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SUD Progress on Consecutive- Terms Issue

by Leslie Lytle
Messenger Staff Writer

At the Jan. 19 meeting of the Seawanee Utility District Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Doug Cameron reported on a promising interchange with Tennessee State Senator Janice Bowling about the board's long-standing efforts to modify the consecutive-terms clause in the SUD charter. The board also reviewed financial reporting documents and approved the election of commissioner Charlie Smith to a second term. Smith ran for reelection unopposed.

In early 2020, Board President Smith reached out to Tennessee State Representative Iris Rudder who agreed to introduce legislation to the Tennessee legislature on SUD's behalf. The charter that established the utility limits commissioners to two consecutive terms. Smith asked Rudder to petition the legislature to change the language to allow for unlimited consecutive terms. The change would allow commissioners with accumulated knowledge of the utility to continue serving and also address the difficulty of finding SUD customers to serve as commissioner.

Smith has not received a reply from Rudder on his request for
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Monteagle Council Approves Map, Zoning Ordinance

by Leslie Lytle
Messenger Staff Writer

At the Jan. 18 special called meeting, the Monteagle City Council approved on first reading adopting an official zoning map and adopting a new set of zoning ordinances to provide for planning. The council also approved on second reading an ordinance changing the number of planning commission members. At a workshop prior to the meeting, the council took up convenience center issues, new hires, and replacing a council member who resigned.

Mayor Marilyn Campbell Rodman explained the 2016 zoning map would be used as the reference point since "that's when MTAS did the compilation on the ordinance book and made that the official timeline for the town." The ordinance calling for adoption of the 2016 map excludes a parcel whose zoning is being challenged by RBT Enterprises, with the zoning to be decided by the courts. Rodman said the council had received a verbal decision on the disputed parcel. The council will meet with the city attorney to discuss the decision.

Alderman Nate Wilson said the council had identified another

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St. Paul's-on-the-Mountain. Photo from Otey Memorial Parish

What's in a Name: St. Mark, St. Paul, Otey?

by Leslie Lytle, Messenger Staff Writer

In December, the vestry of Otey Memorial Parish petitioned the Diocese of Tennessee to confer upon the parish congregation a new name: the Episcopal Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul on the Mountain. Discussion about the naming of Otey Memorial Parish began in January 2019. The racially charged atmosphere of this past summer prompted the formation of a committee to give careful consideration to questions raised.

James Hervey Otey is the parish's namesake. "Bishop Otey was a devout churchman," said Karen Keele, who chaired the committee. Information from the committee's research, Otey rector Rev. Rob Lamborn, and Otey records flesh out Bishop Otey's story. Otey traveled widely starting many congregations, was instrumental in establishing the Diocese of Tennessee, and served as both the first bishop of Tennessee and first Chancellor of the University. The first building of the University and first place of worship was Otey Hall. Otey opposed seceding from the Union, but Otey supported slavery and owned from three to 16 slaves.

Also pertinent to investigating the parish's name is history about buildings and worshippers.

In 1868, the University completed St. Augustine's Chapel. Soon afterwards the University and local residents recognized the need for a parish church. The church consecrated in 1875 at the site of Seawanee Elementary School served both white and African-American parishioners who held services at different times. The white parishioners called their congregation St. Paul's-on-the-Mountain. The African-American parishioners called their congregation St. Mark's. The church provided schooling for both black and white children.

For reasons not entirely clear, according to Lamborn, in 1891 a new parish church was constructed across the street, a more durable, partially stone building. There was nothing to suggest the first church was in poor condition. The plan

was for the white parishioners to worship at the new church and the African-American parishioners to worship at the old church. At the vestry's request, Bishop Quintard, who succeeded Bishop Otey, recommended to the Diocese honoring Otey by changing the name of St. Paul's to Otey Memorial Parish. The Diocese, instead, approved the name Otey Memorial Church. "The record doesn't state whether or not this was intentional," Lamborn said.

Nor do historical records reveal how parishioners from the two congregations felt about the naming or the more segregated worship practice. Soon afterwards, though, the St. Mark's worshippers began calling themselves St. Paul's. When the church fell into disrepair, the congregants repurposed salvageable materials and in the 1930s built a new church on Magnolia Avenue. Name: St. Mark's.

In the 1960s, Otey chose to integrate. "Integration wasn't 100 percent successful, though," Keele acknowledges. "Blacks felt welcome at Otey, but they didn't feel like they had a role." St. Mark's continued to serve worshippers until 1968, when the bishop closed the church at the congregation's request.

The 1971 Otey Centennial Committee pondered the naming "inconsistency" and considered renaming the parish. As recently as 1979, records occasionally refer to Otey as St. Paul's-on-the-Mountain, Lamborn pointed out. Curiously, the St. Paul's name referenced an entity that no longer existed in any official capacity.

What should Otey be called in 2021, the year of the sesquicentennial? "What it comes down to is how to best serve God," Lamborn said. Keele noted naming a church after a person from the fairly recent past was unusual. Far more typically churches are named for biblical figures or events. The congregation—the worshippers—are typically known by the name of the church.

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COVID Vaccine: Our Next Step in Primary Prevention

by Mary Heath, MD MPH and Mariel Gingrich, MPH, University
Public Health Officers

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic one year ago, more than 2 million people around the world have died. Fortunately, an end is now in sight. With the release of two mRNA vaccines in late December produced by Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna, one of the most important types of primary prevention can now begin: vaccination. Masking, hand washing, and social distancing are the three most important tools we have been using to protect ourselves from COVID-19 and these strategies will stay at the forefront of our fight against this virus. However, through vaccination we can now teach our immune systems how to recognize a specific spike protein found on the outside of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus. This sets up a cascade of internal messages alerting our immune fighting cells to attack the virus before we become severely infected.

While it may seem that the delivery of the vaccine within our local area has been slow, vaccinations are being given through our county health departments in a very strategic way. This is important while the supply is limited. Tennessee, like other states, is using a phased approach according to occupation, health risk, and age starting with those older than 75. You may visit <<https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines>> to find out which phase pertains to you and what phase your county and surrounding counties are currently in. You may also request a vaccination appointment from the same website. The Tennessee vaccine delivery dashboard can be found here: <<https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/ncov/covid-19-vaccine-information.html>>. As of Jan. 14, there have been 330,775 total COVID-19 vaccines administered Tennessee, and 42,851 people have already completed the two-dose series. In Franklin County, 3.79 percent of the population has received one dose, with similar numbers in Marion (4.19 percent), and Grundy counties (3.0 percent).

Because much of the scientific groundwork was done in advance of the new COVID-19 vaccines, they could be developed quickly without skipping or overlooking any steps in the vaccine development process. Some people are concerned that vaccine development might have been rushed under Operation Warp Speed, but that is not the case. Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines have been shown to be highly effective at preventing COVID-19 disease. Pfizer is

reported to be 95 percent effective after two doses given 21 days apart and Moderna is 94 percent effective after two doses given 28 days apart.

Some questions that you might have about the COVID-19 vaccine:

Will I still need to mask after getting vaccinated? Masking is an essential step in preventing the spread of coronavirus. The new mRNA vaccines are 95 percent effective at preventing the development of disease—but it is still unknown whether they effectively prevent asymptomatic transmission. Therefore, even after vaccination, masking is one of the best ways for a vaccinated person to continue to protect others. As we approach the necessary level of herd immunity—some estimate that 80 percent of the population will need to be vaccinated or have had COVID-19 infection—community prevention measures may be relaxed. Until we reach that point, we need to continue to socially distance, avoid large crowds, and to wear a mask to help prevent the spread of coronavirus.

If I have previously been diagnosed with COVID-19, is there still reason for me to get vaccinated? Yes, while you may have developed some natural immunity to SARS-CoV-2 following illness, not enough is known about how long your immune protection will last. Until further research can be conducted about the length and strength of natural immunity, it is still wise to get vaccinated against COVID-19. Since vaccination is a voluntary process and vaccine supply is currently low, one could consider waiting closer to the end of their 90-day post infection period (the length of time that most people have some lasting COVID-19 immunity) before getting vaccinated, as this will allow others who are at higher risk to receive their life-saving vaccination.

Will my PCR test results still be accurate following vaccination with an mRNA vaccine? Yes. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines contain a small segment of messenger RNA from the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus. This portion of mRNA does not enter the nucleus of our cells and does not get incorporated into our DNA. After the spike protein is created, the mRNA portion is broken down and removed from our cells. Furthermore, the vaccine is injected into the deltoid muscle of the upper arm and these cells are quite distant and distinctive from the skin cells that line our inner

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Sewanee Elementary School Students of the Month, December. Front row: N. Douglas and Kaisen Dietz. Back row: Porsche Haney, Catherine Barnett, Hannah Stevens and Hiyasa Patel.

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In anticipation of a limited Spring opening, the Hospitality Shop is now taking donations of clothing, household goods, jewelry and knick-knacks. Please leave your clean and well-maintained items in the bin at the rear of the building. The Hospitality Shop cannot take large pieces of furniture, mattresses or electronics.

Beginning Saturday, Feb. 6, the Shop will open for business on Saturdays only until further notice. Hours for business are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Safety and social distancing rules will be observed and enforced. Masks are required, and a limited number of people will be allowed in the building at one time. Please help the Hospitality Shop stay open for business by adhering to the limitations during this time.

COVID-19 Testing Sites

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

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

Franklin County Health Department, 266 Joyce Lane, Winchester (931) 967-3826, 9 a.m.–noon.

Grundy County Health Department, 1372 Main St., Altamont, (931) 692-3641, 8:30–10:30 a.m., and 1–3 p.m. Call ahead for an appointment.

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Sisters Offer Virtual Program on Racial Healing

The Sisters of St. Mary will continue their virtual program series 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.

Catherine Meeks, Ph.D., is Executive Director of the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing. A sought-after teacher and workshop leader, Catherine brings four decades of experience in transforming the dismantling racism work in Atlanta. The core of her work has been with people who have been marginalized because of economic status, race, gender or physical ability as they pursue liberation, justice and access to resources that can help lead them to health, wellness and a more abundant life. This work grows out of her understanding of her call to the vocation of teacher as well as her realization that all of humanity is one family which God desires to unite.

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.

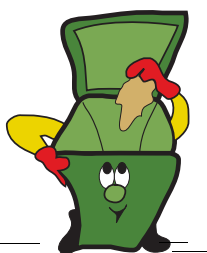


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Upcoming Meetings

Town of Monteagle

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The Town of Monteagle is scheduled to meet in regular session at 6 p.m., Monday, Jan. 25. The Beer Board is scheduled to meet at 5:30 p.m.

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, go to <<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.

Rotary Club Meeting

The Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club will meet at 8 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 28, via Zoom. The program will be presented by Emily Heid from the South Cumberland Farmers Market. For the Zoom link, email Woody Deutsch <woodybike@mac.com>.

EQB Club Meeting

At noon, Wednesday, Feb. 3, members of the EQB Club will have the pleasure of a Zoom lead by Dr. Stephanie Smith and Richard Boeth, on their Monarch butterfly waystation creation titled "Visit to Smith-Boeth Monarch Waystation." As avid amateur hobbyists in science and nature studies, Rich and Stephanie took their first steps toward building a certified Monarch Waystation near their home in the Assembly three years ago. This is definitely a lead to not be missed as you accompany them with outstanding photography and information. Non-EQB members interested in attending should contact Chuck Morgret by email at <chuckmorgret@gmail.com> for the Zoom link.

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Massage Therapy January Special
Matthew Sias LMT, located downstairs in the Legion Building, is offering an introductory massage special of \$50 per hour session, \$75 per 90 minute session through January. Matthew specializes in Deep Tissue, Sports Massage, Swedish Massage, Myofascial Release, Stretching/Range of Motion Techniques.
Contact mountainmassage.matthew@gmail.com, 615-397-8348

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. 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.

Annual Cornbread Festival Postponed

The annual Cornbread Festival, normally held in April in South Pittsburg, Tenn., has been postponed. A potential date to reschedule the festival has not yet been determined. Go to <<http://nationalcornbread.com/>> for more information.

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John Carlin “J.C.” Allen Jr.

John Carlin Allen Jr., died peacefully on Dec. 27, 2020, at his home in Monteagle, after a two-year fight with cancer. He was born on Sept. 16, 1933, in New York, N.Y. He received his BA from the University of Colorado, Boulder. His business career included heading the computer departments of several Wall Street firms before striking out on his own to launch computer businesses elsewhere.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Winona R. Allen; daughters, Tibby (John) Keane of Sea Girt, N.J., Laird (Sean) Almy of Woodstock, Ga., and K.J. (Michael) Carvalho of Manchester-by-the-Sea, Mass.; brother, Preston R. Allen, of Maitland, Fla.; stepson, Chip (Liz) Schane of Sewanee, nine grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to <Animalharbor.org>.

Gloria Rosby Short Curtis

Gloria Rosby Short Curtis, age 82 of Acworth, Ga., formerly of Sewanee, died on Jan. 9, 2021, at her daughter’s home. She was born on Aug. 26, 1938, in Sewanee, to Ruben Columbus Short and Margaret Garner Short. After graduating she was first employed as a bookkeeper at the Sewanee Inn. After moving to Cobb County, Ga. she was employed for several years by Squire’s Bookkeeping and Tax Service. Her last place of employment was as the Tax Assessor for Cobb County Georgia for 15 years before her retirement. She was a member of Grace Fellowship Church in Sewanee. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Harold A. Short and Gordon O. Short.

She is survived by her daughters, Carol Schrems of Dickinson, N.D., Beverly (William) Franklin of Acworth, Ga., Michelle (Brian) Chastain of Cartersville, Ga., four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were on Jan. 13, 2021, from the Chapel of Grant Funeral Services with David McBee, Eulogist, officiating. Interment followed in O’ dear Cemetery, Sewanee. For complete obituary go to <grantfuneralservices.net>.

The Rev. Dr. Matilda Eeleen Greene Dunn

The Rev. Dr. Matilda E. G. Dunn died on Jan. 4, 2021 at the family home in Silver Spring, Md., after a long struggle with kidney disease and metastatic breast cancer. Matilda was predeceased by her parents, Judson H. Greene and Rachel Bing Greene, and her eldest brother, Nehemiah Greene.

An ordained priest in the Episcopal Church, Matilda was born and raised in Greenville, Sinoe County, Liberia. She attended boarding school at St. John’s Episcopal High School/House of Bethany in Grand Cape Mount County, Liberia. She was enrolled briefly at both Cuttington University and the University of Liberia contemplating medical studies and continued her college education at Howard University in Washington, DC., where she met her future husband, Elwood Dunn, a graduate student at American University. They were wed in 1971 and had four children, Daniel E. Dunn, Chandra R. Dunn, Germaine S. Dunn, and Sédar T. Dunn.

The couple moved to New Jersey, where Elwood joined the faculty of Seton Hall University and Matilda completed her B.Sc. at nearby Bloomfield College. Matilda then earned an M.Sc. in biology and education from Southern Illinois

University. When the family returned to Liberia, she joined the Science faculty at the University of Liberia and taught biology in the 1970s. She taught biology at St. Andrew’s-Sewanee School until her calling to the Christian ministry, a calling in which her cousin the late Bishop George Daniel Browne mentored her. At the University of the South’s School of Theology, she earned the M.Div. in 1994, and the D.Min. Her doctoral thesis was published as St. Mark’s Church and Otey Memorial Parish Church in Sewanee, Tennessee: A Case Study of a Merger in the Episcopal Church (AHLF Occasional Papers) in 2014.

Ordained to the diaconate of the Episcopal Church in 1994 and to the Priesthood in 1995, she served as Lay Chaplain at All Saints’ Chapel at Sewanee: The University of the South; Deacon and Priest Associate at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church; and Assistant Rector at Grace Episcopal Church in Chattanooga, Tenn.; chaplain for higher education at the University of Tennessee/Chattanooga and Chattanooga Technical Community College; and Priest-in-Charge at St. Mark’s Church, Copperhill, Tenn. She and her husband moved in retirement from Tennessee to Silver Spring, Md., to be closer to their children. During their first two years in Silver Spring, Matilda and Elwood welcomed and basked in the joy of their first grandchildren: Abram Elwood Dunn and Lucas Thomas Dunn.

Due to the current pandemic situation in the U.S., there will be modest, private funeral services as follows:

On Saturday, Jan.23, 2021, there will be a Funeral Mass at Trinity Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. at 11 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) This will be by invitation only; however, family and friends may attend virtually via <https://www.facebook.com/trinitychurchdc.org> or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCozhQlkoQJ0V51VAoKB-fzQ/videos?view=2&flow=grid>

Her remains will then be flown to Austin, Texas where there will be another private, invitation only service at King-Tears Mortuary on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021 at 11 a.m. EST. Interment will follow at The Onion Creek Memorial Park where her parents and oldest brother are buried. As this will also be invitation only, family and friends may attend virtually via the link ad Vimeo <https://vimeo.com/500902892>.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial gifts in Matilda’s name to the American Kidney Fund of Rockville, Maryland at <www.kidneyfund.org>.

Reba Jo Bennett Sartain

Reba Jo Bennett Sartain, age 80 of Pelham, died on Jan.11, 2021. She was born on Dec. 17, 1940, in Monteagle, to Dave and Almagene Goodman Bennett. She attended Monteagle Elementary School and Grundy County High School. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Nadine Whitfield; brother Darl Bennett; and husband, L.D. Sartain

She is survived by her children, Janette Elaine Sartain, James Daniel (Henrietta) Sartain, Michael Andrew (Joyce) Sartain, Mary Kate Sartain, Carolyn Dee Sartain, and Billy Mack (Donna) Sartain; brothers Clyde (Teresa) Bennett and Bill (Carol) Bennett, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were on Jan. 14,

2021, from the Chapel of Cumberland Funeral Home with Bro. Ray Winton officiating. Interment followed, next to her husband, L.D., in Warren Cemetery, Pelham. For complete obituary go to <www.cumberlandfuneralhome.net>.

Donald Maurice Trout

Donald Maurice Trout, age 76 of Cowan, died on Jan.12, 2021, at his home. He was born on July 4, 1944, in Lewis County, Ky., to Charles and Jessie Lee Trout. He was employed for many years as

a heavy equipment mechanic and was a proud union member. He loved to travel and had been all over the world; his two favorite places from his travels were Panama and Costa Rica.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Shirley Jett, Ray Trout, and Jack Trout; and son, Dennis Michael Trout.

He is survived by his wife, Gladis Santamaria de Trout, of David, Panama; children, Sandra Carr of Cowan, Chris (Tammy) Trout of Kennesaw, Ga., Gabriela

Chavez, Daniel Chavez, and Leydis Chavez of Panama; siblings, Evelyn Wamsley of Cherry Fork, Ohio, and Darrell (Gwen) Trout of Zephyrhills, Fla., eight grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews; former wife and friend, Shelby Jean Wente Trout, friend James Steele, and by many others. A private family visitation was held in Tennessee, with celebrations of his life in Tennessee and in Panama to follow at a later date. His ashes will be returned to Panama when safe travel is possible.

Church Calendar

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

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Christ Church, Monteagle

10:45 a.m. Morning Prayer, Sunday

noon Service, Wednesday

Christ Church, Tracy City (STEM)

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

12:15 p.m. Noonday Prayer, Tuesday

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

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

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Christ the King Anglican Church, Decherd

9 a.m. Sunday Service, Sunday

6:30 p.m. Healing/prayer service

Cowan Fellowship Church

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cowan

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Monteagle

9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Sewanee

9 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

Decherd United Methodist Church

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

10:50 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday

Epiphany Mission, Sherwood (STEM)

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

12:15 p.m. Noonday Prayer, Tuesday

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

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

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 and via Zoom, Sunday

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Alto

(meeting at Good Shepherd, Decherd)

St. Mary’s Sewanee

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

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

Sewanee Church of God

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Morning Service, Sunday

6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday

Tracy City First Baptist Church

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, Sunday

Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester (STEM)

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

12:15 p.m. Noonday Prayer, Tuesday

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

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

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United Pentecostal, Monteagle

10 a.m. Sunday School, Sunday

11 a.m. Worship, Sunday

7 p.m. Worship, Wednesday

Unitarian Universalist, Tullahoma

6 p.m. Tullahoma Sangha, Wednesday

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| 36 Longview Ln., SOLD | 5.09 ac | 2073074 | \$65,000 |
| 250 Jackson Pt. Rd., PENDING | 5.09 ac | 2105112 | \$149,000 |
| 16 Laurel Lake Dr., PENDING | 5.09 ac | 1989467 | \$82,000 |
| 14 Jackson Pt. Rd., SOLD | 8.46 ac | 1803643 | \$129,500 |
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| 57 Edgewater Ct. Lot 57 | | 2184847 | \$28,000 |
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| 0 Wilderness Bridge Lot RC11 | | 2178470 | \$59,000 |
| Savage Bluff Lot RC11, 5.09 ac | | 2178470 | \$59,000 |
| Deepwoods Rd. Lot 57, 8.46 ac | | 2152060 | \$49,000 |
| Cooley's Rift Lot 57, 4.63 ac | | 2151255 | \$99,000 |
| Bear Ct., .51 ac, #18 | | 2130056 | \$29,000 |
| Bear Ct., .5 ac, #19 | | 2130059 | \$29,000 |
| Bear Ct., .58 ac, #20 | | 2130058 | \$29,000 |
| 13 Browbend Dr., 1.9ac | | 2130040 | \$54,000 |
| 14 Browbend Dr., 1.5 ac | | 2130051 | \$54,000 |
| 8 Jackson Pt. Rd. 5.09 ac | | 2115740 | \$36,000 |
| 1159 Sassafras Ct., SOLD | | 2072615 | \$59,000 |



MLS 2145687 - 72 Maxon Ln., Sewanee. \$479,500



191 Girault Jones, Sewanee. \$410,000

SUD (from page 1)

progress on introducing the legislation. Cameron met with Bowling in a virtual meeting to discuss fire flows at a women's shelter. Following the meeting, Cameron sent a note thanking Bowling for her help and took the opportunity to speak on SUD's behalf. Cameron brought up the consecutive-terms dilemma. In her reply Bowling said, "The issue of getting competent people to serve on these boards is prevalent across rural Tennessee." Bowling committed to introducing legislation "to correct the problem" and to work to get it passed.

Smith suggested contacting the Winchester Springs water utility and encouraging them "to get on board." Winchester Springs previously contacted him about being confronted with the same problem.

Also in the arena of long-term significance, the board reviewed two documents on financial reporting prepared by Commissioner Paul Evans, who compiled information from multiple sources.

"This is a good synopsis on what to look for and not overly technical," said SUD manager Ben Beavers. Beavers recommended including the documents in the information packet provided to new commissioners.

Evans created a 10-point summary of items that needed to "be tracked to ensure financial health." The top three points were: maintaining an operating cash reserve equal to 12.5 percent of the annual operation and maintenance budget; maintaining a capital cash reserve equal to the replacement cost of critical components of the water system (i.e., major pumping or filtration equipment); and rates should not exceed 1.5 percent of median household income.

At the next meeting on Feb. 16, the board will elect officers and set meeting dates for 2021.

Otey Memorial Parish News

This Sunday is the last combined service offered by All Saints' Chapel and Otey Memorial Parish. The Rev. Dr. Walter Knowles, visiting professor of liturgics at the School of Theology, will preach the sermon. Sunday worship will continue to be offered online at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on the Facebook page, and on the YouTube channel.

The Sunday Forum meets at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. The Bishop Otey Sunday will be presented by Rob Lamborn.

Godly Play is offered via Zoom 9:30-10:30 a.m. For Zoom information contact Jeannie Babb at <formation@oteparish.org>.

Fire on the Mountain Youth Sunday School takes place at 4 p.m. via Zoom. Contact <formation@oteparish.org> for the link.

Parish staff members are combining remote and in-person work. To meet with a staff member in-person, contact the staff member directly, call the office (931) 598-5926 or email <admin@oteparish.org>.

Monteagle (from page 1)

parcel rezoned since 2016 which did not correspond with the new map.

"The landowners have been notified," Rodman said. "We'll deal with that on the 25th." On Jan. 25, the council will meet prior to the regular meeting to approve on second reading the new map and ordinances.

The 2021 Zoning Ordinances differ only slightly from the ordinances approved in 2018 and determined to be of questionable validity due to inadequate meeting notification. [See Messenger, Jan. 25, 2021]. Changes include notification practices for zoning changes and husbandry on agricultural property, Rodman said.

Ordinance 03-21 approved on second reading provides for increasing the number of planning commission members to seven, and calls for staggered terms.

In the workshop, the council discussed Police Chief Jack Hill's recommendation to hire a part-time officer to replace an officer called to service in Washington, D.C. for an undetermined time period. The council also discussed hiring Heather Smartt to replace 911 supervisor Wanda McDaniel who will retire Jan. 29 after 22 years of service. Smartt, a current 911 department employee, holds the necessary certification and was the only applicant for the position.

Rodman announced alderwoman Jessica Blalock resigned. Blalock cited "changes in her life and family things" according to

Rodman. Appointing a replacement to serve until the next election falls to the council. Rodman proposed appointing Alvin Powell who previously served six and a half years as an alderman.

Alderwoman Dorraine Parmley brought to the council's attention a complaint by a resident stopped from dumping insulation and pipe at the convenience center. Rodman said commercial dumping was never allowed. Many businesses had their own dumpsters. Rodman pointed out the city rented a dumpster for the Community Center's use. Wilson said the Marion County landfill allowed commercial dumping for a small fee, with Grundy County businesses receiving the same rate as Marion County businesses.

Turning to another convenience center issue, Rodman said the cardboard compactor owner had removed the compactor after being asked to provide a contract and insurance documentation. Franklin County will provide a container for recyclable cardboard.

Utility manager John Condra brought to the council's attention that the Sprint antennae service wires were obstructing the ladder on a water tower. Rodman said Sprint contracted for use of the tower and would be required to address the problem. Condra also called attention to deterioration of the wet well.

The council will meet to discuss baseball sign ups.

Name (from page 1)

"From 1891 to 1962 the black and white congregations were segregated in worship," Lamborn said. "The name changed before and changing it again would be a way to bring things together. . . We want to acknowledge and celebrate the history of the African-American and white congregants both." Double names are not uncommon and usually result when two churches combine.

In addition to recommending the parish name change, the seven-member committee proposed a plaque on the church recognizing the building was dedicated to Bishop Otey, a street-side historical marker telling the story more fully, and changing the name of St. Mark's Hall to Kennerly Hall honoring the African-American community leaders and educators John and Gertrude Kennerly.

The Diocese will vote on the request to change the parish name to St. Mark and St. Paul on the Mountain on Jan. 23.

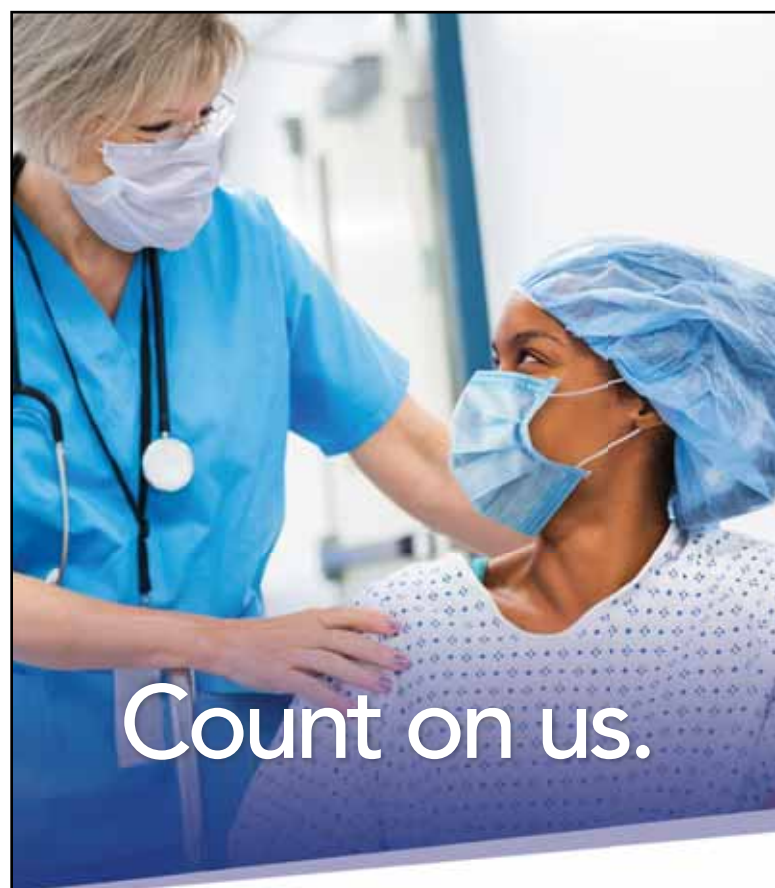
COVID (from page 1)

nose and mouth where nasal swabs and saliva samples are collected. Your PCR test results will still be accurate following vaccination.

Who should not be vaccinated? Anyone who has a history of severe or immediate allergic reaction following a COVID mRNA vaccine or a component of the vaccine, such as polyethylene glycol, should not receive the vaccine. Polyethylene glycol or PEG is a common osmotic laxative and is present in both vaccines. All individuals are required to wait 15 minutes after receiving their shot; 30 minutes is required for people with a history of an anaphylactic reaction to other substances. Vaccine research trials are ongoing for children under 18 years, so children are not yet eligible for COVID vaccination. Pregnant and lactating women are able to get the COVID vaccine and they should discuss this with their health care provider.

Do both doses need to be given from the same manufacturer? Yes, two doses from the same vaccine company are required to complete the vaccination series. You will receive a national vaccination card noting which vaccine type you received and your injection date. You should keep this card carefully and bring it with you when you are due for the second dose. The Vsafe app <www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe> is another important step to take after getting vaccinated. This is a health checker app accessed from a smartphone that helps to track data about how you are feeling post-vaccination and helps to remind you when your next dose is due.

Receiving a COVID-19 vaccination will definitely save lives both locally and beyond, so please get your vaccination when it becomes available to you.



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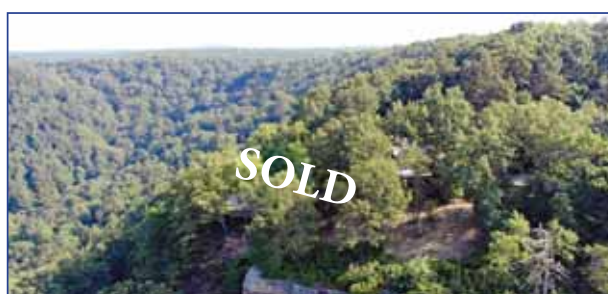
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Sewanee Elementary Announces Honor Rolls, Award Recipients

Sewanee Elementary School principal Allison Dietz announced honor rolls and award recipients for the most recent nine-week period.

First Honor Roll

Third grade—Isabella DiDomenico, Brodie Fricker, Alexandre Glacet, Grady Mangrum, Mason Rudder, Declan Sweeney and Ludmila Zasedatelev;

Fourth grade—Hana Hill, Myles McLaurin, Gillian O’Connell, Sara Margaret Roberts and Cabell Thompson;

Fifth grade—Lily Camp, Samson McClain and Adeline Pond.

Second Honor Roll

Third grade—Nora Jane Elrod, Mason Milner and Jack Roberts;

Fourth grade—Flynn Allen, Logan Close, Fred King, Kyla Kilgore, James Mazur, Jane Shealy, Annanoel Sparacio and Rosalind Thompson;

Fifth grade—Ayden Allen, Dylan Bruscato, Grayson Clark, Max Goodpaster, Ben Lu, William Roberts, Maggie Lu Rudd and Brandon Sells.

BUG Club

(students who brought up grades without letting any go down)

Third grade—Wyatt Burge, Nora Jane Elrod, Jack Roberts and Ludmilla Zasedatelev;

Fourth grade—Hana Hill, Jackson McBee and Annanoel Sparacio;

Fifth grade—Ayden Allen, Samson McClain and Max Goodpaster.

Citizenship Award

(selected by their teachers)

K—Lucy Beaumont and Theo Leffler-Mitchell; **First grade**—Willow Midgett and Georgia Layne; **Second grade**—Louis Borchers and Patch Wilson; **Third grade**—Layton Coffelt and Hannah Stevens; **Fourth grade**—Hudson Vaughan and Sidney Rollins; **Fifth grade**—Daxton Marshall and Kayson James.

Tiger Traits

(selected by their peers as most exemplifying the character trait “Diligence”)

K—Michael Troutman and Felix Colbert; **First grade**—Nora Williams and Francesca Gray; **Second grade**—Beka Hill and Sadie Camp; **Third grade**—Jack Roberts and Isabella DiDomenico; **Fourth grade**—Jackson McBee and James Mazur; **Fifth grade**—Ciara Hurley and Bo Vinson.

(selected by their peers as most exemplifying the character trait “Helpfulness”)

K—Kaylynn Boswell and Suzy Camp; **First grade**—Julian Elrod and Imogene Latham; **Second grade**—Camille Jackson and Eli Rose; **Third grade**—Gracie Hoosier and Adyson Kaluzny; **Fourth grade**—Noah Gipson and Garrett King; **Fifth grade**—Daisy Knight and Carmen Green.



Sewanee Elementary School Citizenship award recipients.



Sewanee Elementary School Diligence award recipients.



Sewanee Elementary School Helpfulness award recipients.

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LUNCH

Monday, Jan. 25: Ham-burger or cheeseburger, chicken smackers, potato smiles, carrot dippers, baked beans, fruit.

Tuesday, Jan. 26: Zesty orange chicken, yogurt bag, roasted vegetables, deli roaster potatoes, steamed rice, fruit.

Wednesday, Jan. 27: Chicken nachos w/tortilla chips, pulled pork barbecue sandwich, battered potato bites, buttered corn, salsa, fruit.

Thursday, Jan. 28: Chicken spaghetti, vegetable beef soup, French fries, steamed broccoli, twisted breadstick, fruit.

Friday, Jan. 28: Pizza, chili, potato wedges, buttered corn, crackers, cinnamon roll, fruit.

BREAKFAST

Each day, students select one or two items.

Monday, Jan. 25: Breakfast pizza juice, fruit.

Tuesday, Jan. 26: Meat biscuit, juice, fruit.

Wednesday, Jan. 27: Mini donuts, juice, fruit.

Thursday, Jan. 28: Egg omelet, toast, juice, fruit.

Friday, Jan. 29: Meat biscuit, juice, fruit.

Options available every breakfast: assorted cereal, as-sorted fruit and juice, milk va-rieties. Menus subject to change.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Jan. 25, Classes may re-sume in-person, SAS
Feb. 1, First day of classes, University of the South
Feb. 15, No school, Presi-dents’ Day, Franklin County, Grundy County
Feb. 17, Reading Day, School of Theology
March 3, Reading Day, University of the South
March 8–March 14, Spring Break, SAS
March 12, No school, Franklin County
March 26, Half-day, Grun-dy County
March 29–April 4, Spring Break, Franklin County, Grundy County
March 31, Reading Day, College
April 1–2, Spring Break, Marion County

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The South Cumberland Plateau AmeriCorps VISTA Project wishes to recognize and say farewell to departing VISTA service members Kara Kramer, Savannah Atkinson, and Sarah Krueger. Their dedication to poverty alleviation on the South Cumberland Plateau has left a lasting impact on our communities.



Kara Kramer

Departing VISTA Kara Kramer, served as the Sustainable Economic Development VISTA at the Grundy County Mayor's Office. During her tenure Kara collaborated with the Tennessee Tourism Association and Tennessee Department of Tourist Development to implement a regional strategy that promotes sustainable tourism and recreation in underserved rural areas, bringing revenue and resources to low-income communities.

Through Kara's efforts nearly \$120,000 in grant funding has been awarded for tourism initiatives on the plateau. Grants included a \$5,000 award from South Cumberland Community Fund for the development of a regional Tennessee's South Cumberland brand, as well as a \$75,000 tourism enhancement grant from the State of Tennessee, and others. Grants support the development and installation of branded way-finding signage and kiosks to guide visitors and create a place-making identity for the region, as well as the development and dissemination of promotional print, video and electronic content.

Kara additionally brought more than 100 tourism assets online through the region's first comprehensive tourism website <www.tnsouthcumberland.com>, while growing regional awareness through social and traditional media. These new initiatives inject critically-needed dollars into the local economy through tourism spending, ultimately creating job opportunities for low-income residents.

"Kara's VISTA service leaves Grundy County and the entire South Cumberland Plateau with an impressive brand and communica-

tion infrastructure," said Grundy County Mayor Michael Brady. "I am confident that Kara's service will translate into the growth of tourism in our region, creating much-needed economic opportunity for residents. We are extraordinarily grateful for Kara's service."



Savannah Atkinson

Departing VISTA Savannah Atkinson served as the School Garden Network VISTA at the UT Extension Office in Grundy County.

Savannah has created curriculum that integrates state standards and hands-on projects in school gardens. She has compiled this curriculum and other school garden information for publication on the UT extension.

Beyond school gardens, Savannah has additionally facilitated the development of the Grundy County Jail garden, which is worked by a small group of inmates and supplies the jail's kitchen. Coming this summer, Savannah's contributions to the Well Connected Communities Project will be seen along the Mountain Goat Trail where community garden beds planted with berries will be available for trail travelers.

"Savannah did a fantastic job building relationships, particularly coordinating community partners and closing gaps in communication. We greatly enjoyed having Savannah on our team and know she has a bright future ahead of her," wrote Creig Kimbro of the UT Extension in Grundy County.

Departing VISTA Sarah Krueger served as the Opioid Prevention Outreach VISTA with the Grundy Safe Communities Coalition (GSCC).

Sarah has built the capacity of GSCC through a variety of projects in two key areas—prevention of opioid use and overdose, and prevention of tobacco and alcohol use among youth. Sarah collaborated with the University of the South, surveying six area schools to determine youth substance use in the community. Sarah increased GSCC's community outreach



Sarah Krueger

considerably through social media and video public service announcements, as well as events and printed materials.

Sarah additionally organized a drive-through health fair which was held in October at the May Justus Public Library in Monteagle. Lead by Sarah, the fair was a collaborative effort of several South Cumberland Plateau VISTAs serving in the fields of health and drug prevention. Ten community partners participated in the fair and an estimated 165 residents from Grundy, Marion and Franklin Counties visited the drive-through. The event included the distribution of fresh produce, written health and safety information, Narcan training, and giveaways for both adults and children.

"We are incredibly grateful to Sarah for her service, for what she's accomplished for Grundy Safe Communities Coalition, and for the ground work she's laid for deeper and more widespread outreach into plateau communities," said Chasity Melton, Prevention Coordinator for Grundy Safe Communities Coalition. "Sarah has truly made a difference."

The South Cumberland Plateau (SCP) AmeriCorps VISTA Project is a partnership between the University of the South and South Cumberland Community Fund (SCCF). Through their efforts, the SCP VISTAs expand the scale, reach, efficiency, and effectiveness of programs and organizations that work to alleviate poverty on the plateau. VISTA capacity building activities expand services, enhance delivery of services, and generate additional resources for these programs and organizations. These activities achieve lasting positive outcomes for those served by these program organizations.

For information about becoming a VISTA member or enlisting a VISTA to join your organization, please visit <<https://tinyurl.com/scvista>> or contact Vicki Borchers at <vborchers@sewanee.edu>.

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. 25: Reuben sandwich, chips.

Tuesday, Jan. 26: Chicken strips, baked potato, salad, roll.

Wednesday, Jan. 27: Beef stew, Mexican cornbread.

Thursday, Jan. 28: Barbecue sandwich, pasta salad, baked beans.

Friday, Jan. 29: Meatloaf, mashed potato, peas, roll.

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

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

Two New Shows at the Artisan Depot

"Nature Speaks" is presented by long-time nature journalists Margie Gallagher, Mary Priestley, Teesha Tiller and Laura Blackman. This delightful and clever show is made up of art objects that are constructed from materials gathered from the wild or sometimes the semi-wild. This show will run through Feb. 28. And open house will be noon–5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 22.

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

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

4th Annual Downtown Chocolate Walk

The Downtown Winchester Chocolate Walk is a sweetly-inspired family-friendly inspired event, centered in the heart of historic district of Winchester. With more than 20 participating businesses, Chocolate Walks are fun, engaging events designed to build a sense of community among

merchants and families. This year's event is 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13. Pre-purchased tickets are required. Go to <<https://www.eventbrite.com/>>. This event will be rain or shine. All safety precautions are being taken into consideration, details will be released closer to date.



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NATURENOTES

by Yolande Gottfried

Wildflowers Underground

"If Winter comes, can spring be far behind," the last line of Shelley's poem "Ode to the West Wind," gives me hope as we look forward to the first flowers in Shakerag and elsewhere. How do these plants survive the winter and have the resources to emerge and bloom so quickly in the spring? They have stored energy from last spring in various underground structures, making it available for this early flowering. These structures are the same as some of those we plant in the garden for spring color—crocus, daffodils, iris, etc. Spring beauties have a corm, like the crocus, which is a sort of underground fleshy stem covered by scales. This corm, though tiny, is even edible by humans and other animals such as bears and wild hogs. Trout lilies have a bulb, like the daffodil, also a short stem covered with fleshy leaves or scales. Bloodroot and trilliums have a rhizome, also an underground stem but more elongate, like iris and lily-of-the-valley. As we walk through the seemingly barren woodlands, it may help to reflect on what is going on below ground as these and other wildflowers are poised to emerge as soon as light and temperature conditions give the signal.

Tennessee Residents to Plant Native Trees on March 20

Tennessee residents are invited to beautify their properties and their communities by planting trees on "Tennessee Tree Day," March 20, 2021. The effort is organized every year by Tennessee Environmental Council, a non-profit organization based in Nashville. This event typically draws thousands of volunteers who plant tens of thousands of trees at their homes, farms, businesses, neighborhoods, and other locations of their choosing.

Trees may be reserved at TEC's website <www.tectn.org/TennesseeTreeDay2021>, now through March 7. Participants are asked to make a suggested donation of \$1.99 for every tree they reserve for planting on March 20.

The goal of this annual effort is to maintain a healthy tree canopy in communities across Tennessee. Native tree species available include bald cypress, eastern redbud, northern red oak, white oak, pecan, shortleaf pine, red mulberry, silky dogwood, tulip poplar, sweet gum, wild plum, and buttonbush. All trees reserved must be picked up on the dates and locations published on the event website. There are

112 volunteer-operated tree pick-up locations across Tennessee. The event is supported by the Tennessee General Assembly every year.

Tennessee Environmental Council's Tree Program was established in 2007 with a goal of planting one million native trees across the state by 2025 to increase the biological diversity of our state and to help replace trees lost to development and other causes. Since then, volunteers have planted more than 679,100 trees, fulfilling the mission of engaging individuals and communities to improve our environment and public health.

The event is sponsored by numerous funders and agencies, including the Tennessee Division of Forestry, Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, Memorial Foundation, Sharing Change, TVA, Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund, Penske, Cumberland Compact, a dozen city and county municipalities, and other funders and sponsors. A complete list of event sponsors is featured on the event website <www.tectn.org/TennesseeTreeDay2021>.

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. 26

Read with a Ranger (\$10)—Meet Park Ranger Jessie DeRight at 1 p.m. CST at the South Cumberland Park's Visitor Center, 11745 U.S. 41, Monteagle, to walk the Story Book Trail while Ranger Jessie reads "Brother Eagle, Sister Sky." Each child will receive a copy of the book to take home. Please wear comfy shoes and bring some water. Only children need to be registered for this event; adults do not need to register themselves.

Sherwood Forest Trail Building (\$0 to attend)—\$50 (if unable to attend but want to help the cause)—Join Park Ranger Jason Reynolds and fellow Tennessee Volunteers at 9 a.m. CST at the Sherwood Forest Parking lot (take Jump Off Road to old CCC Camp Road; turn right; go just past Coyote Cove Lane) for a half-day of trail building at Sherwood Forest. Participants will learn trail building skills by Master Trailbuilders and will get a chance to test new skills on the beautiful and ever-expanding trail system at Sherwood Forest. All tools are provided but be prepared with personal gear such as appropriate footwear/clothing, water, and snacks. Please print and fill out the volunteer waiver prior to arrival.

Wednesday, Jan. 27

Grundy Day Loop Hike (\$10)—Meet Ranger Dan Wescoat at 8:30 a.m. CST at Grundy Forest

Tailhead, 131 Fiery Gizzard Rd., Tracy City, for a roughly 2-mile hike, past two waterfalls and along creeks. The terrain is rocky and covered in tree roots, so wearing strong, sturdy hiking shoes or boots is strongly recommended. Bring water and snacks.

Winter Weekday Waterfall Hike (\$5)—Meet Ranger Jessie DeRight at 1 p.m. CST at Grundy Forest Tailhead, 131 Fiery Gizzard Rd., Tracy City, for a 2-mile (rated moderate to strenuous) hike around beautiful Grundy Forest to see some great waterfalls. Learn about the history of the area and what flora and fauna call Grundy Forest home. The trail is rocky and has exposed roots. Please wear sturdy shoes, and bring water. In event of bad weather Ranger Jessie may cancel the event (if you cancel, to receive a refund you must cancel no later than by 4 p.m., Monday, Jan. 25).

Thursday, Jan. 28

Foster Falls Trail Restoration Day (\$1–\$5)—Meet Ranger Ryan Harris at 10 a.m. CST at Grundy Forest Tailhead, 131 Fiery Gizzard Rd., Tracy City, to do some light trail work at Foster Falls. We will be doing some rock work on the down-stream trail, along with other various trail improvements. Come prepared by wearing closed-toed shoes, and bring water, snacks, and your favorite work gloves. This event will be weather dependent.

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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Poppy

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

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| Mon | Jan 11 | 37 | 27 |
| Tue | Jan 12 | 37 | 22 |
| Wed | Jan 13 | 44 | 24 |
| Thu | Jan 14 | 49 | 32 |
| Fri | Jan 15 | 45 | 29 |
| Sat | Jan 16 | 34 | 33 |
| Sun | Jan 17 | 44 | 30 |

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NOTICE: The Town of Monteagle will have a Beer Board Meeting January 25, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. to approve a beer permit for Dean Gipson for The Local Bar and Grill at 38 West Main Street.

NOTICE: The regular monthly meeting of the Monteagle City council will be Monday, January 25, 2021 by Zoom Meetings at 6 p.m.

NOTICE: The regular monthly meeting of the Monteagle Regional Planning Commission will be Tuesday, February 2, 2021 by Zoom Meetings at 6 p.m.

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COVID-19 Vaccine Phases



All COVID-19 information can be accessed at <<https://covid19.tn.gov/>>

COVID-19 vaccine supplies remain limited at this time, and availability of vaccines varies by county. Tennessee is currently working to vaccinate Phase 1a populations and individuals aged 75 and up as vaccine supplies are available.

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/>>.



BARDTOVERSE

by Phoebe Bates

Buckingham Palace

by A.A. Milne

They're changing guard at Buckingham Palace -
Christopher Robin went down with Alice.
Alice is marrying one of the guard.
"A soldier's life is terrible hard,"
Says Alice.

They're changing guard at Buckingham Palace -
Christopher Robin went down with Alice.
We saw a guard in a sentry-box.
"One of the sergeants looks after their socks,"
Says Alice.

They're changing guard at Buckingham Palace -
Christopher Robin went down with Alice.
We looked for the King, but he never came.
"Well, God take care of him, all the same,"
Says Alice.

They're changing guard at Buckingham Palace -
Christopher Robin went down with Alice.
They've great big parties inside the grounds.
"I wouldn't be King for a hundred pounds,"
Says Alice.

They're changing guard at Buckingham Palace -
Christopher Robin went down with Alice.
A face looked out, but it wasn't the King's.
"He's much too busy a-signing things,"
Says Alice.

They're changing guard at Buckingham Palace -
Christopher Robin went down with Alice.
"Do you think the King knows all about me?"
"Sure to, dear, but it's time for tea,"
Says Alice.

Community Calendar

Friday, Jan. 22

- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, for Athletes, Zoom, email <eliza-bethlsweeting@gmail.com> for link
- noon Artisan Depot Open House, 204 E. Cumberland St., Cowan, until 5 p.m.
- noon Stretch/Strengthen, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

Monday, Jan. 25

SAS may resume In-person 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.
- 5:30 p.m. Town of Monteagle Beer Board Meeting, via Zoom
- 5:45 p.m. Town of Monteagle Public Hearing re Zoning Map, Ordinance, via Zoom
- 6 p.m. Town of Monteagle Council regular meeting, via Zoom

Tuesday, Jan. 26

- 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, curb-side pickup, Community Center, until 6:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Pilates, beginners, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

Wednesday, Jan. 27

- 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. 28

- 8 a.m. Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary, via Zoom; for link email <woodybike@mac.com>
- 9 a.m. CAC office open, until 11 a.m.
- 9 a.m. Pilates, beginners, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 10 a.m. Kundalini Yoga, Pippa, via Zoom, <pip-pabrowne64@gmail.com>
- noon Pilates, intermediate, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>
- 5:30 p.m. Pilates, beginners, Legion Hall/Zoom, <kim@bodyworksyouniversity.com>

Friday, Jan. 29

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

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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, Cliff-tops, (931) 924-3493
7 p.m. NA, Decherd United Methodist
7:30 p.m. AA, open, Holy Comforter, Monteagle

Thursday

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