. This year, 5,608 U.S. public libraries qualified to be rated in the Library Journal's index. Two hundred and sixty-two Star Libraries were recognized, each receiving a 3-Star, 4-Star, or 5-Star designation. May Justus Memorial Library received a 3-Star designation with a service population of 2,823 and an operating budget of \$16,646. Only three libraries in the state of Tennessee were recognized by Library Journal's Index of Public Library Service and Star Library ratings.

Kate Huddleston, Assistant Director of Stone River Regional Library said "We are happy that the Library Journal finally recognizes that our smaller libraries in the state can do tremendous services for their communities on the limited funding available to them. We are so proud of Library Director Karen Tittle's commitment to her community and recognition of excellence and all the work the Grundy County Library Board and local governments have done to promote and support the Grundy County libraries."

## Franklin County Schools Extend COVID Leave Policy

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the Jan. 11 meeting, the Franklin County School Board voted to extend through the end of May the COVID-19 leave policy, which expired Dec. 31. The board also heard an update from Director of Schools Stanley Bean on the pandemic's effect on school system practices, and took action on several policy recommendations.

Bean reported 130 students had opted to participate in virtual learning the second semester and 40-45 had returned to in-classroom learning. Different from Bean's previous requirement, students may now opt to participate in virtual learning without a doctor's excuse.

In keeping with Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association rules, Bean said only

parents and school employees could attend high school athletic events as spectators. For Franklin County, the rule will apply to sports at all grade levels.

Assistant Superintendent Linda Foster stressed the importance of extending the COVID-19 leave policy. The policy allows employees to take up to 10 days of paid leave, in addition to their regular sick leave, for causes related to the pandemic including illness, quarantine, and to care for family members. The Tennessee School Board Association (TSBA) recommended extending the policy, Foster said, even though it was not yet clear if federal funding would

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# Letters

## BUDDY'S PEOPLE SAY THANK-YOU

### To the Editor:

Many Sewanee people have heard about the disappearance, and as it turned out the death, of our very loved and lovable beagle Buddy last week. Buddy slipped out of the house on a frosty night to go exploring the woods—a very beagle thing to do—and never made it home. He was a great dog and we miss him terribly. A dog is one of the few examples of selfless love.

But this letter is really about the human beings of Sewanee, who rose to canine levels of kindness and generosity when news of Buddy's disappearance went out on Sewanee Classifieds and Facebook. So many people, including many strangers, looked for our dog. We met them on the trails, often with their very concerned children in tow, and heard from them by email, asking where they should search. After Buddy was found, so many people got in touch to express sympathy and tell us about their own beloved and lost pets. All of them, long-time friends and total strangers, seemed to be as heartbroken as we were. The thing

about heartbreak is, you know you have a heart. Buddy had one. So does Sewanee. We are grateful for our years with this good dog and our even more years in this good community.

Our country could learn a lot from the kind people of Sewanee.

*John Grammer, Elizabeth Grammer, Zoe Grammer, Jessie Grammer, John Grammer, Sewanee*

## WHAT THE FLAG STANDS FOR IN AMERICA

### To the Editor:

The people who wave the most flags are sometimes the most unpatriotic of all Americans. The acid test is what the flag stands for.

In our Pledge of Allegiance we say it stands for "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." No exceptions. "Indivisible" means the flag stands for all people of this beloved land, urban or rural, coastal or heartland, blue or red, and across the great ethnic and religious sweep of our American life. Any flag that represents less than that is a fake flag.

*Andy Gay, Cowan*

# December Lease Committee Meeting

The following items were approved: November minutes; request to transfer Lease No. 636 (McCone), located at 482 Tennessee Ave., to Linda Cameron; request to build a screened porch in the rear of the home at Lease No. 958, located at 361 Wiggins Creek Rd.; request to enclose an existing screened porch at Lease No. 1052, located at 94 Parson's Green Circle; request to add William Keller to Lease No. 238, located at 710 Lake O'Donnell Rd.; request to add Richard McClure to Lease No. 654, located at 246 Florida Ave.

Leasehold information is available online at <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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## General COVID-19 Vaccine Questions

All COVID-19 information can be accessed at <<https://covid19.tn.gov/>>. For more information from the Centers for Disease Control, go to <<https://www.cdc.gov/>>.

### What can I do to prevent getting COVID-19 until I can get the vaccine?

Practice social distancing, wear a mask when around others, wash your hands, avoid being around others who are sick. For more information about protecting yourself and others visit the CDC website.

### Why should I consider getting a COVID-19 vaccine?

Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is the best and safest way to become immune to COVID-19. Getting the vaccine will help your immune system build protection against the virus in case you are exposed in the future. Even though catching the virus may be another way to build protection, this is dangerous because you could get very sick or even die. You can also spread the virus to others when you are sick. The COVID-19 vaccines cannot give you COVID-19 and are a safe way to become protected from the virus.

### If I tested positive for COVID-19 in the past, do I need to get the COVID-19 vaccine?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), people who have already been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 90 days may choose to delay getting the vaccine because getting sick with COVID-19 again is unlikely during that time. However, there is no harm in getting the vaccine if you have already had COVID-19. You may also choose to wait to get the vaccine in order to allow those who are more high-risk to be vaccinated.

### If the vaccine is a two-dose vaccine, how will I know when to get the second dose?

When you receive the vaccine you will receive a card with the date of your first dose, the name/manufacturer of the vaccine received and the date on which you should receive your second dose. Your second dose of COVID-19 vaccine must be from the same product name/manufacturer as the first dose. We recommend when you receive your card, take a picture as a back-up, add the date to your calendar, and download the V-safe app. The V-safe app can remind you when it's time to receive your second dose.

### How long do I have to wait between receiving the

### flu vaccine (or any other vaccine) and the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Pfizer and Moderna vaccine series should be given alone with a minimum time of 14 days before or after any other vaccines. If the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is given within 14 days of another vaccine by mistake, doses do not need to be repeated for either vaccine.

### After I receive the COVID-19 vaccine, can I stop wearing a mask?

No. It will still be important to continue to follow public health recommendations to protect yourself and others. This includes wearing a mask, staying at least 6 feet away from others, avoiding crowds, and washing hands often.

### Does a close contact of a person with COVID-19 still need to quarantine if they have been vaccinated?

Yes, currently we don't have enough data to say you are completely safe. While experts learn more about the protection that COVID-19 vaccines provide under real-life conditions, it will be important for everyone to continue using all the tools available to us to help stop this pandemic. Experts need to understand more about the protection that COVID-19 vaccines provide before deciding to change recommendations on steps everyone should take to slow the spread of the virus.

### If I get symptoms shortly after I've been vaccinated, should I get tested?

If you have symptoms shortly after receiving the vaccine, these symptoms do not mean you have developed COVID-19 from the vaccine. You may have some side effects, which are normal signs that your body is building protection. These side effects may feel like flu and may even affect your ability to do daily activities, but they should go away in a few days. For more information about symptoms after receiving the vaccine you can view the CDC's What to Expect after Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine fact sheet. [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/pdfs/321466-A\\_FS\\_What\\_Expect\\_COVID-19\\_Vax\\_Final\\_12.13.20.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/pdfs/321466-A_FS_What_Expect_COVID-19_Vax_Final_12.13.20.pdf).

## FC Library Offering Curbside Services

The Franklin County Library will continue to offer curbside services through January. This includes checking out items (books, audiobooks, DVDs, music, games, and children's books in surprise bundles of 10), purchasing Book Nook items from the Facebook page, fax, scan, copy, laminating, notary, and new or replacement cards. Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 19, computers and printing will be available by appointment (masks are required).

Please visit the website <<https://www.franklincountylibrary.org/index.html>> to search and/or reserve items in the catalog using your library card. People may also call to reserve titles or access the concierge book service. Reserve a pick up time by calling (931) 967-3706. Library hours are 8 a.m.–6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m.–1 p.m. on Saturday.



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## Upcoming Meetings

### Town of Monteagle

The Town of Monteagle has scheduled a workshop 4:30–5:50 p.m., Monday, Jan. 18.

The Town of Monteagle has scheduled a special called meeting on Monday, Jan., 18, at 6 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to have the Second reading of Ordinance 01-21 An Ordinance to authorize additional membership for the Planning Commission, First reading of Ordinance 02-21 an ordinance to adopt the official Zoning Map, and First reading of Ordinance 03-21 to adopt the Zoning Ordinance.

In accordance with TCA 13-7-203, notice is hereby given of a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, Jan. 25, 2021 at 5:45 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to have the Second Reading of Ordinance 02-21 Zoning Map and Second Reading of Ordinance 03-21 Monteagle Zoning Ordinance.

The Town of Monteagle is scheduled to meet in regular session at 6 p.m., Monday, Jan. 25.

The Monteagle Regional Planning Commission is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 2.

All meetings will be held virtually until further notice. The Town of Monteagle would like to invite all its residents to participate in official meetings with Zoom.

To join the meeting with your computer, you can click <<https://zoom.us/j/5139949664?pwd=dGxiVWZVcTRMOHdnRmdzZlJSbmI4QT09>>.

You may be asked for a passcode. If so, enter 109566.

If you would rather participate by phone, dial +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago). Meeting ID: 513 994 9664, Passcode: 109566.

### 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. 19, at the utility office on Sherwood Road. If a customer is unable to attend but wishes to bring a matter to the board, call 598-5611, visit the office, or call a board member. Your board members are Doug Cameron, Randall Henley, Ronnie Hoosier, Charlie Smith and Paul Evans.

### Franklin County Commissioners

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021, in the Franklin County Annex Building.

### Rotary Club Meeting

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club will at 8 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 21, via Zoom. The program will be presented by David Goodpaster from the Community Action Committee. For the Zoom link, email Woody Deutsch <[woodybike@mac.com](mailto:woodybike@mac.com)>.



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# Obituaries

## Danielle Elizabeth DeWitt

Danielle Elizabeth DeWitt, age 73 of Manchester, Tenn., died on Dec. 22, 2020. She was born on June 22, 1947, in Exeter, N.H., to Daniel and Elizabeth DeWitt. She had been a business analyst for Hewlett-Packard for more than 10 years and a professor of economics and computer science at McIntosh College until retirement. She then moved to the Monteagle area to be able to finally pursue her dream of having horses. She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by sister, Linda (Jim) Boynton; and niece, Kimberly Boynton.

For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

## Billy Ed Garner

Billy Ed Garner, age 82 of Monteagle, and formerly of Sherwood, died on Dec. 29, 2020. He was born on March 27, 1938, to Ed Monroe and Martha Lee Garner. He was previously employed by Builders Transport of Savannah, Ga., and was a farmer and businessman. He was a member of Anderson Church of Christ. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Larry Garner; and granddaughter, Sharon Hoosier.

He is survived by daughters, Shelia (Calvin) Kirby, Tresea (Ricky) Culver and Rhonda (Donny) Hoosier; sisters, Mattie Ann (Foster) Owens and Martha Carolyn (Leon) Stevens; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Private family graveside services were at Montgomery-Cowan Cemetery with Minister Johnny Stevens officiating. A special thank you goes to the staff at Signature Healthcare of Monteagle for all their loving care. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

## Everett R. Gibbs

Everett R. Gibbs, age 88 of Tracy City, died on Jan. 3, 2021, at his home. He was born on Feb. 22, 1932, to Luke and Jessie Parsons-Gibbs. He was a U.S. Army Veteran, serving in the Korean War. He was a farmer for more than 40 years and loved hunting. He was an avid Vols and Braves fan, and enjoyed his fellowshiping at Street's Auto and Flury's Grocery Store to talk about sports. He was a member of the Church of Christ. He was preceded in death by sister Agnes Meeks; and brothers Lonnie Gibbs, McKinley Gibbs, Homer Gibbs, Elzie Gibbs, Lillard Gibbs, Gordon Gibbs and Eugene Gibbs.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Nell Rose Gibbs; sisters Dola Shrum and Marlee (John) Nunley; and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were on Jan. 5, 2021 at Plainview Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

## Annie Ruth Wise Gifford

Annie Ruth Wise Gifford, age 77 of Belvidere, died on Jan. 1, 2021, at her home. She was born on Oct. 9, 1943, in Sewanee, to J. C. Wise and Sarah Hayes Mooney Wise. She served her country in the U.S. Marine Corps, and was a retired maintenance department supervisor for Franklin County.

She is survived by her husband,

Bobby Gene Gifford; children, Patrick Gifford, Wesley Gifford, Jean Renner, and Melanie Werdebaugh; brothers, Charles Leon Wise, Nolane Wise and Stanley Billard; sisters, Carolyn Tocco and Dorothy (Theo) Wise; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were on Jan. 4, 2021, from the Chapel of Moore-Cortner Funeral Home with Bro. Rayburn Steel officiating. Interment followed in Clark Gardens Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

## James "Bill" Green Jr.

James "Bill" Green Jr., age 72 of Tracy City, died on Dec. 16, 2020, at his home. He was born on Nov. 27, 1948, to James and Anna Mae Green. "Bill" will be forever remembered as a kindhearted, gentle soul that was always willing to lend a helping hand to others. He enjoyed gardening and strived to have a pretty yard. In his spare time, he loved cross stitching and hunting. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother Joe Henry Green.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Debra Green; sons, Bryan (Amy) Scott, Brandon Scott and Joseph Green; brother Jackie Green; sisters, Ruth Ann Kilgore, Susie (Dubin) Phillips and Lillie Worley; and precious dog, Angel.

No services are scheduled at this time. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

## Emma Jean Henley

Emma Jean Henley, age 68 of Sewanee, died on Jan. 4, 2021. She was born on May 19, 1952, to J.D. and Norma Jean Yates. She had been a Sunday school teacher and loved participating in the vacation bible school program for many years. She was preceded in death by brother, Randy Yates.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Mickey Henley; children, Simon Henley and Camie Henley; sisters, Martha Sue Payne, Madeline "Carol" (Billy) Koger and Nancy (Carter) Puttman; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, Facebook friends and church family.

No services are scheduled at this time; however, the family plans to hold a memorial service to be announced at a later date. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

## John Milburn Holt Sr.

John Milburn Holt Sr., age 75 of Pelham, died on Dec. 17, 2020, at Southern Tennessee Regional Health System, Sewanee. He was born on Feb. 24, 1945, in Sherwood, to Arvis and Ruthie Jane Jackson Holt. He was a member of the Franklin County High School class of 1963, and was employed with CSX as an electrician until his retirement in 2005. He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Beulah Kirk, Willie Matlock, Shirley Payne, Laura Singleton, and James "Bud" Holt.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Lana Haddon Holt; children, Pam Medley, Dale (Bobbie) Fletcher, Jane (Randy) Holt-Nunley John Holt Jr.; brother Arvis "Buddy" Holt; 12 grandchildren;

16 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were on Dec. 21, 2020, at Mt. View Cemetery, Sherwood. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

## Carlton "Hop" James Hopkins

Carlton "Hop" James Hopkins, age 96 of Flintville, died on Dec. 21, 2020, at his home. He was born on Oct. 30, 1924, in Sherwood, to Claude and Myrtle Epperson Hopkins. He was a U.S. Army

veteran, serving during WWII. He was a truck driver up until his retirement. He was preceded in death by his parents; children Harold Wayne Hopkins and Glenda Kay Brannan; and three siblings.

He is survived by his children Carla Prince and Donald Ray Hopkins significant other, Bobbie Panter; siblings, Jimmy (Dale) Marlow and Tommie (Charles) Stubblefield; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-

grandchildren.

Funeral Services were on Dec. 24, 2020, from the Chapel of Moore-Cortner Funeral Home with The Rev. Todd Coutta officiating. Interment followed in Mt. View Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.moorecortner.com>.

## Beverly Johnson-Smith

Beverly Johnson-Smith, age 58 of Monteagle, died on Jan. 1, 2021, at Southern Tennessee Regional Hospital, Winchester. She was

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# Church Calendar

## Midway Baptist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday  
10:45 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday  
6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday  
6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

## Midway Church of Christ

10 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday  
11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday  
6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

## Monteagle Church of Christ

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday  
6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

## Monteagle First Baptist Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday  
6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

## Monteagle Seventh-Day Adventist

11 a.m. Worship, Saturday

**Morton Memorial United Methodist, Monteagle**  
(service available online after noon Sunday, link is at <Mortonmemorialumc.com>)

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday (outdoors)  
6 p.m. Bible Study, Wednesday

## Mountain of God Tabernacle, Monteagle

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

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday  
6 p.m. Prayer Service, Wednesday

## New Beginnings Church, Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday  
5 p.m. Worship Service, Sunday

## New Beginnings Church, Pelham

9:45 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

## New Creations Ministries, Rayburn Chapel

4 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Sunday

## New Hope Church of God in Christ, Cowan

11 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday  
6 p.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

## Otey Memorial Parish Church

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

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

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

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

4 p.m. Fire on the Mountain, via Zoom

## 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 & via Zoom, Sunday

## St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

(meeting at Good Shepherd, Decherd)

## St. Mary's Sewanee

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

## Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday  
11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday  
6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

## Tracy City First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

## Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester (STEM)

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

12:15 p.m. Noonday Prayer, Tuesday

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

4:30 p.m. Book Study, Wednesday, until 5:30 p.m. If you would like to attend, contact STEM Admin at <tec213@bellsouth.net>

**United Pentecostal, Monteagle**  
10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday  
11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Worship, Wednesday

## Unitarian Universalist, Tullahoma

6 p.m. Tullahoma Sangha, Wednesday

## Abundant Life Assembly of God, Cowan

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday

## All Saints' Chapel

8:30 a.m. Sunday Service, online only

11 a.m. Otey Sunday Service, online only

## Bible Baptist Church, Monteagle

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

5:30 p.m. Evening Worship, Wednesday

## Chapman Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Pelham

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Bible study, Wednesday

## Christ Church, Alto (STEM)

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

12:15 p.m. Noonday Prayer, Tuesday

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

4:30 p.m. Book Study, until 5:30 p.m., Wednesday  
If you would like to attend, contact STEM Admin at <tec213@bellsouth.net>

## Christ Church, Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Morning Prayer, Sunday  
noon Service, Wednesday

## Christ Church, Tracy City (STEM)

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

12:15 p.m. Noonday Prayer, Tuesday

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

4:30 p.m. Book Study, until 5:30 p.m., Wednesday  
If you would like to attend, contact STEM Admin at <tec213@bellsouth.net>

## Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd

9 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6:30 p.m. Healing/prayer service

## Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

## Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

## Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

## Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

## Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

## Epiphany Mission, Sherwood (STEM)

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

12:15 p.m. Noonday Prayer, Tuesday

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

4:30 p.m. Book Study, Wednesday, until 5:30 p.m. If you would like to attend, contact STEM Admin at <tec213@bellsouth.net>

## First Baptist Church, Cowan

9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:25 a.m. Worship, Sunday

## First Church of the Nazarene, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

## Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Decherd

8 a.m. Mass, Sunday

10:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday

2 p.m. Spanish Mass, Sunday

5 p.m. Mass, Saturday

## Goshen Cumberland Presbyterian Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

## Grace Fellowship Church

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

## Harrison Chapel Methodist Church, Midway

## (FB Live service below)

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

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

## Hobbs Hill Community Church, Tracy City

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

5 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Wednesday



**Obituaries (from page 4)**

born on July 24, 1962, to Carl and Joyce Johnson. She was a member of Plainview Baptist Church, Tracy City. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband of 27 years, Hayden Smith; and brother Stephen Johnson.

She is survived by sons, Christopher (Amy) Smith, Matt Smith, and Blake Byers; daughter, Angel (Eddie Green) Smith; brother David (Pat) Johnson; sister, Susan (Phillip) Johnson; three grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were on Jan. 3, 2021, from the Chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home, Tracy City with Bro. Claude Hoback and Bro. Mike Rigsby officiating. Interment followed in Gregg Cemetery, Tracy City. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

**Grady Eugene Johnson**

Grady Eugene Johnson, age 79 of Murfreesboro, died on Jan. 9, 2021, at Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital. He was born on July 10, 1941, to James and Oma Lea Johnson. He devoted his life to his family and trucking business. He was a 55-year member of Masonic Lodge #405 of Sewanee. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother Tim Johnson.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Joan Johnson; son, Kenneth (Louise) Johnson; daughters, Taria Johnson and Carolyn Johnson; brothers Harold (Charlotte) Johnson and Wayne (Roberta) Johnson; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Graveside services were on Jan. 13, 2021, at Plainview Cemetery, Tracy City. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

**John Henry Layne**

John Henry Layne, age 81 of Tracy City, died on Jan. 10, 2021. He was born Jan. 16, 1939, to Robert and Willie Layne. He had devoted his life to his family and trucking business, Layne Trucking Company. He was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, Susie Layne; daughter Mitzi Layne; son, John Layne Jr.; brother, Robert

Layne Jr.; and sisters, Susie Peck and Sally Rollins.

He is survived by daughters Vickie (Rickey) Rollins and Shannon (Bud) Arthur; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

**Peggy Foutch Webb Robinson**

Peggy Foutch Webb Robinson, age 83 of Franklin, Tenn., died on Dec. 29, 2020. She was born in Cookeville, Tenn., to Charles and Eula Foutch. She graduated from Cookeville High School and attended Tennessee Tech University. She was a member of Franklin First United Methodist Church. Over the years, she enjoyed working with colleagues at Harpeth Academy, Harpeth Hall School, and Century Construction. She loved to travel, was an avid reader, and volunteered with Meals on Wheels. She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Jim Webb and John Robinson; and stepdaughter Daphne Stanton.

She is survived by sons, Mark (Melissa) Webb and David (Tami) Webb; daughter, Charlotte (Danny) Hutchins; stepdaughter Libby (Gary) Bolan; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Private graveside services were at Williamson Memorial Gardens. Memorials in Peggy's memory may be made to Meals on Wheels. For complete obituary go to <www.williamsonmemorial.com>.

**Jerry "Dude" Sweeton**

Jerry "Dude" Sweeton, age 67 of Tracy City, died on Jan. 8, 2021. He was born on Sept. 7, 1953, to Byron and Helen Sweeton. He devoted his life to his agricultural business, White City Produce. He loved "playing in the dirt" planting produce and flowers year-round. He never met a stranger, and enjoyed socializing, calling everyone he met "Neighbor."

He is survived by his wife of 13 years, "Tami" Sweeton; son, "J.D." Stiefel; stepson, Cody Layne; brothers, Marlin (Ginger) Sweeton and Billy Sweeton; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were on Jan. 12, 2021 from the Chapel of Foster and Lay Funeral Home. Interment followed in Pryor Ridge Cemetery. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

**'Mine 21' Now Available to View Online for Free**

"Mine 21," the award-winning documentary about the Marion County coal mine explosion which took 13 lives in 1981, is now available to be viewed for free on the director's website and on the Alexander Street online platform. Interested viewers can access the video by clicking the link on <slgarrett.com/mine21> or by going to <https://video.alexanderstreet.com/watch/mine-21>.

Located in the Griffith Creek area between Palmer and Whitwell, Mine 21 was the largest underground coal mine operated by the Grundy Mining Company. Its tragic explosion on Dec. 8, 1981, was the worst mining disaster in modern times in Tennessee. Investigation of the causes of the explosion went all the way to the U.S. Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, chaired by Senator Edward Kennedy, and resulted in the enactment of numerous measures that have saved the lives of many miners since.

The documentary tells the story of a deadly explosion by following two University of the South students from Grundy County—Kelsey Arbuckle and Alexa Fults—as they learn more about the disaster. Arbuckle's grandfather, Charles Myers, was one of the miners killed in the explosion. Her grandmother, Barbara Myers, testified before Congress in the 1987 federal lawsuit.

"Mine 21" was directed by University of the South alumnus Stephen L. Garrett and produced by Professor Christopher M. McDonough. Local screenings in Monteagle, Whitwell, and Sewanee drew audiences of more than 1,400 people in 2018. The following year, the film won the Erikson Institute Prize for Excellence in Mental Health Media from the Austen Riggs Center in Stockbridge, Mass.

**Council (from page 1)**

"The Roberson Project is trying to change the way we tell the history...to tell a history that is inconclusive and recognizes the agency of the African-Americans who lived in this town...that is reconciliation work, repair work," Register said.

Updating the council on the cell tower, University Vice President for Finance Doug Williams said an objection to the football field site had been filed with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). SHPO approved the site, according to Williams, but asked for mitigation. An upcoming meeting will determine the form of the mitigation. Williams expects the tower to be complete by the end of June.

Asked about the prospect of Sewanee receiving a COLT (cell on light truck) to facilitate communication in the meantime, Williams said Sewanee receiving a COLT from Verizon was contingent on what was available. Other emergencies around the country took precedence.

Commenting on the decision to no longer offer curbside recycling to residents, University energy specialist Rachel Petropoulos explained Franklin County Solid Waste Management needed to receive a sorted product they could sell. There was too much "contamination and comingling" in the blue recycling bags collected from residents, Petropoulos said. She urged residents to take recyclables to the convenience center and emphasized the importance of complying with recyclable-plastic labeling.

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1016 W. Main St., Suite 3  
Monteagle, TN 37356**Sisters Offer Virtual Program on Racial Healing**

The Sisters of St. Mary will continue their virtual program series in 2021 beginning with a Jan. 30 event titled "Racial Healing in the Era of Multiple Pandemics" on Zoom.

Racial healing requires us to engage our heads and hearts as we work to liberate ourselves from the stories and structures that cause us to focus more on differences than what we hold in common. This presentation will challenge the audience to explore what they are willing to let go of in order to be racially healed and to help in healing our country as well as exploring concrete practices that can help in exploring the inner community.

The virtual event will be held Saturday, Jan. 30, from 9–11 a.m. The cost of the session is \$25. Register at <www.communityof-stmarysouth.org>.

Those interested but unable to attend the live event should still register. All registered participants receive access to the event recording afterwards.

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## Monteagle Council Addresses Planning and Zoning Changes

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the Dec. 28 meeting, the Monteagle City Council voted to increase the number of planning commission members, appointed a council representative to the planning commission, and announced a special called meeting to adopt new zoning ordinances and to revert to the 2016 zoning map. In keeping with Governor Lee's directive, the meeting was limited to 10 attendees. GCTV6 broadcasted the meeting on Facebook Live.

The council approved on first reading Ordinance 01-21 increasing planning commission members from five to seven "to broaden capacity, experience, and expertise." The council appointed Vice Mayor Dorraine Parmley to serve as the planning commission council representative.

The second reading of Ordinance 01-21 is scheduled for a Jan. 18 special called meeting. The meeting will also accommodate the first reading of Ordinance 03-21 and Ordinance 02-21. Ordinance 03-21 provides for adopting zoning ordinance regulations previously adopted in 2018 but determined to be of questionable validity due to inadequate meeting notification [see Messenger, Dec. 4, 2020].

In keeping with a recommendation by Alderman Nate Wilson, the original version of the 2018 ordinance will be amended to require signage be posted for 14 days on property proposed for rezoning, the signage to include the zoning hearing date and place. The amendment also calls for "courtesy" by mail notification of neighboring property owners. "What we're doing is trying to go beyond what the law requires," Wilson said.

The validity of the zoning map adopted in the 2018 zoning ordinance was also in question due to the inadequate meeting notification. Based on the recommendation of the city attorney, Ordinance 02-21 calls for reverting to the 2016 zoning map with the exception of the "dead zone." Mayor Marilyn Campbell Rodman explained the "dead zone" referred to property in litigation to be decided by the courts at a Jan. 15 hearing. The hearing will determine if the "dead zone" property has the zoning classification necessary for a proposed travel center [see Messenger, Dec. 4, 2020].

The council concurred with Mayor Rodman's suggestion to invite residents to express concerns via email at <monteagleinfo@blomand.net> to facilitate virtual meeting communication. Comments should be submitted no later than three business days prior to scheduled meetings.

The council also agreed to require an appointment to enter city hall in order to protect employees. Business at the drive-up window will continue uninterrupted.

The council discussed the need for an employee tasked with social media communication and website updates given pandemic meeting restrictions. Wilson and Rodman will draft a job description.

Rodman brought two letters to the council's attention. A letter from Neighbors in Standing concerning the dead zone will be sent to the attorney. The letter from resident Jim Waller asked the council to address cleanup needed at two properties. Police Chief Jack Hill said the owner of one of the properties was in poor health but was making an effort to correct the issue. City Recorder Debbie Taylor said the other property had recently changed hands. "We need to find out who owns it and proceed from there," Rodman said. "Give them a chance," Parmley advised.

Taking up other business, the council approved allocating \$500 from the "Council Supplies" budget toward purchase of a used copier for the May Justus Memorial Library, total cost \$900. The library "provides a service," Parmley said, justifying the unbudgeted expense of replacing the library's out-of-service copier. The library will pay the remaining \$400 from its operation budget.

Addressing residents' request for trash barrels at the Laurel Lake fishing area, Alderman Jessica Favaloro said the city could supply the receptacles, but could not take on the responsibility for emptying them. Rodman suggested volunteers could perform the task, possibly the Boy Scouts. Updating the council on recycling, Favaloro said Monteagle residents could take recycle items to the Sewanee Convenience Center, but not household garbage.

Utility Supervisor John Condra brought to the council's attention service line connections installed by a developer which were not meant for underground use. Condra said he did not believe the city should be responsible for repairing resulting leaks. Rodman will research the contract specifications.

Wanda McDaniel, 911 supervisor, will retire after 22 years of service. The job opening will be posted.

## Monteagle Planning Approves Ordinances, Site Plan Conditionally

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the Jan. 5 meeting, the Monteagle Planning Commission approved and recommended for the Monteagle City Council's approval an ordinance reverting to the 2016 zoning map, with several exceptions, and adopting the 2021 Zoning Ordinance. The commission also approved the final plat and site plan for the Rocky Top Service Center conditional upon the council's approval of the 2021 Zoning Ordinance.

Addressing the specifics of the map to be adopted, Garret Haynes, town planner with the Southeast Tennessee Development District, said the recommendation was to adopt the 2016 map, along with zoning changes correctly done between 2016 and 2018, and specifically excluding a 7-acre property in dispute. The zoning of the disputed property will be decided by the courts at a Jan. 15 hearing. The map previously in use, adopted in 2018, was of questionable validity due to inadequate hearing notification.

The zoning ordinance adopted in 2018 was, likewise, of questionable validity due to inadequate hearing notification. Hayes said the 2021 Zoning Ordinance (3-21) made three changes to the 2018 ordinance: one, rewording of the section establishing a board of zoning appeals to comply with state law; two, removal of the section calling for by mail notification of property owners residing within 300 feet of a property proposed to be rezoned; three, requiring signage on property proposed to be zoned including the proposed zoning change and public hearing date and place.

Mayor Marilyn Campbell Rodman said the council would meet on Jan. 18 and Jan. 25 to approve the map and zoning ordinance on first and second reading.

Taking up approval of the final plat presented by property owner Rodney Kilgore, which called for combining several properties into one, planning commission member Iva Michelle Russell noted the name on the document was RBT Enterprises. Kilgore said that was incorrect. Hayes confirmed Kilgore owned the property and said it would be acceptable for Kilgore to "mark through and correct" the name.

Moving on to approval of the site plan for Rocky Top Service Center, likewise owned by Kilgore, Rodman said the attorney representing Neighbors in Standing took issue with approving the site plan "since it is in question if the

2018 or 2016 zoning ordinance is in effect...if you go by the 2016 ordinance, the information was submitted one day late. By the 2018 ordinance it is correct."

Planning commission member MaryJane Flowers recommended waiting until the Feb. 2 planning commission meeting to approve the site plan, since by then the 2021 Zoning Ordinance would be in effect. "If we approve it tonight, we'll be hung up in legal, and it will be challenged," Flowers said.

Russell pointed out, "We told Garret to review it by the 2018 ordinance. You [Kilgore] followed everything."

"I feel it should be approved and let the lawyers fight it out," said planning commission member Dorraine Parmley.

Rodman stressed the site plan was for the Rocky Top garage, not the proposed RBT Enterprises Petro Travel Center.

After discussion, the commission approved the Rocky Top Service Center site plan conditional upon final approval of the 2021 Zoning Ordinance by the council.

Monteagle resident Will Foehring called the commission's attention to Kilgore's statement at the July meeting that his site plan provided for adding two bays to his garage to comply with Petro requirements [see Messenger, July 10, 2020].

Kilgore's attorney Rusty Leonard responded Kilgore intended to upgrade his property with or without Petro.

Foehring also presented documentation the 2004 zoning map showed a large portion of the proposed travel center property zoned residential. No Monteagle zoning ordinance existed which authorized the change to commercial, Foehring said.

Justifying the validity of the 2016 map, Rodman said after an extensive audit conducted between 2012-2016, MTAS, the city attorney, and the state comptroller recommended adopting the 2016 map as the "reference point" to rectify "contradictions."

Resident John Dumanski, retired professional firefighter, expressed concerns the city did not have fire and police capacity to manage hazardous-materials fires and spills at the proposed travel center. Rodman stressed the issues Dumanski raised would be addressed in keeping with state regulations should the approval process for the travel center proceed.

## School (from page 1)—

reimburse the school system for the expense. "Without the policy, many of our employees would have been without pay last semester," Foster said.

On Foster's recommendation, the board also added language to strengthen the Acquisition and Use of Technology Equipment policy. The policy forbids employees from connecting personal technology equipment (i.e., laptops, printers, etc.) to any network supported by the Franklin County Board of Education, unless approved by the technology supervisor. Unauthorized connections "could cause serious damage to our technology and security," Foster said.

The board enacted several TSBA policy recommendations, including allowing an appeals process for denied charter school applicants; allowing use of textbooks not on the approved list if the state board of education granted a waiver; providing for alternative credit options for high school students; updating the Sick Leave policy; and requiring training for and reporting by employees who might find it necessary to restrain special education students.

In keeping with a TSBA requirement the school system must have a Code of Conduct policy, the board also approved Policy 6.300 providing for "multi-tiered" disciplinary practices. Board members Sarah Liechty and Sarah Marhevsky spoke against the policy for allowing corporal punishment. Marhevsky expressed "concerns about equality," explaining corporal punishment could be used only if the parent opted in and only 40 percent of parents had done so. "Five children could do the same thing, and only two would be eligible for corporal punishment," Marhevsky said.

Board Chair Cleijo Walker pointed out only nine students, all males, received corporal punishment last year.

Liechty said corporal punishment "falls short of best practices in teaching appropriate behaviors" and, according to experts, was not "the best way" to change behavior. "If you paddle a child two or three times in a year, it isn't working," Liechty said.

"You could say the same thing about other discipline practices that don't work," said Board Member Chris Guess.

Marhevsky said she saw it as "incongruous" the school system was required by law to report evidence of child abuse, such as bruising, but could engage in a practice that caused bruising.

"Child abuse and discipline are not the same thing," Guess said.

The board is schedule to meet next on Feb. 8.

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0 Eagle Rock Rd., lot 34 <del>SOLD</del>		2163623	\$25,000

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## SES MENUS

Monday–Friday,  
Jan. 18–22  
LUNCH

**Monday, Jan. 18:** No School.

**Tuesday, Jan. 19:** Breakfast for Lunch: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, chicken nuggets, tator tots, fruit, biscuit, gravy.

**Wednesday, Jan. 20:** Chicken fajita, taco, potato smiles, salsa, pinto beans, tortilla chips, fruit.

**Thursday, Jan. 21:** Mexican pasta bake, chicken tenders, green beans, sweet potato wedges, dinner roll, fruit.

**Friday, Jan. 22:** Pizza, yogurt/cheese stick bag, French fries, steamed broccoli, fruit, cookie.

### BREAKFAST

Each day, students select one or two items.

**Monday, Jan. 18:** No School.

**Tuesday, Jan. 19:** Meat biscuit, juice, fruit.

**Wednesday, Jan. 20:** Mini donuts, juice, fruit.

**Thursday, Jan. 21:** Egg omelet, toast, juice, fruit.

**Friday, Jan. 22:** Meat biscuit, juice, fruit.

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

## SAS Schedule Change

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School will resume in-person classes on Monday, Jan. 25, one week later than scheduled.

SAS has had numerous COVID-19 protocols in place since the beginning of the school year, including smaller class sizes, single occupancy dorm rooms, frequent testing, modified meal service, social distancing, and face coverings. Thanks to the cooperation of its students in observing all of these measures, the school was able to remain in-person with no active COVID cases among its student body for most of the first semester. The school pivoted to online classes shortly before Thanksgiving and only 10 days before the scheduled move. Boarding students were given the option to remain on campus.

When the students return for on-campus learning later this month, they will also be introduced to a new COVID-19 testing protocol that will include weekly rapid tests provided by the state of Tennessee combined with testing provided by the new labs at the University of the South.



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## FC Schools Second Semester COVID Plan

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

At the Jan. 4 special called Zoom-format board meeting, Director of Schools Stanley Bean called for hybrid scheduling and a mask mandate at Franklin County High School. Bean said masking should be decided by school principals at all other schools. The board affirmed Beans recommendations with a vote of confidence.

Many school principals who spoke at the meeting stressed the difficulty of enforcing a masking policy, especially on school buses where drivers trying to police masking compliance could pose a driving safety risk. Principals also noted teacher-masking impeded auditory communication with students. Only three principals spoke in favor of masking.

"If masks prevent spread of the virus, why aren't we wearing them?" asked Cowan Elementary Principal Cynthia Young.

"Masking is working," said Sewanee Elementary School Principal Allison Dietz. SES required masking the first semester in compliance with Sewanee's mask mandate. SES has a higher percentage of COVID cases than other elementary schools except for Rock Creek, but Dietz pointed out, in all but one instance, the student contracted the virus from family members, not at school.

Franklin County High School Principal Roger Alsup said 98 students tested positive, almost 8 percent, and more than 300 students were quarantined due to close contact. Fifty percent of the county schools' COVID cases occurred at FCHS. "My kids are mobile and social," Alsup said, "and that's probably the reason. We can't go into the second semester doing what we're doing and expect it to be any better." Alsup recommended hybrid scheduling and a mask mandate.

Bean explained with a hybrid schedule, half the students would attend class in-person Monday and Thursday, and the other half would attend in-person on Tuesday and Friday; on Wednesdays, the two groups would alternate attending in person. On days students learned from home, they would participate virtually or, if lacking internet access, would be given distance-learning activities to do at home.

Board Chair Cleijo Walker re-

minded the board they delegated Bean responsibility for managing education practice during the pandemic.

Asked for his recommendation, Bean said, "If I could sew a mask on the face of every student and teacher, and there would be no problems, I would probably do it...The buses are a major issue. Bus drivers cannot pay attention to what the kids are doing behind them and drive the bus." A hybrid schedule and masking will continue at FCHS until March 11. Bean asked the middle schools to investigate hybrid scheduling in order to be prepared if hybrid scheduling became necessary. Bean emphasized he would "encourage" mask wearing and would "support 100 percent" school principals' decisions on mask wearing whether pro or con. Parents may choose for their children to participate in school virtually at all grade levels without a doctor's excuse, Bean said. He stressed hybrid scheduling would be very difficult for parents of elementary school children. He said two parents lost their job when the school system went to virtual Fridays, forced to choose between leaving their children unattended or employment.

Board member Sara Liechty cited statistics showing the indoor classroom environment without masks heightened the spread of COVID-19 due to frequent speaking, close contact, and limited ventilation.

Liechty voted against supporting Bean's recommendation. Liechty noted several teachers and principals had contracted COVID and one principal had died. Board member Sarah Marhevsky also voted, "no," but said she supported Alsup's request for hybrid scheduling and masking. Board member Linda Jones, said she would like to see Bean go into the elementary schools and do PR work in support of masking.

Following the "support of confidence vote," Marhevsky made a motion calling for district wide-masking. Acknowledging enforcement difficulty, Marhesky gave the example of seat belts. "We don't take away a good rule because not everybody follows it." Only Liechty and Marhevsky voted in favor of a district wide mandate.

## Backlund to Retire from Sewanee Admissions

The University of the South has announced that Dean of Admission Lee Ann Backlund will retire from her position at the end of this academic year.

Backlund first served in Sewanee's Admission Office from 1981 to 2001, followed by a stint as a college counselor at Porter-Gaud School (Charleston, SC) and several years as dean of admission at Agnes Scott College in Atlanta. She returned to Sewanee as dean of admission and financial aid in 2010 and was named vice president for enrollment planning in 2014.

During her service to the university, Backlund oversaw and managed unprecedented growth in applications; undergraduate enrollment has grown from 1,463 students in 2010 to 1,725 this year. She and her team demonstrated and embraced innovation in their work—never more so than during the past 10 months. Backlund says she is most proud, however, of two things: her current and former colleagues who have successful careers and leadership positions in admissions, and the many classes of Sewanee students who have grown to be agents of change in the world.

Backlund is a national leader in college admissions. She is the past chair of and continues to serve on the Board of Directors of Common App, a not-for-profit organization committed to the pursuit of access, equity, and integrity in the college admission process. She is also past president of SACAC, the Southern Association for College Admission Counseling. In Sewanee, her service to the community includes as a member of the Board of Trustees for St. Andrew's-Sewanee School.

"Lee Ann has spent her 40-year career helping young people find the right fit for their college experience and individual development," said Reuben Brigety, Sewanee's vice-chancellor and president. "I am grateful for her high standards, her innovative thinking, and the unfailing dedication to student success that she brought to her position." The university will begin a national search for Backlund's successor.

## 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. 18:** Kraut, sausage, pinto beans, stewed potatoes, cornbread.


**Tuesday, Jan. 19:** Taco soup, sandwich.

**Wednesday, Jan. 20:** Tenderloin, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll.

**Thursday, Jan. 21:** Chicken, pinto beans, Brussels sprouts, cornbread.

**Friday, Jan. 22:** Shepherd's pie, salad.

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



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## Sewanee Community Chest Spotlight: Community Action Committee

The 2021–21 Sewanee Community Chest (SCC) Fund Drive is underway. Sponsored by the Sewanee Civic Association, the SCC raises money yearly for local charitable organizations serving the area. This year's goal of \$98,390 will help 19 local organizations that have requested basic needs funding for quality of life, community aid, children's programs, and those who are beyond Sewanee but still serve the entire community.

This week we shine the spotlight on the Community Action Committee.

The mission of the Community Action Committee (CAC) is to provide assistance for persons in crisis, to provide services related to basic human needs, to identify ways to break the cycles of poverty, and to present the love of Jesus Christ to the community.

The primary programs of CAC include a year-round food bank, open to anyone five days a week, and financial grants for those who might need assistance with utilities, medical/dental, housing, education, and/or transportation expenses.

CAC has supported all types of families and individuals throughout the greater Sewanee community for more than 46 years. Those served generally fall below the poverty line or are in some kind of need or crisis due to special circumstances and/or hardships.

This year the CAC is requesting \$3,000 for the Kitchen2Table program, a partnership with McClurg Dining Hall and the Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club. Financial assistance from the Sewanee Community Chest will help with bringing food from McClurg to the CAC. This food will then be sealed into three-compartment trays as packaged meals for those in need. These trays can be frozen, microwaved, or baked. McClurg and Rotary will be helping CAC with the delivery of this food from McClurg as well as the sealing of the food into ready-made meals. CAC will also be responsible for purchasing the trays and film used to seal the meals, and the distribution of these meals to those in need throughout the area.

Since 1908, the goal of the Sewanee Community Chest has been to help citizens by funding the community. The Sewanee Community Chest is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and donations are tax-deductible. Send your donation to Sewanee Community Chest, P.O. Box 99, Sewanee, TN 37375. For more information or to give through PayPal, go to <www.sewaneeccivic.org>.

## FCHS Hybrid Schedule

Franklin County High School (FCHS) is currently following a hybrid schedule. Students with a last name that begins with A-K will be in the A group, and students with the last name beginning with L-Z will be in the B group. Students received the January hybrid calendar and the daily bell schedule.

Wednesday's release time is now at 1 p.m. Be sure to check the new Wednesday bell schedule.

Instruction will be synchronous, meaning students will have to log in at the beginning of each class period, each day they are virtual. Teachers will give students guidance on the day's activities after they log in. Your attendance on the virtual days will be based on logging in on Zoom or Google meet.

In addition to the hybrid schedule, FCHS is also starting mandatory masks. If students are not going to wear a mask, please contact the virtual learning supervisor, Kim Tucker, to enroll in virtual learning. Students will not be allowed in the building starting Monday without a mask. Face shields are acceptable.

Beginning Monday, mask must follow the similar guidelines that are in the dress code.

Meal pick-up will be at the back of the school outside the kitchen following the schedule of Monday and Thursday, 10–11 a.m., and Wednesday, 3:30–4:30 p.m. Call or email the cafeteria supervisor before 8 a.m. to order meals, 967-3845, <julia.perkins@fcstn.net>.

The hybrid schedule will be followed until Thursday, March 11. At that time, FCHS will evaluate the need to continue or terminate the hybrid schedule.

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## Tennessee State Parks Have \$1.84 Billion Economic Impact In 2020

Tennessee State Parks had an economic impact of \$1.84 billion in Tennessee in 2020 and welcomed 34.7 million visits, according to a report done for the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC).

The report notes that local area spending by visitors has a substantial impact on local economies. The parks reached historic highs in camping, recording four of the top 10 months ever, and set a pace for future success with \$184 million in investments in capital projects throughout the year. Those projects alone are expected to result in over \$400 million in economic impact to the state.

The figures show that Tennessee State Parks are not only a great way for Tennesseans to get outdoors but are a significant driver of a healthy Tennessee economy as well.

"Our state parks are a great source of pride for Tennesseans, and they have proven more important than ever during this challenging year," Gov. Bill Lee said. "These important Tennessee treasures provide substantial economic activity in communities across our state, and we are grateful for the way they continue to prosper."

"This study details extraordinary accomplishments by our state parks," TDEC Commissioner David Salyers said. "It is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our parks staff, and Tennesseans should be proud of

the way the parks responded to public demand. The last year has been trying for Tennesseans, but we are confident the reliance on our state parks throughout this period bodes well for the coming year and beyond."

In total, the report found \$1.7 billion in economic impact from operations and visitor spending; \$126.7 million from capital projects; and \$11.4 million from facilities and land management maintenance projects.

The report found: 14,514 total jobs supported by parks activity; \$110.3 million in state taxes reflected in parks activity, which is more than double what the state general fund contributes to state parks; and \$22.1 million in local county taxes generated from parks activity.

The report was conducted by Impact DataSource, an economic consulting firm based in Austin, Texas, the same firm used by the



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## SAS Academic Calendar

St. Andrew's-Sewanee announces its spring calendar.

Monday, Jan. 25, Classes resume in-person

Monday, March 8-Sunday, March 14, Spring Break

Sunday, March 14, Boarders return to quarantine

Monday, March 15, Classes resume online

Tuesday, March 16, Testing for boarders/spring athletes

Wednesday, March 17-Friday, March 19, COVID-19 testing for day students

Monday, March 22, Classes resume in-person

Thursday, May 13, Classes end

Saturday, May 15-Sunday, May 16, Commencement Week-end

## University Academic Calendar

The University of the South has announced changes to the Easter term schedule. These dates are subject to change.

For the college:

Feb. 1: First day of classes

May 12: Last day of classes

May 14-20: Final exams

May 23: Commencement for the Class of 2021

May 30: Commencement for the Class of 2020

Three reading days have been built into the schedule—March 3, March 31, and April 28.

For the School of Theology:

Feb. 1: First day of classes

May 5: Last day of classes

May 6-12: Final exams

May 16: Commencement for the Class of 2021

Reading days will be held on Feb. 17 and March 3.

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## NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried

### Winter Circle of Stars

Jack Lorenz (professor of physics, now deceased) wrote this article for the Messenger quite a few years ago:

"This is a good time of year to become familiar with the bright stars of the Winter Circle in the early evening sky. Locate Sirius, the brightest star in the night sky, rising above the southeastern horizon. Above it is Rigel in Orion. It is the bright star to the right of the three stars that form Orion's belt. Use the distance from Sirius to Rigel as your "yardstick" because all the stars in the circle are about the same distance apart except for the Gemini Twins. Next, locate ruddy Aldebaran in Taurus the Bull at this distance above and to the left of Rigel. Continuing counterclockwise around the circle left a yardstick's length to Capella (in Auriga-note by Yolande) then down the same distance to Castor and Pollux, the Gemini Twins. To the right and below, locate Procyon in the Little Dog and then to the right back to Sirius in the Big Dog and the circle is complete... How can you remember all these exotic star names in the Winter Circle? The first letter of each star name in counterclockwise order forms SRACCP. A University astronomy student, Laura Elizabeth Doty (class of 1990), suggested the following mnemonic expression: 'Seven Ridiculous Astronomers Caught Colds Peering at Planets.'"



Hoarfrost in Lost Cove. Photo by Emmitt Logsdon

## WEATHER

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Dec 14	36	27
Tue	Dec 15	41	39
Wed	Dec 16	41	25
Thu	Dec 17	35	21
Fri	Dec 18	47	29
Sat	Dec 19	49	37
Sun	Dec 20	47	37

Week's Stats:  
Avg max temp = 42  
Avg min temp = 31  
Avg temp = 36  
Precipitation = 1.20"

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Dec 21	52	39
Tue	Dec 22	56	37
Wed	Dec 23	44	13
Thu	Dec 24	24	14
Fri	Dec 25	44	28
Sat	Dec 26	53	43
Sun	Dec 27	52	31

Week's Stats:  
Avg max temp = 46  
Avg min temp = 29  
Avg temp = 38  
Precipitation = 1.15"

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Dec 28	55	31
Tue	Dec 29	59	46
Wed	Dec 30	59	48
Thu	Dec 31	60	58
Fri	Jan 01	66	37
Sat	Jan 02	58	33
Sun	Jan 03	45	31

Week's Stats:  
Avg max temp = 57  
Avg min temp = 41  
Avg temp = 49  
Precipitation = 0.90"

DAY	DATE	HI	LO
Mon	Jan 04	51	38
Tue	Jan 05	45	29
Wed	Jan 06	51	33
Thu	Jan 07	42	29
Fri	Jan 08	30	25
Sat	Jan 09	28	22
Sun	Jan 10	40	31

Week's Stats:  
Avg max temp = 41  
Avg min temp = 30  
Avg temp = 35  
Precipitation = 0.39"

Reported by Sandy Gilliam  
Domain Ranger



Dennis



Nora

## Pets of the Week

### Meet Dennis & Nora

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My name is Nora, the special kitty at the shelter, they say. I am a six-month-old long haired orange tabby female kitten, and the shelter staff said that they haven't had a cat with my looks in years! I would love to find a nice family that appreciates my heart and all the love I have to give. I know that any day now, someone will come in and ask for a kitten like me, or maybe they will send an email or an application with my name on it. I would love a place to call my own. A place where I can go on imaginary jungle runs, and even the occasional bug hunt would be my kind of place! I am up-to-date on my vaccinations, FIV/FelV negative, neutered, and microchipped. If you are interested in adopting me, make sure you submit an adoption application at <www.animalharbor.org>.

Animal Harbor is located at 56 Nor-Nan Rd., off AEDC Road, in Winchester. Call Animal Harbor at 962-4472 for more information and check out the other pets at <www.animalharbor.org>.

## State Park Offerings

Please note: To confirm that these events will occur as listed go to <http://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/southcumberland/#/?park=southcumberland> or call (931) 924-2980.

### Tuesday, Jan. 19

**Morning Hike Around Grundy Lakes (\$5)**—Meet Ranger Dan Wescoat at 8:30 a.m. (CST) at Grundy Lakes Trailhead, 587 Lakes Rd., Tracy City, (main parking area) for a peaceful, easy 2.4-mile hike around Grundy Lakes. Enjoy the crisp morning air and take in the beauty of the lake; learn some Grundy County history by checking out the historic Coke Ovens along the route. Be sure to wear sturdy, closed-toed shoes; bring plenty of water and snacks to get you through the hike.

### Saturday, Jan. 23

**Coffee with a Ranger (\$3)**—Have you ever wondered what a park ranger's day-to-day duties are? Join Ranger Ryan Harris for a cup of coffee to find out what a ranger's job consists of and stay

up to date with what is happening at South Cumberland State Park. Coffee will be provided. You can register by clicking the tickets link, by calling the Visitors Center at (931) 924-2980, or pay at the visitors center that morning.

### Sunday, Jan. 24

**Day Loop Hike (\$10) (Please pre-register. Registration closes at midnight Jan. 23)**—Join Ranger Mark Greenwood at 8 a.m. at Savage Gulf Ranger Station, 3157 SR 399, Palmer, for a 4.3-mile (round trip, approximate) basic, introductory guided hike on the east side of Savage Gulf. Bring along water and food (in case you get hungry on the trail). Wear sturdy shoes in which to hike. The areas around overlooks can be treacherous in terms of keeping your footing. The potential to slip and fall exists, and extreme care is needed. Weather permitting.

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News and Calendar:  
Tuesday, 5 p.m.  
Display Advertising:  
Monday, 5 p.m.  
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Wednesday, noon

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE:** The Town of Monteagle will have a special called meeting on Jan. 18, 2021 at 6 p.m. in the Conference Room at City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to have the Second reading of Ordinance 01-21 An Ordinance to authorize additional membership for the Planning Commission, First reading of Ordinance 02-21 an ordinance to adopt the official Zoning Map, and First reading of Ordinance 03-21 to adopt the Zoning Ordinance.

**NOTICE:** The Sewanee Utility District of Franklin and Marion Counties Board of Commissioners is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 19, at the utility office on Sherwood Road. If a customer is unable to attend but wishes to bring a matter to the board, call 598-5611, visit the office, or call a board member. Your board members are Doug Cameron, Randall Henley, Ronnie Hoosier, Charlie Smith and Paul Evans.

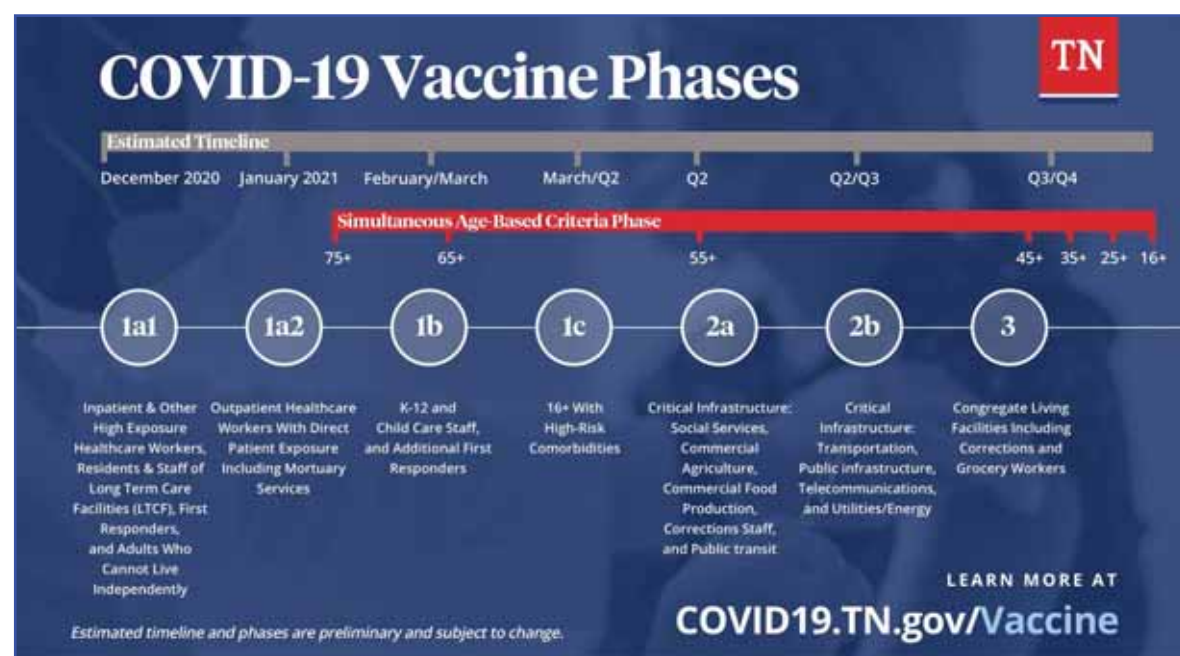
**NOTICE:** The Town of Monteagle will be accepting applications for an interim 911 Director (dispatch). Applications may be picked up at the drive thru window at city hall during regular business hours.

**NOTICE:** In accordance with TCA 13-7-203, notice is hereby given of a Public Hearing to be held on Jan. 25, 2021 at 5:45 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall. The purpose of this hearing is to have the Second Reading of Ordinance 02-21 Zoning Map and Second Reading of Ordinance 03-21 Monteagle Zoning Ordinance.

**NOTICE:** The Town of Monteagle is accepting applications for a part-time position for a police officer. The applicant must be post certified. Applications may be picked up at city hall during regular working hours. We will close this position on Jan. 25, 2021, at 4 p.m.

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It is important to note Tennessee counties may progress through COVID-19 vaccination phases at different times,

depending on supplies of COVID-19 vaccines. To learn what phase your county is in, visit <<https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/vaccine-phases/>>.

For vaccine information for health departments go to <<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/cedep/novel-coronavirus/CountyPhaseStatus.pdf>>

There is a new digital tool to

help inform Tennesseans when they will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. It is not an appointment system. The eligibility tool allows users to opt-in to receive updates and notifications about their vaccine phase and provides risk-based and age-based phase information at the county level. Go to <<https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/eligibility/>>.





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by Phoebe Bates

### Hopes for 2021

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,  
The flying cloud, the frosty light:  
The year is dying in the night;  
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.  
Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.  
Ring out the grief that saps the mind  
For those that here we see no more;  
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,  
Ring in redress to all mankind.  
Ring out a slowly dying cause,  
And ancient forms of party strife;  
Ring in the nobler modes of life,  
With sweeter manners, purer laws.  
Ring out the want, the care, the sin,  
The faithless coldness of the times;  
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes  
But ring the fuller minstrel in.  
Ring out false pride in place and blood,  
The civic slander and the spite;  
Ring in the love of truth and right,  
Ring in the common love of good.  
Ring out old shapes of foul disease;  
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;  
Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace.  
Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

--Alfred Lord Tennyson, *Ring Out Wild Bells*

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# Community Calendar

### Friday, Jan. 15

GC Schools No Classes

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

### Monday, Jan. 18 • Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

FC, GC, MC Schools No Classes

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, intermediate, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 10:30 a.m. Chair Exercise, Ruth, Senior Center, until 11:15 a.m.
- 4:30 p.m. Town of Monteagle, Workshop, via Zoom, until 5:50 p.m.
- 6 p.m. Town of Monteagle, Special Called Meeting, via Zoom; <https://zoom.us/j/5139949664?pwd=dGxiVWZVcTRMOHdnRmdzZlJSbmI4QT09>; Password 109566

### Tuesday, Jan. 19

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

- 5 p.m. Sewanee Utility District board, Utility office, Sherwood Road
- 5:30 p.m. Pilates, beginners, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 7 p.m. Franklin County Commissioners, Franklin County Annex, Winchester

### Wednesday, Jan. 20

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

### Thursday, Jan. 21

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, via Zoom; for link email <woodybike@mac.com>
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, beginners, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 10 a.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, via Zoom; for invitation, <pippabrowne64@gmail.com>
- noon Pilates, intermediate, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 5:30 p.m. Pilates, beginners, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

### Friday, Jan. 22

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

### Local 12-Step Meetings

#### Friday

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

#### Saturday

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

#### Sunday

- 6:30 p.m. AA, open, Morton Memorial, Wesley House porch, Monteagle

#### Monday

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

#### Tuesday

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

#### Wednesday

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

#### Thursday

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



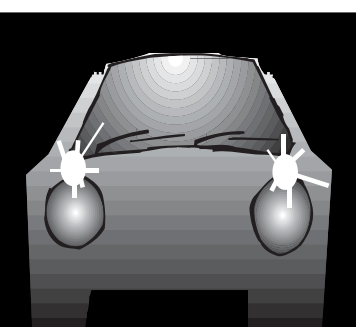
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